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## TWENTIETH REPORT

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# AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, 

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All Branch Societies, Associations, and Depositories, are particularly requested to make out a Yearly Report of their proceedings, with list of subscribers, \&c., to be sent to the Depository, Quebec, on or before the twenty-fifth day of December, that there may be sufficient time to prepare the Annual Report.

It is requested that when remittances are made, it may be specified whether the same are to be placed to the Purchase Account, or as Free Contributions.

It is particularly requested that Branches and Agencies will effect Insurance on their Stock. In many cases it may be made an item in the Policy which the Depositary takes out on his stock in trade ; but where that cannot be done, if the stock of Bibles be of the value of £25, a special Insurance must be effected.

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1.-The Society shall be called "The Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society ;" the object of which shall be to co-operate with the British and Foreign Bible Society, in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures.
2.-Conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society shall be without note or comment, and those in the languages of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.
3.-All persons subscribing 10s. or upwards, per : mum, shall be members of the Society. Nevertheless, persons contributing less than 10s. shall be considered annual subscribers.
4.-All persons subscribing $£ 5$ or upwards at one time-and all Executors paying bequests of $£ 10$ or upwards-shall be members for life of the Society.

5-The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary or Secretaries, Depositary and a Committee ; and five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
6.-Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations, who are members of the Society, shall be considered Vice-Presidents.
7.-The Committee shall meet once a month, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.
8.-The whole of the subscriptions and donations received by the Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses, in the first place, to the purchase of such a number of Bibles and Testaments as are required for local distribution; and the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Parent Society.
9.-The members of the Society shall be entitled to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the Depository, at the reduced prices, to the extent of five times the amount of their subscriptions, and to any further extent at the cost price.
10.-All Ministers of the Gospel making collections in their respective Congregations in behalf of the Society, shall be entitled, on paying such collections to the Treasurer, to receive Bibles and Testaments, at the reduced prices, to the extent of one-half of their respective collections,-such return being claimed within one year from the remittance of the collection ; and to purchase Bibles and Testaments, at the cost prices, to any further extent. It is recommended, in all practicable cases, to supply the poor by sale rather than by gift.
11.-For the purpose of giving full effect to the design of the Society, the Committee shall make it their bnsiness to enquire what families or individuals are in want of Bibles and Testaments and unable to procure them ; and it shall be the duty of the Committee to supply them at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.
12.-For the still further promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures, it shall be incumbent on the Committee to encourage the formation of Branch Societies, on Bible Associations, in such Districts, within the sphere of the Society, as may not deem it expedient to form Auxiliary Societies of their own-such Branch Societies, or Bible Associations to be entitled to the same privileges from this Society as this Society enjoys from the Parent Institution.
13.-A general meeting of the Society shall be held once a-year -when the accounts shall be presented; a report agreed upon, and Officers appointed for the ensuing year.

14-The Committee, or any twelve members of the Society, may at any time call Special General Meetings thereof, not less than one week's previous notice being given to the members.
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## TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The Twentieth Anniversary Meeting of the Quebec Audimary Bible Society was held in the Lecture Hall, St. Anze Street, on Wednesday evening, 30th January, 1856-Jefrery Hale. Esquire, President, in the Chair.

The Proceedings were opened by singing the 100th Psalm, and prayer having been offered by the Rev. C. L F. Haensel, after introductory remarks from the President, the Report was read by the Secretary, Mr. W. A. Curry.

The following Resolutions were then unanimously adopted :-
1st.-On motion of the Rev. John Coor, D.D., seconded by the Rev. W. H. Hev de Bourck:-
"That the Report now read be received and printed under the direction of the Committee."

2nd.-On motion of the Rev. C. L. F. Haensel, seconded by the Rev. W. Pollard :-
"That this meeting records its gratitude to God, for the striking menifestations of His favor and blessing, which continue to accompany the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society throughout the world, and regards them as a call to more earnest prayer and more zealous exertion on the part of this Auxiliary within its own sphere of labor, where so much yet remains to be accomplished."

3rd.-On motion of the Rev. W. B. Clarr, seconded by the Rev. R. A. Carden :-
" That in order to ensure a more extensive circulation of the Word of God, the system of colportage ought to be more vigorously prosecuted, both in the rural districts and among the eity population."

A collection was here made on behalf of colportage, amounting to £40.

4th.-On motion of the Rev. David Marsh, seconded by A. C. Buchanan, Esq. :-
"That the following gentlemen be requested to accept office for the ensuing year."-(See List of Officers.)
The meeting was then closed with a hymn, the benediction being pronounced by the Rev. D. Marsh.

The Committee of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society in presenting their Twentieth Annual Report to their subscribers and friends, desire to acknowledge with thanksgiving the mercies which have marked their proceedings during the past year. To God must be ascribed any measure of earnestness and zeal that may have animated them in their endeavours, to enlarge the Society's operations, and extend its usefulness. The result of these endeavours is visible in the extension of the field of labor, by the establishment of branches, through the employment of agency, in the somewhat improved state of the finances, and in the considerably increased issues, which must be gratifying to all who have contributed of their substance, and who "love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

## IMMIGRANTS.

The supply of immigrants with the Holy Scriptures, prominently referred to in the last Report, and towards, which the collection made at the last annual meeting of the Society has been appropriated, claims particular notice.

Through the kind offices of the Montreal Auxiliary, to which the Committee are indebted both for a grant of Testaments as well as for offers of pecuniary assistance, the valuable and zealous services of $\mathbf{M r}$. James Blyth-who has been subsequently appointed Travelling Agent for this District-were secured.

When not prevented by the hurry and confusion incident to the disembarkation and re-shipment of passengers, he diligently visited the arriving vessels, but found that in most cases the Protestant passengers had been supplied at the ports of embarkation, through the active agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Among the Roman Catholics it were to be wished that he had met with more encouragement. As a kind and sympathising stranger, the Irishman greeted him with characteristic warmth and affection ; but in the capacity of a Bible Agent, the tone and manner of his reception afforded but little ground for hope, that the word of God was either appreciated or possessed. Comment is unnecessary, but the fact is suggestive. One enquiry was made for the Douay Bible ; yet it is io be feared that

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the circulation of even this version, authorised by the Church of Rome, is very limited. What can be done under such circumstances ?"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth мисн."

## COLPORTEURS.

The domiciliary visits of Colporteurs have always appeared to your Committee to be of paramount importance, and a grant of Scriptures in the French language, made with the accustomed liberality of the Parent Society, has materially contributed to promote those efforts already undertaken.

The Committee have reason to know that a demand for the Sacred Scriptures does exist in hitherto unvisited localities, which can in no way be so effectually met as throngh the agency of Colporteurs. They can, therefore, with confidence, solicit the support of the religious public. The labors of a converted Frenchman, who has abjured the errors of Rome under the enlightenment of the Gospel, have been pursued in the country parts for some time with much devotedness, and with a success, which affords an earnest of what may yet be expected to result, from sustained efforts.

Through the visits of Mr. Blyth in the city and its neighbourhood, many families have been supplied. In some instances partial payments were received at intervals for copies sold, and loans have not unfrequently terminated in actual purchases.

Through Mr. Blyth's instrumentality, also, several

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have been formed, and this department the retiring Committee would commend to the special attention of their successors.

The evident advantage of possessing correspondents in different directions needs scarcely be enlarged upon ; doubtless they will prove to be valuable adjuncts in supplementing the resources of this Auxiliary. Branches have been formed at Portneuf, Valcartier, Bourg Louis, Inverness, Leeds Upper Ireland and Lower Ireland; subscribers' names have been enrolled, and a limited supply of Bibles and New Testaments, forwarded to each. Considerable interest has been awakened in these districts in the work of Bible dissemination ; and Mr. Blyth speaks in high terms of the kind and horpitable reception invariably accorded him. A Depository has also been established at Gaspé under favorable auspices, to which books have been forwarded. The Depository opened at Mr. Middleton's, Mountain street, has already proved a useful channel of distribution.

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The issues have been 1066 copies, between 1st March and 31st December, shewing an increase during the ten months of 40 copies over those of the preceding 24 months, making the total issues of this Auxiliary since its formation, 13,509 copies. The following analysis shews that-

> Grants have been made to the Marine and Emigrant
> Hospital,
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Total, - . . . . . . 1066
Grants for the use of hotels and lodging-houses appeared so desirable to your Committee, that a circular was addressed to some of the leading hotel-keepers to ascertain their views. Replies in two instances were received, intimating their willingness to accept the proposed grants. It will be for the next Committee to carry out the intentions of their predecessors.

> FUNDS,

The funds of the Society, owing to the collections having been made with more regularity than usual, manifest a trifling improvement ; and now that the Society (invited by recent encouragement in the rural districts as well as in the city) is about to enter a wider field, and to employ a more costly but necessary Agency, the Committee present to the members of all the Protestant Churches in this community, a confident claim to larger measures of pecuniary support, than have been hitherto extended to the Society. The total receipts from ordinary sources have been $£ 16 \mathrm{~T} 5 \mathrm{~s}$. 4 d ., or $\mathcal{E} 70$ 15s. 3d. more than those of the period embraced within last report ; the expenditure has amounted to $£ 1019 \mathrm{~s} .8$ d., while the engagements are $£ 16913 \mathrm{~s}$. 1 d .

The cost of maintaining a society conducted on the benevolent principle, in order to supply all classes with the Bible as nearly as possible at cost price, must be met by donations and subscriptions. To meet efficiently the expenses of Agency and Colportage, in addition to the cost of the Depository, and to keep constantly on hand a well

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assorted stock, an income double that of the present revenue would be required at the lowest estimate ; and if exceeding that amount, any surplus would be easily applied towards a further support of Colporteurs.

## THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY,

that glorious institution of which this Auxiliary is the honored representative in this District, continues its onward, may it not be said, triumphant course, scattering broadcast the incorruptible seed.

The Holy Scriptures are now published in 152 languages or dialects, so that almost "all pgoples, natións and hanguages," "may "hear in their own tongues the wonderful works of God."

The issues have exceeded those of any previous year of the Society's existence by 83,348 copies, having reached the extent of $1,450,876$. The receipts from all sources were $£ 124,4789 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$., being only $£ 11879 \mathrm{~s} .4 \mathrm{~d}$. less than the unprecedented receipts of the previous year ; while the expenditure was $£ 149,040$ 13s. 9 d ., being an increase of $£ 27,782.18 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$.

In France the promulgation of the new dogma of " the Immaculate Conception" is producing its fruits in the increasing demand for New Testaments. In crushed and down-trodden Italy the word of God finds an entrance. At Florence the Roman Catholic Archbishop, in order to exclude Protestants from the field, has authorised the printing and sale of "Martini's" translation of the New Testament. Light and knowledge are spreading in the Romish Cantons of Switzerland, the sales having nearly doubled those of the year preceding.

The openings presented by the war have been taken advantage of, and the Committee learn from recent advices, that 250,000 (one quarter of a million) copies of the Scriptures have been issued, for the use of friends and foes. The soldiers and sailors of the allied armies and fleets have been supplied, mainly through the instrumentality of Colporteurs sent out by the Society. French and Sardinian soldiers gladly receive the word of God, and large numbers of the Russian prisoners have also been supplied. Constantinople has now its Auxiliary Bible Society ; depots have been established, and Colporteurs openly pursue their labors. Thus even " violence and bloodshed" may, through the overruling providence of God, be made subservient to His wise and gracious purposes.-" Serely the wrath of man shall praise Him, and the remainder "of wrath He shall restrain."

Further details may be found on reference to the annexed abstract of the Parent Society's Report, which will amply repay the carefal perusal of the Christian reader.

## INCONOLUNON,

Your Committee would earnestly entreat the attention of all christians to the importance of sustaining this Society, not only with their contributions, but with their united and fervent prayers, merging denominational distinctions in the common cause of their Lord and Master.

The Bible Society has not its element in sect or party-its title proclaims its character-its simple mission being to circulate the pure word of God, as written under the direct inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and adapted with Divine wisdom to the wants and capacities of all living creatures. "The Law of God is perfect, converting the soul." Its divine author is its best interpreter. The Holy Spirit's teaching is promised to all who seek it. Let us, then, in faith, continue to disseminate these Scriptures of truth, remembering the promise-"My word shall not return unto me void ; but it shall "accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the "thing whereto I sent it."

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