

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The occasion for presenting the eightieth annual report of the work of the Auxiliary Bible Society of New Brunswick is at hand.

Looking backwards to the Society's inception we realize that few local institutions can claim an existence as lengthened or so honored. Very few, indeed, of the generation living at the time of its institution now remain, while all who took an active part in the Society's formation have passed away. A concise history of the work of the Auxiliary during these years, coupled with a list of the honored names connected with the management, would doubtless prove of interest to many. But it is not intended, neither would it be practicable, to give even an outline in the short space of an annual report. It is the purpose rather to refer briefly to the work of the past year, and also to present some facts of interest regarding what has been accomplished by the British and Foreign Bible Society, with which the Auxiliary is connected.

There are more than sixty branches connected with the Auxiliary, and they are located in all the principal towns and districts throughout the province. Each has its president, secretary and treasurer. The Branches undertake the distribution of copies of the Holy Scriptures and other publications of the British and Foreign Bible Society. They also secure contributions in aid of the Society's objects, and forward them to the treasurer of the Auxiliary at St. John, N. B. Public meetings are held in the districts at least once a year. The claims of the Society to the sympathy and liberality of all interested in the work of disseminating the Scriptures are then specially presented. Usually these meetings are held at a date to coincide with the visit of our agent, Mr. Mackelvie. The advantage of this arrangement to the Branch, as well as to the Agent, is apparent. A number of the Branches are conspicuous for their zeal and liberality in the cause; while others, for some reason, have not yet reached the expectation of the Society in these respects. Much good practical work has, however, been done by the Branches as a whole, and it is greatly appreciated by the Committee.

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