

(and I presume all) of our pupils who have gone out to teach, follow our fashion of having devotional exercises in the morning, and to the success of these exercises, and to the religious impressions of the whole school, this gift of the American Bible Society has contributed in no small degree. Of this, and of our gratitude, you can assure the officers of that Society." (American.)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UTAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Utah Bible Society convened in the Meth. Ep. Church, Salt Lake City, Aug. 26, 1872. The meeting was opened in due form, Rev. G. M. Pierce, vice president, in the chair.

The Rev. E. W. Gilman, Secretary of the American Bible Society, made some very appropriate remarks relative to the true object of auxiliary societies.

The society recognized the constitution recommended by the American Bible Society for an auxiliary society. It was decided that this society shall be called the "Bible Society of Utah Territory."

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of this society in the month of December, the time to be fixed upon by the executive committee.

It is hoped that as the population of the Territory is increasing and churches of different denominations are organized, new efforts will be made to put in circulation the word of God in different languages.

VALPARAISO BIBLE SOCIETY.

During the month of June the sales of the society in Valparaiso have been unusually large : Spanish Bibles, 32 ; Testaments, 69 ; Gospels, 24.

The total copies of Sacred Scriptures, in all languages, were 158.

The colporteur made 276 visits ; of these 108 were to vessels in the harbour.

From the colporteur's journal the following items will be found interesting :

June 3rd.—Visited twelve vessels ; sold to twelve men eighteen dollars' worth of books. Some Swedes desired to obtain volumes in their own language—more than we have. 4th. A Chilian, to whom the Bible was a book unknown hitherto, bought a copy after hearing a portion of the Old Testament read to him. 11th. In several native families the answer was, that the Bible was no book for them. 12th. In ten vessels sold eighteen volumes. 13th. Some natives, who had been at the Spanish service, promised to attend the Bible class on Sunday noon—14th. Found three natives very much engaged in reading the Bible ; one of them said the New Testament had benefited him greatly. In the English hospital had prayer with nine men in three different rooms ; two have become disciples of Christ ; three others showed some religious feeling. 17th. A Chilian was surprised to hear of the benefit of reading the Bible ; he purchased a Testament. 24th. A shoemaker, who bought one of our first Spanish Bibles years ago, has come to an excellent knowledge of the Scriptures. To-day he has persuaded one of his workmen to buy a Testament.

THE BIBLE AND THE SPIRIT.

As the Book was written by the Spirit, it cannot be used safely, it cannot fulfil its practical and solemn purpose, but by the continual guidance and blessing of that self-same Spirit. It is of little use as a dead book ; it requires a continually quickened and exercised conscience.—Saphir.