

which prevails to so fearful an extent throughout the province, and which would never have existed had the principles of the Bible been working in the hearts of those who have been engaged in these deeds of violence and blood. Had these principles been diffused among the population generally, thousands of the deluded men who are now in hostility to the government and peace of this land, would have been better informed, and more laudably employed, than they are at present. Let the friends, therefore, of their country and of mankind, and the advocates of Christian Education, as the most effectual means of promoting the benefit of all, exert themselves with ten-fold energy to circulate the word of God, among a population so wofully destitute of the light of life.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

To all who are engaged in supplying the destitute Families in the Province with BIBLES, under the direction of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society.

- I.—The Resolution of the Society under which you act, is “to supply every destitute family in the Province with a copy of the Scriptures, willing to receive it, by sale or gift.”
- II.—It will be observed that the Resolution has to do with Bibles; not with Testaments.
- III.—Every family in the District you undertake must be visited either by yourself or some one in whom you have confidence; and its position in regard to the Scriptures must be accurately ascertained. The Committee will thank you to make, or cause to be made, such enquiries as will enable you to fill up the several columns of the blank forms that will be sent you. It is of importance to know who of the destitute belong to the *Church of England*: as another Society will assist the Committee in supplying such.
- IV.—It is always desirable to *sell*, rather than to *give*, the Books, even though only a part of the price is obtained; but your attention is specially called to the following directions, which you are to consider imperative:—

1. Every family destitute of a whole Bible, and willing to receive one, to be supplied. If gratis—a copy of the *American Edition* to be given. If the whole, or a fair part of the price be paid, a copy of the lower priced *English Bibles* to be furnished. If willing to pay now a considerable proportion of the price, you are at liberty to dispose of, to such families, the larger copies of the British and Foreign Bible Society's Bibles.

2. As it often occurs that families who possess a Bible, desire, nevertheless, to purchase others; and as the Society wishes to dispose of as many as possible, you are to offer any you have, for sale, to such families, when you visit them, *but nothing short of the Invoice price to be taken, and no credit is to be given*. This rule the Committee wish you to understand is imperative. It concerns only families who already possess a whole Bible.

V.—The visiting of Roman Catholics must be left to your discretion; but the Committee wish you to understand that they are desirous of *selling* as many Bibles and Testaments to this class as possible. If in any case you think a *gift* expedient, and that the Book will be retained by the parties, let it be a *Testament*. If any in the neighbourhood would *lend* to Catholics, you might make arrangements therefor.

VI.—Whenever you can, the Committee hope you will obtain subscriptions in aid of this important work. You will also, in making your report, inform the Secretary the name of any in the District you supply, with whom at any future time correspondence might be maintained. If there be any prospect of forming a Branch Society in the neighbourhood, the Committee are very anxious to hear of it.

VII.—A detailed account of what you have done, to be furnished to the Secretary *immediately* after you have completed the work. All facts of interest to be carefully noted and reported. Address Rev. HENRY WILKES, Corresponding Secretary, Montreal.

#### EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

SHEFFORD COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

SHEFFORD, L. C., Sept. 21, 1837.

A County meeting, of which public notice had previously been given by the Clergymen officiating in the different parts of the County, was this day convened at the Academy Hall, in Frost Village, for the purpose of forming