

nothing is regarded by them as constituting a crime, or inflicting a cruelty. They are not, however, always as successful as their relentless determination designs. Our colporteur has some words of comfort to convey. In his last report, after expressing hope respecting his future operations, he writes :—"I expect to sell more than I have done this month. Since I wrote you, a few Bibles were destroyed on the American side at Sault Ste. Marie, but I know that some which I sold have done good. I met with a man, a short time since, who had purchased a Bible from me last fall. When he saw me, a few days ago, he came to me, and pressed my hand, saying to me, 'How I do love to read in the book that you sold me. I read in it every evening; and the next day all these lovely things pass in my memory, and I see all that Christ has done for me. The priest told me to burn my Bible. I told him I would not burn it for him or for any other man. I would not burn the book that teaches me to love God, it would be a sin for me.'" Now does it not appear unaccountable that *even* Rome should so persecute her own children for merely reading the story of the Cross, as given by the Holy Spirit of God. And to do so in one of the most remote districts of the Province, where the voice of public indignation can hardly reach them, is simply cowardly. Why do n t the priests burn our Bibles in the streets of Toronto? We have much pleasure in stating that the committee of our Bible Society at Sault Ste. Marie, speak in the highest terms of the colporteur, who, notwithstanding the fact that *his life has been threatened*, continues "zealous and persevering" in the work assigned him. May God protect his servant and bless the seed he scatters.

WELL MERITED RECOGNITION.

In presenting the following condensed report of an interesting event in connection with the last Annual Meeting of the most flourishing branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society, we depart from the usual course, which our limited space demands, of not publishing reports of Branches generally. We will not only be justified for our action in this instance, but thanked by our friends for the information furnished. *Four* things are specially brought before us in the subjoined communication :—The *heartiness* of the people in the Bible cause : their *appreciation* of valuable services : the *worth* of an *Efficient Secretary* : the *amazing prosperity* of the Brantford Society.

At the 36th anniversary of the Brantford Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society, held on the 8th of January, Rev. John Wood presented his twentieth report as Secretary of the Branch. Immediately after its adoption and the appointment of the new Board of Officers, Rev Wm. Cochrane asked leave of the chairman to introduce a matter of business not in the printed programme. He stated that at the preliminary meeting of the committee held last week (or rather at a meeting of a few of its members, in the absence of the Secretary,) a very unanimous and cordial feeling was manifested to give their worthy Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Wood, a more substantial recognition of their thanks—for his 20 years' services—than was customary on such occasions. No sooner was the matter mentioned than it was agreed upon and carried out. "We found no difficulty," Mr. Cochrane continued, "in getting subscriptions—we rather found it difficult to limit the amount that we had determined upon, as a fitting testimonial to our respected brother. Whether we have pleased all the subscribers to this testimonial or not I cannot tell, but the result is now before you consisting of a complete set in ten volumes of Chambers' Encyclopedia; a handsome family Bible of the British and Foreign Bible Society; an easy chair manufactured and cushioned in the finest style by the Brant Furniture Company, and a German