

MONTREAL AND QUEBEC AUXILIARIES.

From the Montreal report, we are glad to find indications of success. One Agent and four Colporteurs are employed, and the engagement of a fifth is contemplated. There is grateful mention of a contribution of "\$552.73 from the friends in Ontario."

The Quebec Report is not as encouraging as we would like to hear from our old friends in the extreme east. They have not been laid under obligation to the friends in Ontario for any contribution. For some reason, they are now without an Agent, and until recently without a Colporteur. The result presented in their own Report proves the necessity of travelling Agency and of Colportage in carrying on the work.

Our space will permit us to make only the following extracts :—

MONTREAL REPORT.

COLPORTAGE.

"During the year, there have been in the service of the Society four Colporteurs. Of these, two have laboured among the English-speaking portion of the population, one among the English and Gaelic, and one among the French Canadians. In the large field occupied by this Auxiliary, there is ample room and need for the employment of an additional Colporteur, particularly in the District comprised in and adjoining the Eastern Townships. Here are found some of the Society's warmest friends, and most promising fields of labour, which are much in need of visitation. As the state of the funds is such as to warrant the step, your Committee recommend the engagement of another Colporteur.

"The thanks of the Society are due, and are hereby gratefully tendered to the friends in Ontario for their contributions, amounting to \$552.73, in aid of French Colportage, and the circulation of the Word of God among the French Canadians. This is a work of much apparent discouragement and difficulty, and one that requires the exercise of much patience, faith and perseverance on the part of all engaged in it. The present duty, notwithstanding, is to press it with all available energy and tact.

"This important part of our labours is of necessity very different from Colportage among the English and Protestant portion of our population. With the latter, destitution alone of the Holy Scriptures is, in most cases, a preparation for welcome to our labourer; the mere neglect of the sacred Volume bringing the Colporteur face to face with the uneasy conscience of the Protestant. But with the French, the case is entirely different. As a general thing, the Roman Catholic does not feel that there is anything wanting in his religious belief and life, from the fact of his not having a copy of the Bible or New Testament in his possession; *the Church* is to him the living voice of God.

BRANCHES.

"The sixteen Branches in the counties of Ottawa, Russell, and Lanark, to which your attention was called in the Report of last year, have been induced, with scarcely an exception, to sever their connection with this Auxiliary, and to join that of Ottawa. This step on their part has not much affected the operations of the Society, beyond limiting its field. Mr. Green, your long-tried and zealous travelling agent, has succeeded during the year, notwithstanding its enormous snow-storms, in visiting most of the Branches and Stations. These now number 184; of which 155 are regularly organized Branches, and 26 are Stations, or places where a meeting is held and a collection taken up once a year. Mr. Green further reports :—"The amount