

## THE COUNTY OF STANSTEAD BIBLE SOCIETY

has not, your Committee rejoice to find, grown weary. The steadfastness with which it carries on its operations in this cause merits a continuance of that commendation which has been bestowed upon it in former Reports. The unwearied collector of this Society, Mrs. Pomeroy, has transmitted £10 9s. for the general purposes of your auxiliary.

## THE ST. JOHNS BRANCH SOCIETY

has forwarded a most satisfactory report of its proceedings, from which we glean the important and cheering fact that in their immediate neighborhood, by means of colportage, there have been circulated 249 copies of the Word of God. This fact we commend to the consideration of every one who takes interest in the advancement of our Society.

Several other Branch Societies connected with this auxiliary yield scarcely less satisfaction to your Committee; would that it might be said "all give equal satisfaction." We are, however, upon the whole, encouraged by the growing activity, efficiency and usefulness of these our coadjutors in the work; and we would remind them that upon their steadfastness in this the noblest of all benevolent enterprises, depends, under God, the moral illumination of this region of darkness. With such fellow-labourers, the Committee are prepared to prosecute the aims of the Bible Society. Upheld by the prayers of Christ's people throughout the country, sustained by the liberalities of the Churches, and helped forward by the energies of those who constitute our Branch Societies, they feel encouraged to address themselves with new vigour to the sacred work of supplying the people of this country, of every shade and creed and language, with the pure and unadulterated word of the living God; and with much affection, but with great earnestness they call upon every christian throughout the country not to involve himself in the curse of Meroz, "who came not up to the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Carrying themselves and you beyond the limited sphere of their own operations, your Committee, as is their wont, invite you to a brief survey of the **GENERAL FIELD**, using the expression in the sense in which it was employed by the Great