

ty's operations. The receipts, amounting to the noble sum of £160,062 tell of enlargement. The issues, reaching to more than 1,625,000 copies, tell of enlargement. In fields of labour already occupied there are enlarged demands for the Scriptures, as in the case of Germany, where 338,334 copies have been circulated, and found grateful recipients. There is enlargement, too, in the opening of countries, where hitherto little or nothing has been accomplished for the dissemination of the Bible, and where perishing multitudes stretch out their eager hands to receive the gift of priceless value. Is it nothing that South America, with her boundless continent and degraded millions, gives a joyful reception to the agency of your Society;—that in Peru, the old land of the sun worshippers, thousands of Bibles, which shall flash upon many souls the bright effulgence of the Sun of Righteousness, have been purchased with avidity,—that on the banks of the Amazon and Magdalena, copies of the Scriptures have been freely distributed. That in New Granada and Brazil the benign influence of the Society is working like leaven, penetrating into many a dark corner, over which the light of revelation has never shone, and putting gladness into many a heart which had heard, even in faintest whispers, the wondrous tale of God's redeeming love in Christ."

#### CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETIES.

The *Upper Canada, Montreal, and Ottawa Societies*, are, with unabated zeal, prosecuting their work, in spreading the Word of Life throughout the land. Their resources are augmenting, their issues, on the whole, increasing; but their success, however hopeful, can only be fully known when all secrets shall be revealed.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, if, as is generally conceded, the Bible is the only basis of national greatness and prosperity:—if its principles alone can promote the social well-being of man in his various relations to his fellow-man:—if, above all, it exclusively reveals the method of salvation from eternal ruin, and brings to bear on human character those spiritual forces which develop the highest style of sanctified manhood—then its circulation must be regarded as at once one of the most exalted privileges, and one of the most solemn and imperative duties.

As we personally prize the Word of God, let us seek its universal diffusion: as we realize its hallowed influence on our own hearts, and remember that its power is only effective as applied by the Holy Spirit, let us work in faith, and as we work, "pray without ceasing."