

and in some cases with very deep interest. A Bible was given to one man whose head was white with the frosts of many winters, and yet he had no passport to heaven, and no Bible to guide him thither. He received one with evident pleasure; he had not owned one for twenty-seven years, nor read a page in one during that time. He appears much interested, and now reads no other book." With such facts as these before us, and they are not alone, we have every inducement to make the trial here. Let it be made in faith, and we have no misgiving as to the result.

The present aspect of our country and the world, from whatever point we view them, is such as to supply the Christian with materials for contemplation, and motives for the most vigorous activity. His understanding and his feelings will be called into lively exercise. Should he find that, in proportion to the success of measures for regenerating the world, fresh disclosures are made of the extent and malignity of its corruption, and that as the circle of holy influence extends, the surrounding darkness appears wider and more palpable, he will consider this as a natural consequence of the progress of truth; and, so far from being disheartened by it, will only be urged to redouble his exertions, to give more fervency to his prayers, and more energy to his benevolence. In all this he will be sustained by the promises of God, and the conviction that the dissemination of His holy word to the extremities of the earth will, at length, by the all-conquering power of Him who inspired it, drive away the last vestige of error and guilt from a world over which they have long borne a terrible and destructive sway.

Let, then, the friends of the Bible, and of the Bible Society, as the most efficient organ for dispensing its blessings, mark "the signs of the times," and rouse themselves to the high duties which the crises calls for; and let them remember that, though our monthly appeals to them will cease, their obligations will remain unaltered, their negligence or remissness be equally culpable, and the success of their faithful labours equally animating and delightful. Let those who have done nothing in this cause, now "learn to do

well,"—and those who have hitherto done "well," henceforward do better.

Montreal, April 4, 1838.

It affords us pleasure to inform the friends of that cause to which our pages have been devoted, that the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, have secured the services, for one year, of the Rev. W. F. Curry, as General Agent. The business of the Society had become so onerous on account of the special effort to supply the Province with Bibles, that the appointment of an individual qualified to organize Branch Societies—to plead the cause in all the pulpits in the Province to which access can be obtained—and in general to arrange and keep in activity the machinery necessary for the fulfilment of the Society's Resolution, became strictly necessary. It is matter of thankfulness that one so well qualified as Mr. Curry has been obtained, and it is hoped that he will every where meet with a cordial reception, and be aided by the vigorous co-operation of all who desire the circulation of the Bible.

In regard to the most Eastern part of Upper Canada, which has hitherto formed a part of the field consigned to the Montreal Auxiliary, the Committee have agreed to include those localities in which Branches now exist in the sphere to which the Resolution of the Society applies. Thus, the families within the bounds of such Branch Societies, will be supplied on the same terms as if they were resident in Lower Canada. It may be further remarked, that, should they be furnished with means, they may include ultimately the whole of that part of Upper Canada in this special arrangement.

#### WANT OF BIBLES

IN THE PROVINCE: *further evidence.*

We have examined the Journals of Mr. Elliot, the Agent of the Society