

UPPER CANADA TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY.

We are happy to learn that this society is making steady progress, and has made an auspicious beginning in colportage. One of its colporteurs gives the following interesting and encouraging narrative :—

"I particularly noticed a man who attended Divine Worship at a station where I frequently preach. He was a man evidently of strong passions ; severity, if not something more, was legibly impressed on every line of his countenance. He continued to attend the means of grace, and, on one occasion, for the first time, I observed those harsh features subdued ; the big tears were chasing each other down those cheeks which had rarely been moistened by such a token of feeling, and the lion indeed appeared to be transformed into the lamb. I took the earliest opportunity of visiting his house : fortunately he was not at home, as his absence enabled me to obtain that information which otherwise, perhaps, I could not have obtained. He was an altered man : the habitation which had been the scene of riot, contention, and strife, has become the house of prayer and praise. Reformation had begun at the right place—his own heart ; he had been with Jesus, was become a new creature, and all was joy and peace within his sphere. The spirit of love had prompted him to tell his neighbours what a saviour he had found. The result was that four individuals were added to the church. In consequence of what ? the accidental introduction of a religious book into an ungodly family.—The circumstances are briefly these :—The man alluded to had exchanged a novel, which he had read, for "Pike's Persuasives to Early Piety," because it was better bound, and he thought worth more money. A wet Sabbath occurred ; he knew not how to dispose of his time, and, as a last resource, took up the religious book. He saw it was his duty to attend the means of grace ; Divine Truth was directed to his soul, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and he now stands, a living example, among, I trust, thousands of others, of the truth of those beautiful lines, 'What a change His word can make,' &c."

CONCLUSION.

We are far from claiming great things for this humble auxiliary, but we do claim true grandeur for the enterprise with which we are here identified. Do not Tract