

Canadian and Domestic.

In this section we include general intelligence from all Bible Societies throughout the Dominion, as well as the information belonging to the Domestic Department (also Canadian) which is limited to the Auxiliaries and Branches of our own—the U. C. Bible Society. We prefer presenting under one heading, the operations of the Bible Society in every part of our united country; and hope to be privileged with frequent opportunities of giving to our readers *good news* from the sister provinces.

Our Domestic Department does not possess the extent or variety which, (as in the agency of some other societies) would enable us to present more thrilling and attractive details. But the monotony of labour, such as is endured by our able and gifted agents, and by our toiling and faithful colporteurs, is often the most severe though not always the most highly valued. Yet, as some of the extracts below prove, our country is comparatively new, and we have even at this date, destitute portions demanding our attention and liberality.

“PARRY SOUND, Oct. 27th, 1869.

“REV. JOHN GEMLEY,

“Secretary U. C. B. Society, Toronto.

“MY DEAR SIR,—Please accept my personal thanks for the kindness and promptness with which you have brought before your Board, the felt and expressed wants of this Parry Sound District.

“I have also been requested to convey through you to the Board of Directors, the thanks of our newly constituted Committee, as well as the thanks of the Parry Sound people, for the very kind manner in which they have granted us our request. We feel ourselves especially indebted to them for the liberal grant they propose making, for the support of a Colporteur. Be assured it is not money unwisely spent, but will, I am sure, prove of immense value to this entire section of country.

“I regret to say that at present, I am the only Protestant Minister on this side of Bracebridge, a distance of 60 miles, and that beyond this, towards the Nipissing County, no Missionary has ever yet travelled; consequently there are hundreds of persons who, from their first entrance to their forest home, have never yet had it in their power to attend a religious service of any kind whatever, nor have they ever been able to welcome at their homes one who shall talk to them of spiritual things; with this task of admonitory counsel, and absence of spiritual advice and encouragement, you will readily understand that their spiritual state is deplorable in the extreme.

“Our present purpose is to meet as far as possible this necessity, by sending our Colporteur to every family thus previously neglected.

“As far as he can do it, within the time specified in your letter, he is to go to every house between this and the Maganetawan (90 miles) on the one hand, and to Bracebridge on the other. To go beyond the Maganetawan towards Nipissing, would (within the two or three months) be, I fear, an impossibility. He will leave as soon as practicable, or rather as soon as a suitable man can be secured.

“I am, yours very truly,

“C. A. HANSON,

“Secretary.”