

and it cannot be doubted that we do well to return to these primitive customs.

In a work published on occasion of the Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, called "The Book and its Story," there are many interesting details concerning the work of Colporteurs in France and Belgium. The author observes, "the common people more willingly listen to perished sons of their own class, than to a minister of the gospel; and as God 'has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty,' abundant blessing has been poured out on the labours of those, who literally 'go out into the highways and hedges,' with the holy word of God in their hands, to distribute it day by day, and who are called *Colporteurs*." The same writer remarks, "the number of copies of the Holy Scriptures circulated during fifteen years by colporteurs in France alone, amounts in all to almost *seventeen hundred copies!*" He adds, "they have all been sold, not given, and will therefore, probably be more carefully preserved. Seven-eighths of them have been of the version of De Sacy, proving that the work has been carried on especially among Roman Catholics."

In another page he writes:

"The circulation of the holy word, in these countries, viz: France and Belgium, was a thing to be accomplished; and God has watched over His own work from the beginning. His blessing has never for a moment forsaken the faithful labourers, and they have truly to rejoice over what they have been enabled to do in His strength and name."

If then the circulation of God's Holy Word could be thus accomplished in a country which is pre-eminently Roman Catholic, how is it that nothing of the kind has been attempted by the Church of England until now, amongst our Roman Catholic neighbours in Canada? Is there less religious liberty here, than in France? Certainly not. Does it not then carry the conviction to our hearts that we have been wanting in our duty towards them? Your Committee feel that they have great reason to rejoice that this agency has been adopted, work.

and sincerely pray that the Lord will be pleased in like manner to watch over their labours, and grant them similar prosperity and success in this labour of love. It may be added, that Mr. Fenn and the young men now in training for the ministry, with others, have already assisted in this good work.

Your Committee has much pleasure in stating that the College-building at Sabrevois is now finished; that Mr. and Mrs. Fenn are living in it. Three young men are studying theology; several new pupils have entered the school since the last vacation. The primary school is attended by a number of French children, some of whom are Protestants, and some Roman Catholics.

Mr. Lewis has lately married; and Mrs. Lewis who is a daughter of the first convert at Sabrevois, has given much satisfaction, by evincing a truly Christian spirit towards those who are around her. This lady is about to open a girls' school in her own house: which will add much to the importance of the Mission, and has long been desired by the Ladies of this committee.

Your Committee desire before closing their Report, to state the satisfaction they have felt, at the manner in which the interests of the Mission have been extended by various Deputations to the Upper and Lower Provinces: the result proving at once, the zeal of the Clergy who have consented to go; and the liberality of those who received them, and lent a willing ear in behalf of this Mission.

The above able Report of the Montreal Ladies' Auxiliary renders any closing remarks unnecessary, except to add that Rev. W. Anderson, Rector of Sorel, Rev. D. Lindsay, M.A., Frost Village, and Rev. E. Sullivan, B.A., T.C.D., Montreal, have consented to act on the Committee; and that the lady whose collections in Montreal in support of one of the boys at the College has been suspended for the last year or two in consequence of her absence from the city, will resume her work during the present year.

All is now committed into the hands of our Heavenly Father, with prayer that the Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, will bless His own work.

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