

want of the Scriptures, might know where to apply. The Members of the Committee exerted themselves in their individual capacity to find out needy objects, and to enrich them with the treasure of Gods word. As the Ladies of the *Benevolent Society* of Montreal are much engaged to their immortal honor in relieving the necessities, and alleviating the sorrows of the indigent and afflicted; it was thought that their assistance in distributing the Scriptures would be of great importance.— They were accordingly requested to make inquiries, in their visits to the habitations of the poor, what families are destitute and desirous of possessing them; and to recommend such families to the Committee. The request was followed with an answer worthy of their humane character.

The great utility of Sunday Schools in all places of their establishment induced the committee to resolve, that, as an encouragement of these schools in Montreal, upon an application by the Managers of them, two Bibles and two Testaments shall be gratuitously bestowed as prizes on the most deserving of the scholars; and that these prizes shall be given every half year, if required. At a late meeting of the Committee, another measure was proposed and adopted, that of visiting the Steam Boats and other vessels, which come to the port of Montreal, and leaving copies of the Scriptures, according as opportunities may occur.— Messrs. Frothingham and Lunn were nominated and consented to attend to that business during the summer.

Such are the plans, which occurred to your Committee, as the best calculated to accomplish one principal end of their appointment and to answer the expectations of the Society. The practice has been to sell the books at *cost* or *reduced prices*, and