

I think the free contributions will not be less than £100 in excess of last year. I have received in payment for Bibles and Testaments, £289 9s. 7d., which is also a little more than last year. I have, by the blessing of God, been enabled to visit all the Branches, with the exception of one, I believe which I was prevented from reaching last winter, when the roads were impassable. I have travelled 4086 miles, and assisted at the organization of 6 new Branches, and 4 new Depositories. I have addressed 160 meetings, 10 more than last year, besides preaching many sermons on the importance of the Bible. Although our colporteurs and the colporteurs of other Branches have been busy in many parts of our field, the wants of our Depositories do not seem to be less, for I have taken orders for nearly 4000 Bibles and Testaments, and even now the supplies of them are small. Altogether the work throughout the field is in a healthy state. The interest is evidently increasing, and as far as is known, peace and harmony pervade the whole, and by the blessing of God we will go on and prosper; the work is His, and His shall be the praise."

Mr. Green's Report has place in the Appendix.

COLPORTAGE.

Early in the year the Committee engaged the services of Mr. George Purkis and Mr. T. R. Brill, to labor as colporteurs; and desiring to carry on this work with system and thoroughness, the following circular letter was addressed to all our Branches.

MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY,
12th May, 1856.

DEAR SIR,

This Society is anxious to extend its Colportage work. So much has been said in our Reports, and otherwise, of the fitness and value of such agency, as a means of Bible dissemination, that we need not here further urge these points. Our purpose is to use it as fully as we can. Mr. George Purkis and Mr. T. R. Brill, have been engaged for constant service in this way, in addition to several occasional laborers amongst the French population. We wish to enlist the sympathy and help of our Branches in this work, and to act through them in carrying it on. It will be properly our duty to maintain and control our Colporteurs, but we propose to send them to Branches who ask for their services, and whose localities specially need them, and to leave them while there to the direction of the Officers of the Branches, where for the time being they may be engaged. We are persuaded you are alive to the importance of such effort in your neighbourhood, and are willing to aid it, both in the way of guiding the laborers, and contributing to our Funds. Will you, then, be so good as to inform us, as early after receipt of this as possible, whether your