

REPORT.

Your Committee hail with pleasure the return of the Agent of the "Montreal Bible Society," to lay before you the Annual Report of their proceedings, and to urge you to renewed and increased exertions.

In reviewing the year that is past they have to congratulate you on the extended usefulness of your Society, on the great interest manifested by the community generally in its prosperity—and on the increased amount of the contributions over any previous year. They are glad to tell you that the Society has assumed a more consolidated form, as a Constitution has been laid down for its future guidance which, your Committee trust, will tend much to the furtherance of its operations. They have to inform you of the establishment, in your town, of a Depository for the sale of the books published by the Parent Society—and to which they respectfully draw your attention, and commend your earnest support. They conceive such a Depository to have been much needed, and they have every cause to rejoice in the sale which their Bibles have already met with, and they trust it will soon be greatly increased.

Your Committee have been, in correspondence with the Montreal Society regarding the partial labours of a *Colporteur* in this District, and they have reason to think that such services will be granted them.

The Treasurer's Report is, on the whole, gratifying, since, after the expenses of the Society, and the accounts with the Montreal Bible Depository, have been paid, they are enabled to remit a small sum to the Montreal Society, yet your Committee feel that there is room for greatly increased liberality, and they urge the very important claim which the Bible Society has upon you. They feel that, in the present aspect of the world, the most extensive circulation of the Bible is peculiarly called for, while too it is being greatly facilitated, and they think that we should not be behind hand in so noble a work as seeking to dispense the Scriptures.

Your Committee have met with more than wonted regularity, and they can speak with pleasure of the harmony and zeal that have been evinced in their meetings. They call upon you to return thanks to Him "from whom every good and perfect gift doth come," for the prosperity of your Society—imploping him also to fill us all with greater zeal in the holy work of seeking to spread the word of Truth, and to bless all efforts in this glorious cause."

The Rev. G. D. Ferguson, in moving the adoption of the above Report, dwelt at some length on the improvement which had evidently taken place in the working of the Society during the preceding twelve months; strongly urged the claim it had on all professing Christians, and closed his remarks by an earnest appeal to renewed vigour and unity of action in the struggle they had yet to undergo in accomplishing the great work, which they, as a Society, had undertaken.

The Rev. James Green, (Travelling Agent for the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society,) seconded the motion, and took occasion to deliver, (in his usual fervent and impressive manner,) an excellent discourse on *the Bible mission in various parts of the world.*

The motion was then put and unanimously adopted.

Moved by the Rev. JAMES GREEN, seconded by Mr. CRUIKSHANK, and resolved:

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