

Prodigal Son, He will meet you on the way, and give you the kiss of reconciliation.' I then repeated Isaiah i. 18, and some similar passages. Signor Majno sold the men a considerable number of portions and some New Testaments, whilst I conversed with others who came up.

"One day, some young men, hearing that unless they were born again they could not inherit eternal life, said it would be a strange thing if for a few improper words they should suffer God's anger for all eternity. I did my best to vindicate the justice of God, and to show at the same time that He did not wish the death of the sinner—he that believeth shall be saved. Our conversation led to a satisfactory sale of the Scriptures. On another occasion I met with an objector of another kind. I asked a young man if he would not like to possess a New Testament. 'I am young,' said he; 'when I am old' will be time enough to think of religion.' I spoke seriously to him on the sin and folly of delay, repeating to him Eccles. xii. 1, and Luke xii. 40. I left him silent and thoughtful, and turned to some others who were near. As we were going away I heard some one call me, and on turning round I found that it was the young man with whom I had been conversing. He asked me to sell him a New Testament, promising to make a good use of it.

"One day, as we were walking along the banks of the Po, some men who were working below us called out, 'Eh, sirs! is it true that Mazzini is dead?' 'Too true,' I replied; 'and after death the judgment; but blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.' I spoke to them seriously on the importance of being ready for death. They seemed very much astonished, but some of them became purchasers.

"Some were anything but friendly. One man promised two francs to whoever would drive us away. At another place the people wanted to beat us, and some threatened us with pruning hooks and knives; but the Lord delivered us from all our enemies; praise be to His name! Majno and I left the work with much regret, but it is carried on by three good colporteurs. Both the peasants and the men working to repair the injury done by the inundations were on the whole very friendly to us. Signor Majno, Gerelli, and myself, together sold 36 Bibles, 400 New Testaments, and 483 Gospels, and gave away 71 New Testaments and 1,117 portions of it. We spoke of the glad tidings to perhaps more than 5,000 persons, and have left behind as many friends. The fields are white unto the harvest; happy will those be who are privileged to reap it."

THE UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

The following selection from the Annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the past year, will be as welcome to the patrons and supporters of our own Society as it is gratifying to its Board of Management. We are thankful to a gracious Providence for the ability and for the disposition so to replenish the resources required from us for Bible distribution at Home and Abroad, that we continue to meet more than the demands of our own country. The Auxiliary Bible Societies of the Dominion are among the most sacred and strongest links which bind us to the land we all love—the land of our fathers. The demands on the income of the British and Foreign Bible Society are becoming increasingly heavy and urgent, from the advanced cost of material and of labour, and from the fact that new and inviting doors of usefulness are every year being opened. We say in deep and prayerful sincerity, we hope the *Upper Canada Bible Society* will, with the prospective