

We may state, under this head, that the Committee lately adopted the resolution of purchasing 200 New Testaments in the Ojibway language, translated by Dr. O'Meara, and 2000 copies of the Book of Psalms, for distribution among the Indians, either gratuitously or at a reduced rate.

The Directors look on the gratuitous distribution of the Scriptures to those who are not in circumstances to purchase them, as part of their special duty, and are glad to avail themselves of all opportunities that are presented for them to cultivate the good seed of the kingdom. Besides the gratuitous distribution here recorded, it is but right to mention that not a few copies of the Scriptures are gratuitously distributed by our Branches. Of the grants made directly by this Society, a considerable number have been made to Roman Catholics. The Testaments granted to the Missionary Society of the students of Knox's College were for circulation among the French Canadians in the neighbourhood of Amherstburgh, where a Missionary is labouring with very encouraging success.

Several pleasing instances have come to the knowledge of the Directors, of spiritual good having been realized as the result of this gratuitous distribution of the Word of God. We shall only refer here to one case, mentioned in a letter from Mr. Hancock, Superintendent of the House of Industry in this city. After referring to the grant of 24 copies of the Word of God for the benefit of the inmates of that Institution, he says—

"The reading of the Scriptures has not been kept up with as much interest at all times, as I could desire, by the adults. Yet I cannot omit referring to one young man, a native of Germany, who came into the house two years ago. At that time he was unable to read or speak English. But now he can read the Bible in English very well. He is sinking under disease, but he says, 'Christ is precious.' He has manifested uncommon Christian patience and meekness under his afflictions, having submitted to two serious operations since he came into the house, losing both feet. He says, in his broken English, 'I know no goodness of God before I come into dis house. But Jesus Christ come to me now; every day make me very happy. Him no speak to me in de German Bible before I come in dis house. Me so much good in dis house.' If spoken to about the love of God, his chest heaves with emotion, and his eye moistens with tears. As I believe he has experienced a change of heart, so has he manifested a change of life. For I have found him of most unswerving principle. None could induce him to commit an act which in his own estimation was of doubtful propriety. He is now fast sinking under consumption."

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It would be deeply interesting, if time and space allowed, to give a comprehensive view of the gigantic operations of the Parent Society. We can only glance at a few points here and there in the vast field over which the operations of that Institution are spread. For more