

kingdom. They lament that much valuable time of the missionary was necessarily employed in regulating the financial department, and hence we marvel not that that feature sometimes crops out, like a barren rock on a fruitful field, to the disappointment of earnest souls who are seeking fruit from Indian hearts. We trust your Committee do long and earnestly pray for the conversion of the Indian, and they bewail the fact that so little has been accomplished. "Our soul *waiteth* for Thy salvation, but we hope in *Thy word*."

Immediately after your last Annual meeting, the collections were taken in the City of Halifax. And from a letter, dated Hantsport, the 14th March, 1862, we subjoin the following extract :

"Since I came from Halifax, I have been engaged correcting the translation of the Book of Acts, and copying the Dictionary. I have a "Pundit" who, with his father, assisted me in my first beginning at the language, and who can aid me as well as poor Ben could. We have gone over the work carefully, as far as the 20th chap. I occasionally contrast, as I proceed, our present circumstances with those under which the copy I am correcting, written in 1852, was translated. I work with a much better heart now, that I know it can be read and that it will be eagerly received, than I did then, when scarcely an Indian could read—and it was doubtful whether they would even dare to touch the work.

Sabbath afternoons I always spend at the camps. We read the scriptures together and discuss their sacred contents; we also read and compare their hieroglyphic prayer book, and I can assure you we find some good things there too. I have lately made an important discovery: they have a translation of the *Dies Iræ*, that splendid old evangelical Latin hymn :

"Day of wrath that dreadful day,
When heaven and earth shall pass away,
As David and the Sybal say."

Four of the men who are here can read our books a little; one of them has learned this winter, and the others have improved,—learned the alphabet since January, 1862. Last