

The Ladies association of Kingston also employed a colporteur who sold in a short period 169 Bibles and 265 Testaments.

Your committee observe with much satisfaction the zeal and activity of the

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whose issues for the year ending March, 1852, numbered 13,063 copies of the Scriptures, and whose expenditure amounted to £1261 14s. 8d. These two sums are smaller in amount than those reported for the previous year, chiefly in consequence of the transfer of some of the Eastern branches of the Society to the Kingston Auxiliary.

The Upper Canada Bible Society has been greatly indebted for its efficiency to the services of their long tried and faithful travelling Agent, the

Rev. James Richardson, who for the space of 11 years devoted himself most sedulously to the promotion of the Society's objects; advancing years, however, and other circumstances, induced his retirement from a work in which he nevertheless feels deeply interested. The Committee add, that the vacated post is most suitably filled by the Rev. Lachlin Taylor, who has entered upon his duties with appropriate energy and zeal. It is humbly and devoutly hoped that the Divine blessing may attend his efforts.

For the guidance and encouragement of those amongst ourselves who are engaged in practically extending the influence of the Bible, we subjoin an extract from the report of the Hamilton Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society. It appears that the able and devoted local agent of the Branch canvassed that city, and the following extract will give some idea of the method which he pursued and the success with which he met:

November 13.—Collections this day, £4 2s. 6d.; visited 14 houses, 9 families, 12 offices and stores, and found them all supplied with Bibles. C. P. shewed a Testament, large print, bought fourteen years ago at the depository in Toronto; did not then know his alphabet, can now read and takes good care of his Testament. November 17th.—Visited 52 houses, 66 families, 12 offices and stores; cash received £1; found eight families not supplied, and having no desire for the Scriptures: also a Bachelor, who said 'I have the Bible;' A widow had her Bible eight years, it was her only consolation in many difficulties; she was too poor to contribute, but was willing. Roman Catholics generally looked suspicious, but were civil. November 24th.—Visited 48 families, 20 without Bibles, only two of which appeared to wish for them."

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude to "the Author of every good and perfect gift" that your Committee now refer to the operations of

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which for upwards of 37 years has merited the designation of the most laborious and successful, if not the oldest, of all the