

Teacher of men, "the field is the world." They feel some timidity in undertaking this task, not only because of the information and skill which it demands, but also because they are aware that even the shortest Report is usually considered too long on such occasions as the present. Yet, they dare not entirely set aside this portion of their task; they feel, indeed, that it would be an insult to the taste, the intelligence, and the common sense of their constituents, were they to withhold a general view of the great Bible cause; a cause which has become so intimately associated with the history of the world, and which bears so closely upon the condition and prospects of the nations.

It is pleasing then to observe the activity of the two Societies which are carrying on the same work with ourselves in the growing and increasingly populous districts of Western Canada.

THE KINGSTON AUXILIARY

Reports not only a large increase in the issues from its depository, but a corresponding augmentation of its funds. 3385 copies of the Sacred Scripture were issued in 1851, and the income of the Society for the same period was £238 10s. It is an encouraging circumstance that this Auxiliary has addressed itself so energetically to the system of colportage, and we extract from its Report a brief statement of what it has already accomplished through this kind of agency:

M. Thomas Morton was engaged and equipped for this important and promising sphere of labour. He entered on his mission on the 4th of February, and continued his labours for six months, during which period he sold 313 Bibles and 419 Testaments.—Having been only engaged for the above period, the Committee were of opinion that the state of his health was such as to render it impossible for him to do justice to the interests of the Society, and therefore did not re-engage him. Mr. John Campbell was appointed his successor. He commenced his work on the 29th of September, and from the time of his engagement, to the 1st of January, 1852, received from the Depository, 459 Bibles, 324 Testaments.

The following interesting extract is from the journal of this indefatigable labourer:—

"I visited," writes Mr. Campbell, "a Roman Catholic family. The parents could not read, but their children could. The old people were not at home. After conversation with a young girl, I engaged in prayer with her. She knelt down and made her brothers kneel down with her. After prayer, she asked me if I had a Testament for three-pence. I gave her one for that sum, which she gladly received. I was told afterwards that her sisters had renounced Romanism, and I was glad I had given her daughter the testament, in a family I visited. She said she day, and I hear her reading it: I am very glad you gave my daughter the Testament."