

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ST. JOHNS AND CHRISTIEVILLE BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

The St. Johns and Christievill Branch Bible Society was organized 6th October, 1851, its objects being to aid the British and Foreign Bible Society in the grand work of giving the Bible to all mankind in their own tongue throughout the world. The field of operations selected was the district bounded, east by Stanbridge, west by Sherrington, south by Henryville, and north by St. Luke. A committee was formed consisting of the Minister and three Lay Members from each Protestant Congregation, who at once entered upon their labors.

The results, so far as they can be gathered, are now to be laid before you. The whole field has been traversed by efficient Colporteurs, who have offered to our destitute fellow-countrymen, the word of God, 249 copies have in this way and through the depository been circulated in the district.

Your Committee would present their grateful acknowledgements to the Parent Auxiliary for the liberal grants which have been made to this Society.

They would also express their thanks to the Treasurer and Depositary for his kind and gratuitous services during the past year, and to the ladies and gentlemen who have exerted themselves in procuring funds.

These funds may be stated as follows to 1st December, 1852.

Collected at St. Johns	...	...	£21	13	10½
" Christievill	...	...	13	5	1
" Grande Ligne	...	...	3	5	7
" Sabrevois	...	...	1	10	0
" from the St. Johns Royal Canadian Rifles			2	9	5
			£42	3	11½

Your Committee would suggest an enlargement of the field of operations, so as to embrace the seigniories of Chambly and Monoir.

They would also strongly recommend the immediate appointment of another Colporteur who shall be steadily and permanently employed in the distributing of the Scriptures.

The Committee have had cheering intelligence of the good accomplished by the circulation of the Scriptures in the district, and are encouraged in the belief that a wide door is opening for Bible effort throughout Canada.

We would, however, remember that, as in the natural world, the seed sown does not immediately yield fruit, so we must not hastily expect to see all the results of our labors. The seed of the husbandmen is for a time hidden from the sight, even while the process of change is going on—so this divine seed, that we are sowing, may be silently discharging its office.

The good leaven has been inserted, and in God's own time we may expect to see the whole lump leavened.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

1st. Moved by Rev. Mr. Bancroft, seconded by W. McCrea, Esq.

Resolved.—That the Report now read be adopted.

2nd. Moved by Rev. L. Normandeau, seconded by H. Bancroft, Esq., Advocate.

Resolved.—That this Society desires to express deep love and veneration for the Holy Scriptures, and its continued confidence in their teachings, as being alone able to make men wise unto salvation.

3rd. Moved by Dr. Wright, seconded by Rev. Mr. Lonsdell, supported by Rev. Mr. Gavin.

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