

despotism overthrown, restrictive and oppressive laws abrogated, and principles of government established, whereby the enlightenment, liberty, prosperity and happiness of men are secured. It is honoured to have a prominent share in accomplishing all that was included in the Angels' song, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

Great is the honour and blessedness of being engaged in such a cause, and connected with a society, whose labours tend to such glorious results. The London Auxiliary, as a part of the organization of the British and Foreign, is endeavouring to cultivate this portion of the field in Canada. Here, where the settler is clearing off the woods and casting into the virgin soil of earth the seed of herbs and plants, for the support of the present life, the Auxiliary, by the circulation of the Scriptures, is sowing in the immortal souls of men the incorruptible seed of the living word; seeking, by the blessing of God, to secure that, as the inhabitants advance in temporal wealth and social comfort, they may also grow in the fear of God and the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In proceeding to give an account of the operations of the Auxiliary for the past year, your Committee is happy to be able to say, that the Society is, on the whole, in a prosperous condition. The details given, as compared with those of the preceding year, will show an improvement in the number of copies issued, the amount of stock in hand, and in the condition of the finances. The operations of the Society would, no doubt, be still more successful were the Depository in a more favourable position. The circumstance of its being in an upper flat, where the entrance is through a store below, causes the sale of the Scriptures to be more limited than it would otherwise be. But the amount of subscriptions obtained in the city for its support, would not warrant the renting of a more expensive place. These subscriptions do not now quite pay the rent of the room and the Depository's salary—the united expense of which is only \$300. It is therefore deemed advisable, in the meantime, to continue the strict economy, by which the Society has now been entirely extricated from the difficulties which, a few years ago, embarrassed it.

The branch Societies connected with the Auxiliary, situated in the counties of Middlesex, Elgin, Lambton, Kent and Essex, have all been visited during the year by the agent, the Rev. Thomas Goldsmith. These branches are 73 in number; two of which are new branches, organized in the year which we are now reviewing; one of them in the village of Lucan, and the other at Cantyre, in the Township of Aldborough. The agent's report of his labours within the bounds of the Auxiliary, has been received, and contains highly encouraging statements respecting the condition of the branches. The attendance at the annual meetings was, in general, large; and, in very many instances, the operations of the