

labour in this cause; and our defective operations are greatly owing to the defective nature of our thoughts, our judgment and feelings respecting the superlative value of the Word of God.

Besides the Lady mentioned above and her associates, there are many other honourable and right honourable Ladies in the Provinces referred to, who have ennobled themselves by their labours in the Bible field. Several Ladies' Bible Societies are in full operation in different places in these quarters, and with great benefit to the general cause of spreading widely at home and abroad, the word of truth and salvation.

In the course of the visitations above described, a good many new Societies have been formed, which offer means of extending Bible circulation in and around the places where they are established; as also in aiding in due time the general cause of spreading the Bible over the world. On the other hand, Societies formed years ago, and which were doing well, were encouraged to extend their labours with new zeal; whilst some that had latterly done little were exhorted to act in character, and to show the estimation they themselves put upon the Word of God, by liberally furnishing it to others.

In the neighbourhood of Yarmouth, in the south-west portion of Nova Scotia, there is a French Settlement consisting of about 3000 persons, a people similar in many respects to our French Canadians. I visited this Settlement, at the head of which is the Abbé Sigogne, an aged Priest, a native of France, who left that country at the Revolution. I was happy to find that the Abbé was well inclined to the use of the Holy Scriptures among his flock. He gave me an order for 100 De Sacy's Testaments, and some Bibles. In Antigonish, in the north-east of Nova Scotia, I met with the Roman Catholic Bishop of that Province, with whom I had a good deal of conversation, and who expressed himself favourably in regard to the circulation of the Scriptures among his people, and cheerfully consented to an appointment made by the Antigonish Bible Society, that one of his flock in that place should act as one of the Depositaries for the general sale of the Scriptures.—In Prince Edward's Island I saw and conversed with the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Brunswick, who also made favourable statements regarding the general use of the Scriptures.

I now draw to a close this sketch of Bible Society operations in the Provinces referred to during last summer; and in doing so, it is my duty, and it is a pleasure to me, to notice the friendly reception I every where met with as an advocate of the Bible cause. I also received much hospitality and general courtesy, and no where more than in the city of Halifax, which will long remain prominent before me, of the many places among my own countrymen and among foreigners, where, through the favour of God, I have been treated with kindness:—and may the Lord reward all these kind friends at home and abroad.

I purpose, if the Lord will, to return to those quarters in the ensuing spring, where there is still much to be done in the Bible field, which is in a good measure white to harvest.

And now, my dear friends of the Montreal Bible Society, I cordially congratulate you on the openings which God has made for your Society for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures among your fellow-subjects in this Province who profess the Roman Catholic religion, and speak the French language. I rejoice with you in this, and not least in the fact that several Priests are openly encouraging the use of the Scriptures in the Schools, and among their people. Let us devoutly give thanks to God for these encouraging circumstances, and let us labour with new zeal and new wisdom until the Scriptures enter every house among the French Canadians.