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Moved by Daniel McDonald, Esq., Collector, seconded by Clarence Primrose, Esq., and

Resolved, that grateful hanks be presented to the Lady collectors, to whose zeal and energy we are so greatly indebted, and also to G. H. Elliott Esq., retiring Assistant Secretary, as well as to the Officers and Committees of the various branches and Associations throughout the County, which are affiliated with this Auxiliary. Also, that the following persons be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year:

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Meeting adjourned by President pronouncing apostolic benediction. G. H. ELLIOTT, Assistant Secy. SUKTED BY WILLIAM HARRIS

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It is with mingled feelings of gratitude and regret, that your Committee present their 51st report of the Pictou Auxiliary, of gratitude for another year's record of facts, detailing the operation of the parent Society and the diffusion of Bible truth throughout the world, and of regret for the Auxiliary has been bereft by death of certain of its Members, notably of W. H. Davies, Esq., long a V ce-President, and one that took a decided inverest in the Management of the Society; and of its President. Rev. Dr. Bayne, who, for 12 years zealously fulfilled the duties of his Office, having for 13 previously, as efficiently fulfilled those of eec stary. It is therefore, under mingled feelings of resignation and thankfulness, that the Committee appear acknowledging their Heavenly Father's dispensation, and adoring and praising him for sparing and privileging them to present another year's Record of Bible Circulation abroad and at home.

That the parent Society holds on its way prosperously is evident from the number of Copies of Scriptures distributed last year, 2,682,185 an increase over the previous; and last year's income, £222,320, 8s. 11d. and the expenditure to £211,251 16s. 3d. being also somewhat in excess of last year. The total issues of the Society now amount to 76,432,723 copies, in 211 languages and dialects.

Thus is the noble Society redeeming its pledge.

Now to show to some extent how the precious volume of Divine inspiration, as to whose diffusion we are all so much interested, has been received, let us commence as usual with France. Here the Agent informs us that having visited all the stations, he was much struck with the progress made since last inspection, three years ago. At Turcoing, Mr. Monod saw a working Man, who had long wished to possess a Bible, but could never afford to purchase one, until a Colporteur came in his way. He then bought ground arriags up and boars fruit the following assection in

one and read it. He had no human Teacher, but little by little, light poured into his soul and without speaking to any one, he left Comession and Mass and sought a place where he might hear the Comession and Mass and sought a place where he might hear the Gospel. Upon this the Priest denounced him as a Protestant and appealed to the Master to send him away lest he should corrupt others. "Whether he be a Protestant, was the reply, I know not, others. "Whether he be a Protestant, was the reply, I could but of this I am certain, that if all my men were like him, I could do without Inspectors and Overseers."

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In Germany, the hard times have been having their depressing effect, nevertheless a total of 393,258 Copies have been circulated and the receipts of the year amount to £10,798, 8s. 6d. It is and the receipts of the year amount to £10,798, so for special reasons, pleasant to be able to record that efforts which, for special reasons, have this year been concentrated upon work among R. Catholics have been eminently successful. But what as to the old Catholics, have been eminently successful. But what as to them in the as they are called, we find no particular mention as to them in the Report, save of Scriptures being granted to them for gratuitous circulation amounting to several thousand.

In Switzerland, the circulation of the Scriptures has increased, and in Austria efforts for Bible distribution have been blessed almost beyond expectation. Here we shall record an incident. One most beyond expectation. Here we shall record an incident. One of the Colporteurs is a remarkable instance of the distinguising of the Colporteurs is a remarkable instance of the distinguising of the Colporteurs is a remarkable instance of the distinguising of the Colporteurs and in his own hut, where he might like the beauth that his ignorance plead with her to be down to the Virgin and in his ignorance plead with her to be down to the Virgin and God. He was, however, mercifully mediate between his Soul and God. He was, however, mercifully mediate between his Soul and God. He was, however, mercifully mediate between God and Colporteur, of whom he bought a brought into contact with a Colporteur, of whom he bought a brought into contact with a Colporteur, of whom he bought a Cheerfully did he yield himself to man, the man Christ Jesus. Cheerfully did he yield himself to cheevy trials during the whole year, gladly enlisted him in the heavy trials during the whole year, gladly enlisted him in the ranks of his Colporteurs and sent him forth to work in the Lord's vinevard.

The account for this country that has been throwing off the Papal Yoke, is as follows:—By far the larger part of the Population are utterly unconcerned about religion, they do not yet know the power of Divine Truth, neither have they learned the value of that Book which can alone exalt their Nation or consolivate its liberties, or render its people virtuous and happy.

In Rome, the sales have amounted to 8,352 Copies, and 3 Colporteurs are engaged. To illustrate how the Seed cast into the ground springs up and bears fruit, the following anecdote may be

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and amic is a from from related. "Some 10 years ago a working man found on a door-step, in Rome, a small Book, which he took up and carried home. It proved to be a New Testament, which had been laid there in fear, or it may be in faith and with prayer. A few months ago the owner found his way to one of the churches in Rome, and took an early opportunity of expressing the pleasure he felt at hearing the gospel preached in harmony with the teaching of his little book. He was not aware that for nearly 5 years there had been various Italian Evangelical Churches open in the City. All was new to him and great was his delight to find that he could join with others in the worship of God."

In Spain, the work goes on amid difficulty. The Government under the dictation of priests, has been in several cases denying religious toleration; Still that the work progresses may be judged by the number of copies of the Scriptures circulated through the

past year, 60,293 copies, an increase over last year.

There are two other Countries as to which we should like to glance ere we finish Europe, Russia and Turkey; as to the former. the Gospel is winning its way in Russia. Freedom of action and liberty of Conscience are on the increase, and education is eagerly sought by all; and though rationalism and infidelity have assailed the young and are making sad ravages among the Students of the Universities; the Agent hopes that the time may come when the simple truths of the Gospel shall carry conviction and impart life to the souls of many and when those who know Christ shall exhibit Christianity in its purity and their bright example shall provoke very many to follow in their steps. In NORTH RUSSIA 264. 227 copies have been sold, and in South 79,167, among a great variety of people and ongues. As to Turkey, misrule and insurrection in the Provinces have Lad a damaging affect upon all interests, and the operations of the Society have partaken of the general depression. Meanwhile the sum of £916 given by a starving and plague stricken population, for the purchase of Scriptures, is a striking value of God's Word; and the formal permission of the Turkish Government to the printing of the revised Turkish Testament is a call for gratitude. Threatened as we are with an outbreak of hostilities in the East, it is for Christians to watch the signs of the times and whatever shakings among nations may take place to pray that that Kingdom which is destined to endure and which is to take the place of every other, may be established in Turkey, and that Countries visited by Apostles and lands once enlightened by Bible truth may again be illumed, and that the fairest portions of the earth may be delivered from the Mahommedan scourge. Crossing over to Bible Lands, we find that in Syria and PALESTINE the Scriptures are being circulated, and Colportage amid difficulties carried on. The change from PALESTINE to EGYPT is a very striking one. It is from an empty to a populous land, from one barren and waste to one fertile and highly cultivated, from one sunk in ignorance to one where education is encouraged

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by the Government and is making gratifying progress, from one of political weakness and tyranny to one where a large amount of liberty and even harded justice is enjoyed. Thus does EGYPT appear to justify the Bible proplecy as to her continuance and pros-

The King here has been manifesting bitter hatred perity. against such of his Subjects as have embraced the Christian Reliion; and these latter have memorialized the Bible Society for redress. Since that, the Egyptian power has come against Abyssynia and conquered, and the Khedive or Ruler of Egypt has already proclaimed that no persecution of Christians shall be tolerated in Abyssynia, and he is taking measures for the appointment of a Governor over the Provinces, who understands the principles of Religious toleration, and who will dispense ever handed justice. Thus has the memorial been answered in an effective though unexpected way for the good of the Converts.

MADAGASCAR.—The work of revising the Malagasy Bible was proceeding steadily but slowly, and some years must clapse before

India. -- The reports of the Indian Auxiliaries afford proof that it is completed. amid the busy scenes of excitement which have lately occupied so prominent a place in the Nations history, the one thing needful has not been forgotten and that amid the pageants of an earthly Prince, the higher claims of the Prince of peace has not been ig-The publication and circulation of God's Word in the various languages known in this vast empire are going on quietly and continuously, and the recent fact of the Queen being proclaimed Empress of India will tend, we trust, to consolidate powers and to favour the spread of the Scriptures throughout this large and

In CHINA, Colporteurs are busy, and Scriptures are being circupopulous Dominion. lated, however it is hard for us in a Christian Land to realize all the difficulties and dangers with which a similar work is surround-

ed in a heathen Country like China. From remote Japan, the Committee have not much to report as yet concerning Bible Circulation; still there are fifteen English and Canadian Missionaries in Japan, and the four Gospels have

been alrerdy printed in the Japanese language.

Coming to the South SEA ISLANDS, we find many of them furnishing material support to the Society. Did time permit, we might produce the correspondence of Missionaries to prove that the work of the Lord in connexion with his are Word received is progressing; in particular is this the case with Nive, which sent £224 in payment of Scriptures. The New Hebrides Auxiliary sent £37, 12s. 6d., and the Figi Islands lately annexed to Great Britain, £100.

Coming to our own Province, we find that Pictou contribution is acknowledged, our report for 1875 received, and the legacy of

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SPECIAL MINUTE, PASSED AT A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 31st., 1877.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, by death, during the year now closing, the Rev. James Bayne, D. D., President of the Pictou Auxiliary of the B. & F. Bible Society; there-

Resolved, that we hereby record our high appreciation of the great faithfulness and ability with which our departed Brother discharged,

faithfulness and ability with which our departed Brother discharged, first, for thirteen years the duties of Secretary, and subsequently, for twelve years those of President of this Auxiliary; making in all, twenty-five consecutive years of zealous official devotion to the work of aiding the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

Resolved, also, that while we, in common with the Church which has been bereaved of its Pastor, and the community in general, sincerely mourn the loss of one whose ripe experience so well qualified him for increasing and eminent usefulness, we yet rojoice in the confidence that "an entrance has been ministered" unto him "abuncantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;" and we bow in reverent submission to the will of Him who buries His workmen, but, carries on His work."

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In 211 languages and dialects, have the Scriptures been circulated, at the same time, a work of vast magnitude remains to be done among the Masses at home, and especially among Jews, Mahommedans and Heathens abroad, and therefore we shall close our report in the words of one of the Society's founders: "Let every Man give according to his ability; let him give with cheerfuiness; let him give in the name of the adorable Mediator; and may the Lord for whose glory He brings forth the Talent, the Shekel, or the Mite, accept the offering and bless the application.

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