

It was the felicitous Jubilee of that Society which called forth this sterling work, and, while it is anonymous, it is of such excellence, we know of no other of its size and aim comparable to it. It is, though only five shillings in price, most elegantly printed, and appropriately and beautifully illustrated. Its contents are comprised in the three parts thus designated: "The Bible in Past Ages;" "The Bible Society's House," and "The British and Foreign Bible Society's Rise, Progress, and Present Operations." The first part is ample in allusions to the history and renowned monuments of past ages, and to early translations of the Scriptures; the second is most full, new, and interesting; and the last rich in intelligence, triumph, and attractions. Seldom have we read an exciting volume so sacred in its subject, judicious in plan, evangelical in thought, noble in Protestantism and patriotism, and redolent with catholicity of spirit: and as to style, the author is in prose what James Montgomery was in poetry,—vigorous and chaste, spiritual, sublime, pathetic; and no one can read this Story with candour, without placing the Bible nearer his heart, and thanking God for the establishment, magnificence, and ineffable benefits of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

TO THE COLLECTORS.

The gratuitous and unwearied services of the numerous Collectors, have for many years, and beyond doubt, more recently, merited a gratitude which cannot be fully expressed; and it would be vain to say, that without their services the Wesleyan Missionary Society of Canada would have attained its present auspicious position. Their earnestness obtained, and their fidelity was entrusted with, last year, the unprecedented sum of more than £12,000; and on givers and receivers, old and young, we pray that Heaven's blessing may rest, and the Society they honour flourish more and more!

Some considerate friends are fearful that the present commercial and monetary depression will have an untoward effect upon the Missionary treasury; and judging as men are accustomed to do, it may; but not necessarily. The stamina of Canada's condition is sound; the facilities of Canada are abundant; the strength of Canada's religious principle is undiminished: the demands for benevolent effort are more imperative than ever; and the assistance offered to the sincere by the God of goodness and power is ample, well adapted, accessible. The 145 Missions of the Society have, under God's benediction, been created by the prayers, liberalities, and hearty co-operation of the various contributors, and they cannot, will not, neglect their own work. Our earnest suggestion is, that the Collectors receive their collecting-books from the local Treasurers *immediately* after the Branch Missionary Meetings are held; that the allotted districts and wards be *thoroughly canvassed*; and that by *repeated and seasonable visits* the Collectors give ALL persons an opportunity of showing their attachment to the Society; and this should in all cases be done that the returns and correct lists may be completed by the *first week in May*—not later. There is depression, but duty done, it may be expected, that the Society's friends, who have hitherto given so nobly, will, by ingenuity, or by sacrifice, continue and increase their good will to the cause of God this year.