

After introductory devotional exercises, the annual report was presented by the Secretary, R. Middleton, Esq. From this able and encouraging Report we are enabled to furnish the following extract :

Relying upon the promises of God, your Committee have endeavoured, "during the past year, as heretofore, to disseminate, as widely as possible, the Scriptures, without note or comment; and though the total result obtained has been comparatively insignificant, yet they trust that the seed scattered in faith, may ultimately yield an abundant harvest.

"During the summer months three colporteurs were employed, one English and two French; but though the usual amount of energy was put forth, the sales have fallen off somewhat since the preceding year. Of course, as Mr. Hughes, the English agent, visits the same places, year after year, it could hardly be expected that the demand for Bibles would continue as at first. Families soon get supplied, and perhaps there is scarcely a house visited by the colporteur in which one or more copies of the Scriptures may not be found.

"All the branches were visited in the course of the Summer, and at many of them public meetings were held in the interest of the Society, with a very gratifying measure of success. Mr. Hughes reports having met with the greatest kindness and consideration throughout the whole time he was engaged in the work, a matter which the Committee have much pleasure in recording, as a proof of the general good will entertained for the Society.

"While recognizing the importance of the English colportage work, your Committee cannot but feel that a paramount interest attaches to that of the French. A large and interesting field in that direction is open to us, and our great need just now is an energetic colporteur—one who will enter into the work for the work's sake, and do so in a loving Christian spirit. The Committee are endeavouring to secure the services of such a labourer, and hope to be successful in their effort. At present we have only one colporteur engaged among the French Canadians on the north shore of the St. Lawrence; but his labours so far, have not been very encouraging. The field is an uninviting one, the country being but thinly settled, and the difficulties of travel very great. Still he has succeeded in disposing of a good many copies of the Scriptures, which may open the way ultimately for a more extended circulation.

"Your Committee have again to acknowledge with deep gratitude, the receipt of a further donation, amounting to \$551.50, from the Upper Canada Bible Society to aid the Auxiliary in prosecuting the work among our French Canadian countrymen. The Parent Society in its last Annual Report, has paid a just tribute to the character of this noble institution, which this Auxiliary can heartily endorse. It says: "It is impossible for your Committee to express in too strong terms their admiration of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and their sense of the zeal and ability with which all its affairs are administered. In regard to compass of organization and the amount of free contribution to the Parent Society, there is not another Auxiliary at home or in the colonies that rises to the same level."

ISSUES.—"The issues from the Depository during the past year were as follows: English Bibles, 385; English Testaments, 308; Foreign Bibles, 47; Foreign Testaments, 132; French Gospels, &c., in parts, 385. Total amount for grants and Colportage, \$242.83.—Sales at the Depository, \$76.10.

FINANCES.—The Treasurer's statement shows the revenue of the Auxiliary for the year 1873 to have been \$1,716.11, including balance from previous year of \$337.78. The collections from the city and suburbs amounted to \$325.50. The receipts from the Branches in the country were \$154.60. The city collections and receipts from Branches in the past year being \$23.14 in excess of these two items for the previous year. The expenditure was \$1,405.10, and the balance in the Treasurer's hands on the 1st January, 1874, was \$311.01."