

detailing his visits through the Island of Montreal, and many of the townships and settlements on the North and West of it; and though some places, particularly within the Island, were better supplied than had been expected, the destitution in other places was very lamentable. The following are specimens:—

“Feb. 5. I have finished the Gore to-day. I find there are 132 families, many of whom are extremely poor, and many have been destitute of Bibles these many years.

Feb. 17. I met this day with one family, a father and mother and ten children. They told me that a young man gave them thirty leaves of a Bible twenty-two years ago, and that is all they have now, or ever had. They are very poor, and not able to buy a Bible; they were rejoiced when I presented them with one.

Feb. 19. Of 77 families, many were very destitute. Some never had a Bible, nor could afford to buy one.

Feb. 24. This evening a woman, who had been convinced of her sin, came to me in great distress of mind. * * * After the meeting was over she said she wished to get a Bible. I enquired if she could read. She said, No—nor could her husband; but she thought if she had a Bible she would get some person to read it to her. Seeing her earnestness, and her distress of mind, I gave her one. She seemed overjoyed—pressed it to her breast—and shed tears of delight, while she praised the Lord that she had now a Bible. She went home, and prevailed upon some kind friend to read to her. The account of the sufferings of our blessed Lord deeply affected her; and, exercising faith in Him, she found peace and joy in believing.

Another family told me they had had no Bible these twenty-three years past: there were ten children, four of whom can read; but they never had a Bible.

Another man who has a large family said his father was a German. His father and family came out to this country when he was young; his father had a German Bible, and could read it; but he was sent to an English school, and learned English. When his father died, he gave the Bible to one of his father's friends who could read German. He never had an English Bible, nor was he able to purchase one.

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The Cross of Christ, (or suffering for his sake,) is a crabbed tree to look at, but sweet and fair is the fruit it yields.—*Rutherford*.

FUNDS OF BIBLE SOCIETIES:

Means of increasing them.

The Directors of the New Hampshire Society say that, to obtain funds, their reliance has been placed principally on the ordinary sources,—the annual subscription of members, the annual instalment of those who are becoming life members, the annual collection of Ladies' Associations, and the sale of Bibles—but that they had adopted the additional method of requesting clergymen generally through the State, to bring this cause before their people in a public discourse, and take an annual collection in its behalf. However adequate these measures may have been in common seasons, they have, in the times on which we have fallen, come short of securing the usual amount of funds. In view of the pressure of the times and the importance of the cause, the Directors are deeply impressed with the necessity of some more efficient Agency to sustain the Society's operations. It would very much gratify their wishes could they enlist to a greater extent in this cause, the influence and the labors of the different clergymen in the State. Could they feel that every minister of the Gospel regarded himself as an authorised agent of this Society, to press its objects in every possible way upon their people, and so far as prudence and the claims of other benevolent objects would allow, make an annual collection in its behalf, a great point would be gained—a great desideratum would be supplied—and a great increase to the funds would be realized. Unless this can be done, the Directors see not how the interests of the Bible Society can be kept up, or the cause sustained. It is much to be desired, also, that an impulse may be given to the Ladies' Associations, by having their annual meetings attended by some one who can give interest to the occasion by an annual address. Cannot such an