

chiefly as an indication of what may be done when Divine Providence shall have opened a door for the work in answer to the prayers of the faithful and earnest servants of the Lord Jesus.

The following extract of a letter just received from the treasurer of the Boston Religious Tract Society will also shew at once the necessities of this district and something of what has been done in the Eastern Townships. A door is evidently open there and a loud call for the joint labor of our respective societies demands our serious attention :—

“ Colportage in Canada East was commenced by the American Tract Society of Boston, in the year 1851. Before that time however some temporary labor had been performed, and quite a number of Books and Tracts circulated among the population in Stanstead county. The aggregate and details of the work of 1851-2 you will find in a Special Report we published on the subject, a copy of which I send you with our last Annual Report. In 1852-3 the Rev. R. V. Hall of Stanstead, Canada East, labored as a Colporteur six months and sixteen days—sold publications to the amount of \$774.00, and granted to the amount of \$105.00 ; visited 1482 families, &c. &c. In 1853-4 Rev. R. V. Hall and Mr. Archibald McKillop labored one year and three days—sold to the amount of \$812.00 ; granted to the amount of \$118.00 ; visited 1834 families. In 1854-5 Mr. Hall labored six months and five days ; sold to the amount of \$598.00 ; granted \$81.00, and visited 1263 families. In 1855-6 Mr. Hall labored six months—sold \$350.00 ; granted \$49.20 ; visited 1204 families, &c. During this time we had secured a circulation of the Messenger and Child's Paper, mainly in Canada East, to the number of several thousand copies. In the summer of 1855, Rev. Y. Hickey, Agent of the New York American Tract Society, and having special charge of the Rochester Agency, visited many of the most important points in Upper and Lower Canada, and proposed that all efforts so far as Tract operations were concerned should be concentrated, and so far as labor and publications are desired from the United States, they should be furnished by the Rochester Agency. This was understood to be agreeable to all parties, and consequently the Tract Society at Boston withdrew entirely from Canada, and has not had any connection with it, as a Society, since that time.”

There are now eighteen Branch Societies in connection with this Auxiliary ; three new branches having been formed during the year, viz : at West Frampton, Riviere au Pin, and Lamby's Mills. The pressure of the times has been felt in all the country districts so much that sales have not been made equal to the amount of last year. There has been received by the Treasurer only the sum of £17 15s. 11d. while there is still owing £53 17s. 1½d. We trust however that better times will soon give us to see a new order of things in the whole of this part of the Province.