

salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." The thanks of your Committee are due to Mr. C. H. See, and Mr. A. Milloy, for the valuable aid which they have rendered in this important branch of the Society's labours; a branch which they earnestly entreat their successors in office to watch and to cultivate with more than ordinary care; for what more suitable gift could be placed in the hands of an immigrant stranger who has come to seek a home in a new country, where every scene and every circumstance and every face is strange, than that Bible which teaches him that "the Lord preserveth the strangers?" Your Committee are persuaded that could there be found in this city, individuals possessing the requisite self-denial to devote themselves to this benevolent work, much and lasting spiritual, yea, and eternal good, would be accomplished by the enterprise.

Under the head of

#### GRATUITOUS DISTRIBUTION

your Committee are glad to be able to report an increase during the last year. It will be observed by the subjoined tabular statement, that Hotels, Steamboats, and Sabbath Schools in new settlements, have shared the Society's bounty; but the feature in this table, of greatest interest to your Committee, and of greatest importance to the country, is that which marks the growing demand upon your Society for the gratuitous distribution of French Scriptures by means of colportage; and while the supporters of this Society find, from year to year, such insertions in the Report as the following: "Granted to the St. John's Branch for colportage, 25 French Bibles and 200 French Testaments"—"granted to colporteurs, 3 Irish Bibles, 6 French Bibles, and 24 French Testaments"—"granted for distribution in the French country, 14 French Testaments," they have, so think the Committee, strong ground for hope that by and by, despite the efforts of the enemies of Truth and of the Bible, there will be poured upon this benighted land such a flood of evangelical light and glory as that there shall not be found upon it one single spot that shall be involved in the darkness of anti-christian error and iniquity; and the Committee would invite their constituents to join them this evening in earnest