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OF THE
OTTAWA AUXILIARY
BIBLE SOCIETY

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“They went everywhere preaching the Word.” Acts, viii, 4.
“These searched the Scriptures daily.” Acts, xvii, 11.

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1—This Society shall be denominated the "OTTAWA 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 both at home and abroad.

2—Conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments circulated by the Society shall be without note or comment.

3—All persons subscribing One Dollar and upwards per annum shall be members of the Society; or Twenty Dollars at one time, shall be Members for Life.

4—The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, two Secretaries, and a Committee of not less than Twenty Members, with power to add to their number. Five Members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

5—All resident Protestant Ministers shall be considered ex-officio Members of the Committee.

6—No lay Member of the Society shall be eligible as a Member of the Committee, unless he be a Life Member, or pay an Annual Subscription of not less than Two Dollars.

7—The Committee shall have the power of nominating such persons as shall have rendered essential services to the Society, as Honorary Governors for Life.

8—The Committee shall meet once every month, or oftener if necessary, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

9—The whole of the Subscriptions and Donations received by this Society, and not required for its own operations, shall, from time to time, be remitted to the Parent Society.

10—For the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent designs of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their grant of the Scriptures for distribution among the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to inquire what families or individuals are in want of Bibles and Testaments, and it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith, at prime cost, reduced price, or gratis, according to their circumstances.

11—A General meeting of the Subscribers shall be held annually, in the City of Ottawa, when the Committee's proceedings, and the Treasurer's accounts, for the previous year, shall be reported, and a new Committee be appointed.

12—No alteration shall be made in these laws, except at a General Meeting of the Society, called by special notice, to be advertised in two of the city newspapers one month previously.

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The Truth of God is like a river. Having acquired its full volume, nothing can permanently hinder its progress. Its flow might be temporarily checked by barriers of men's making: but the result would necessarily be the accumulation of its power, and the eventual extension of its influence. The glorious Reformation of the sixteenth century can be pointed to in illustration and corroboration of this remark: and the inference which may be drawn for our encouragement is, that all the opposition of enemies, and all the cavilling of infidels, and all the false and foolish criticisms of some unwise, though learned, friends, and all the inconstancy and inconsistencies of fickle followers will not in the end prevent Truth's triumph. Its majesty must be vindicated. Its kingdom shall be set up.

With this assurance, which the history of the past, and prophecies of the future alike justify, the Providential occurrences of the present may be expected to harmonize. He, who presides over passing events, will not lose sight of the interest of Truth, which is so very dear to Him, and of which we can affirm with greater emphasis, than of the temple of old, "His eyes and His heart are *there* perpetually." It may be even reverently said, "*He* can do nothing against the Truth, but for the Truth." He can, and will, whether we see it or not, make all things subservient to it, and promotive of it.

If these things are so, how slow should we be, at any time, to infer that the circumstances of our lot have been so ordered

in Providence as to make it impossible for us to help on directly the coming kingdom, or as to warrant the abandonment of our attempts to diffuse its gospel! And yet, how many among us, when the fields yield not their wonted increase, and when trade is stagnant, are ready to conclude that they are precluded from considering any wants but their own, and obliged to withdraw from the more catholic Christian enterprises! It is, of course, to be remembered that what is required from us, for the Truth's sake, is a free-will offering, and our liberty in presenting it should be left intact; and, when bestowed, it "is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." Ample allowance, too, should be made for the strenuous efforts occasionally required in order to the maintenance of Divine ordinances in particular localities, impairing the ability of those who make them to meet, as they may have been accustomed to do, more public or foreign claims. But, after due allowance is made for all such considerations, the question still remains to be asked—is it right for any, because of temporary embarrassments, to think of divesting themselves entirely of all responsibility in undertakings, like the Bible Society, or of throwing the whole burden of sustaining them, in efficiency, on their former associates? Should they not rather judge that they have been led into straits, in Providence, in part for the purpose of having their attachment to Truth tested; and that they might make it plain that they have learned to prefer its claims to those of self, and that, rather than sacrifice its interests, they are prepared to forego much personal self-indulgence?

They will have no difficulty in determining their duty in this respect, who adequately realize that they are not their own, but belong to Him, whose the Truth is. They know that He requires only what he has first bestowed; and of their portion, whatever it may be, they readily return what will best express the depth of their devotion and the ardour of their love.

This remark is fully borne out by what we are told of the Macedonian churches. In the midst of pressing penury, they found it easy, by the gifts at their disposal, to prove their loyalty to Christ and His cause, the reason being "that they first gave their own selves to the Lord." Having done that,

it could be written of them "the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." Their gifts were, perhaps, in themselves not very costly, but they were the very best they could give, and being redolent of faith and love and self-sacrifice, they were "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God."

Were professing Christians, in these days, animated by a similar spirit, all doing the utmost and giving the best in their power, no matter what commercial crisis we might pass through, no Bible or Missionary Society would languish for want of means, and the churches of Christ would be amply and honorably supported.

These remarks have been suggested by the times that are passing over us, and by the crippled state of many a good cause through the curtailing of its resources. Happily no such ground for regret exists, as yet, with reference to the British and Foreign Bible Society. Whatever may be true of some of its Auxiliaries, and of certain of their Branches, it is very gratifying to know that its prosperity has not been checked, but, on the contrary, continues to advance. Its last report shows the distribution of 2,682,185—a larger number of copies of the Scriptures, than had in one year, ever been issued before, with the single exception of the year of the Franco-Prussian war, when the wants of the contending empires enhanced the circulation. To meet the vast demands of the past twelve months a very large revenue was required. But more than enough was obtained, for, after they were met, a balance of fifty-five thousand dollars remained in the treasury. It would seem that, through divine goodness, our Parent Society has attained to a position and to dimensions which prevent it from being very injuriously affected by the passing changes of a day, just as some giant tree, with its deep and mighty roots, can, unmoved, withstand the hostile influences, by which the ephemeral products of the surface of the ground are speedily blighted and destroyed.

We cannot, as an Auxiliary, congratulate ourselves on parallel attainments. But we have very great reason for

thankfulness in that our experience, during 1876-77, though very various and at times conflicting, has been, on the whole, and in its result, of an agreeable kind. If there has been, on one side, a loss of friends, it has been, on the other, counter-balanced by accessions to our ranks. If in one direction our work has been curtailed, in another it has been extended. If in some localities, interest in our cause is to all appearance less than before, it has, in still more, seemed to increase. If certain Branches are less helpful, others are more so. Our losses have been neutralized by our gains. Our fears have been disappointed. Our hopes have been exceeded.

Of those, who have been removed from us by death, there are two of whom special mention should here be made,—the Hon. Malcolm Cameron and Mr. James Ogilvy. They were both steadfast friends of our Society. The former was one of its Vice-presidents for many years, and, oftener than once, advocated its claims on this platform. When in his power, he always took part in the proceedings at the Anniversary of our Rideau Branch, and did so in the frank, hearty, out-spoken, generous way, which was so characteristic of him. Mr. Ogilvy was, for about fifteen years, a member of Committee. Naturally of a very retiring disposition, he shunned all public services. What he did for the Society was done by him as a collector on behalf of its funds, and in his own quiet, unobtrusive, and conscientious manner,—so long as the state of his health permitted—in his immediate vicinity.

The removal of these friends should suggest to all, and particularly to the older members of the Society, that their term of service will, by and by, close, and that, meanwhile, we should work with all our might. It is obviously also to be inferred that the places rendered vacant should be filled, and the Committee generally be re-inforced, by young men, who will infuse fresh life and energy into the working of the Society, and be prepared for the duties that will devolve on them as their seniors become disabled or disappear.

Your Committee has met thirteen times during the past year. Some of these meetings have been largely attended,

The business, conducted by them, has been of the usual character, as will appear from the following details.

I. The Travelling Agency of the Society.

After last year's successful experiment with Provisional Agents, your Committee judged it wise to request the four respected gentlemen, who then visited the Branch Societies, to do so again this season. Accordingly the Rev. Messrs. Scott, White, Huxtable, and McLean, have recently completed the work, thus entrusted to them, in their several districts. They have all, more or less fully, reported the state of matters where they have been. After reviewing the services rendered by them, your Committee are of opinion that the interests of the Society have been well cared for by them, and really served by their judicious counsels and acceptable advocacy of its claims. It does not appear to your Committee that there is any better method of conducting the Agency now available, and they therefore think that, for the present, the existing arrangement should be continued. Two important ends are secured by it. It sends annually into every section of our territory, one who can plead the Society's cause, in a way fitted to command attention and respect; and it is in itself a practical illustration of the fact, that the Protestant churches of Canada are united, and co-operating harmoniously in this work. Besides, frequent changes in the Agency are to be deprecated on many accounts. Those will be most successful in it who are most intimately acquainted with the places and persons to be visited, and with the state of their Branch Societies—a knowledge which cannot be at once acquired.

II. The Branch-Societies.

These now number fifty-nine, being five more than last year. The newly organized are at S. W. Osgoode, Prospect, Eganville, Munster, and Stittsville. There was formerly an Association in S. W. Osgoode, in connection with the Osgoode Branch, and there was also one at Prospect, in connection with the Ashton Branch, to both of which it is now thought best to give independent positions. The other three occupy ground

entirely new to the Auxiliary ; and from the auspicious circumstances under which they have been formed, it is confidently hoped that they will prove both very fruitful and very helpful. As to our older affiliated Societies, they remain very much as they were. There are still a few whose life and activity are at a very low ebb. Some others are greatly lacking in system in the carrying on of their work : but happily the number of this class is diminishing. The rest, and they are largely in the majority, can be confidently relied on for substantial aid as regularly as the season for it comes round. The Auxiliary is under a deep debt of gratitude to the warm-hearted friends, scattered over these six counties, who carry on, from year to year, the work connected with the Branches.

Three of the Agents report favorably of the pecuniary results of their recent tours. One of them tells of increase. In the Gattineau region, which is, of course, largely affected by the depression in the lumber trade, there has been a falling off; but notwithstanding that, there is there much that is encouraging. The chief complaint of the Agents is as to the attendance at the Anniversary meetings. There is, in that respect, a growing improvement in many quarters; but, in others, a good deal of indifference is shown, and occasionally to an extent that the subscriptions collected would not prepare one for. Your Committee are of opinion that the removal of this cause of complaint is very much in the hands of local Committees. It will disappear, if they take pains to create an interest in those annual services by preparing for them suitably, and by adopting the expedients, generally found successful in rural districts, in connection with Missionary meetings. If they foster in their own minds the idea that the Bible Society is indispensable to the success of all missionary institutions, and is therefore itself evangelistic, and instil that idea in the minds of others, they will come to treat it accordingly.

One Agent has reported that a proposal has been made by one Branch, and is being entertained by others, to the effect that, with a view to secure a closer relation between these Societies and the Auxiliary, each Branch should be represented

on your Committee, or that a certain officer or officers from each should be *ex-officio* members of your Committee. As this suggestion has been taken up with interest, your Committee recommend that it be considered by their successors, and reported on at next Anniversary. In the mean time, they would take this opportunity of stating that any accredited members of the Branch Committees have been always welcome at your Committee's meetings, and that any recommendations or proposals, which they have had to make, in the interest of the Society, have always received a ready and respectful consideration. As a matter of course they will doubtless—however this proposal may be disposed of—continue to be treated with similar courtesy.

Mention must next be made of

III. The Colportage carried on by this Society.

There have been four Colporteurs engaged, for longer or shorter periods, during the year, viz.: Mr. Samuel Day for 37 weeks: Mr. Samuel Kerfoot for 36 weeks: Mr. John Duclos for 17 weeks: Mr. Adolphe Giroux for $4\frac{1}{2}$ weeks: and Mrs. Miller, Bible-woman, may be added, as she has, to some extent, been also employed in Colportage.

These Colporteurs visited in the following localities, namely: North Gower, Goulburn, Nepean, March, Huntly, Torbolton, Fitzroy, Pakenham, Bagot, McNab, Horton, Ross, Westmeath, Alice, Mansfield, Clarendon, Bristol, Hull, Templeton, Portland, North and South Elmsley, Masham, Egan, Covington, Wakefield, Low, Buckingham, Montague, Beckwith, Bathurst, Drummond, Lanark, S. Sherbrooke, Lavant, Anglesea, Barrie, and in others, the names of which were not given.

Of the extent of their work some idea may be formed from the following tabular statement:—

	Visits to families and shanties.		Miles travelled.	Vols. sold.	Receipts for sales.
Mr. S. Day	1751	(36 being to shanties)	2222	822	\$263 17
“ S. Kerfoot	2088	(34 “ “)	2189	1189	520 35
“ J. Duclos	499	(27 “ “)	1020	331	145 32
“ A. Giroux	102	(19 “ “)	378	75	26 76
Mrs. Miller	2032			127	64 91
Showing in all	6472	(116 “ “)	5809	2544	\$1026 51

From some of the Shanties and Depots, unsolicited donations to the Society were sent, amounting to \$33. That amount is smaller than before, because of mere forgetfulness, and not because of opposition, on the part of the men. No application is made for contributions by the Colporteurs. Although in the aggregate their sales have been fewer, because there have been fewer Colporteurs employed, yet, in proportion to their number, they have sold more than they did the previous year, and that notwithstanding the hinderance caused, more than before, by the dulness of trade and the scarcity of money.

They find indifference to spiritual things, on the part of many among whom they go, a more formidable obstacle in the way of their success, than the want of worldly means. Too many in the shanties are reckless as to their moral condition and eternal prospects, so that it need not be wondered if they show little appreciation of Divine truth. Even in houses, where the Scriptures, in whole or in part, are found, but where they are inadequately provided, because each inmate has not a copy he can call his own, similar heedlessness is, in not a few instances, encountered. When the copies of God's Word, that such have within their reach, are not read, neither in their families nor more privately, it is to be expected that they will not feel or own their need of more. Some, who show this indifference, are—at least occasionally—church-going people, others—as one of our Colporteurs reports from one town—do not scruple to say plainly they want neither books nor churches; and yet they call themselves Protestants. Discouraging as all this is, yet to the Colporteurs it is more so—to meet with those, as they often do, who had previously provided themselves with the Scriptures, and frequent places of worship, and still remain, to all appearance, in utter ignorance of the first elements of Gospel truth, and, in consequence, devoid of sympathy with attempts to diffuse it, and engrossed exclusively with the world. In the midst of multiplied religious privileges, multitudes are perishing through lack of knowledge. Were it only for their sakes, Colportage should be maintained, that, by means of it, they should be occasionally reminded that we have a Revelation from Heaven, and that it is at men's peril, that they refuse to use it.

Our Colporteurs have, notwithstanding the indifference and opposition of some, not been without encouragement. It is always cheering to labourers to find themselves useful, and those, whom they seek to benefit, gratefully acknowledging their services. As illustrative of this remark, the following instances may be quoted.

Mr. Day writes—‘Some sick people have, I think, been benefited by my calls, in the reading of the Word and prayer, and have thanked me very kindly for my visits, particularly a few isolated families in the back part of Huntly. I found an old couple without a Bible, but they had a New Testament. They were very poor: so I gave them a large print Bible, for which the man expressed many thanks to the Society.’ In another report, the same Colporteur says—‘When I was coming down from the Mattawa I was called to see a poor dying woman, who, like many others in the back-woods, had lived a Christless life. I found her very near her end. She could reply to me only in whispers; but she seemed to understand every word, as I pointed her to the only sure foundation for sinners—*the Rock of Ages*. I would fain hope she rested on that foundation. In two hours, after I left her, she passed away! He also tells of making the heart of a Norwegian glad by putting into his hands the Scriptures in his native language: and of finding a family, about a mile from a Depository, without a vestige of God’s Word in their house, to whom, as they were manifestly very poor, he presented a copy, which was very gratefully received.

Mr. Kerfoot tells of a visit he paid to an invalid, in the township of Barrie. She had been sick for three years, but there was no one near to talk to her about her spiritual interests. Reading in that house, followed by suitable exhortations and prayer, seemed greatly called for and very seasonable. In another report, he says—‘I enjoy the work very much. One has so many opportunities of speaking a word for our Master. In the shanties generally, the men have given good attention when I have been reading and pointing them to the Lamb of God. Several have promised me they would seek the Saviour, and were apparently very sincere in doing so: some, with tears

in their eyes, asked me to pray for them. I shall not soon forget the interest awakened by my visits to Clarendon on the Mississippi, (the kindness with which I was received in the shanties there.) In another report, he mentions that he had a Bible-reading in a school-house in Barrie, where forty attended and among the rest a Roman Catholic woman, with her son, who had refused, the day previous, to let him pray in her house. They all gave marked attention during the exercises of the hour. He adds as to Roman Catholics whom he visited—"they let me sing and read to them, and listened to what I said, but bought no books. Some conversed quite freely. One asked me whether I called the Virgin a good woman, and I replied certainly I do, but I would not pray to her to intercede for me, since her Son had to die for her, as well as for the rest of us. "Well," said she, "you are not like other Protestants, for they call her 'Bloody Mary!'" She was astonished to learn that Protestants speak thus not of the Virgin, but of the cruel Queen of England of the same name.

In the end of the summer, Mr. Kerfoot reported that an acquaintance at Fallbrook had informed him of some apparent results from his previous winter's work in the shanties—that, in consequence of it, certain who had been heedless had become thoughtful, at any rate for a time, and, very specially, that a friend of his own, whom he named, formerly of dissipated habits, had been, during summer, a sober and useful member of society, and a regular attendant at church. Would that such results, from our endeavours to benefit our lumbering population, were multiplied a thousandfold!

Mr. J. Duclos reports several interesting circumstances. He spent a night in the house of a Frenchman, who was anxious to have a New Testament for each of his children, and a Bible for himself. They were supplied gratuitously as the man was poor. Another night was spent by him in an Indian camp. The lodging was not very desirable; but it was the more tolerable that they understood French, and could talk a little in it, and were pleased to have him read several chapters from the New Testament. As they were anxious to possess a Bible, one was given to them, for they were without money. In

another quarter he came across an Indian, to whom he had sold, the previous winter, an English Bible, of which some use had been made by the purchaser, but, as his countrymen did not understand it, that he might read to them, he was now anxious to get an Algonquin Bible. More recently, Mr. D. stumbled on a company of Indians, professing to be Protestants, in a house in Hull. He says, "they were glad to see me. I read a portion of the Scriptures, and spoke to them of Jesus and His love for us. They could not all understand French, but one interpreted. The oldest wished to have two Testaments, one being intended for an absent married daughter, who could read." In another report he tells of having encountered "a Frenchman, who, some time ago, purchased a Bible from him, and was anxious to get another, for he has found it good, and wished to follow its instructions. He accordingly bought another copy."

There are, at present, four Colporteurs in the field: two on the Upper Ottawa, Messrs. Day and Robert Stewart, jr.; Mr. Kerfoot on the Mississippi and Madawaska; and Mr. Giroux on the Gatineau. Two of them were, through unforeseen circumstances, prevented from proceeding to the shanties as early in the season as had been arranged. And all of them have been greatly hindered in their work, during the past month, from the want of snow, and the consequent difficulty in travelling.

Your Committee continue deeply impressed with the necessity of persevering, notwithstanding all difficulties and discouragements, in the attempt to benefit the employees of lumberers. As it is during only a brief period of the year that that work can be engaged in, it can be extended only by increasing the number of Colporteurs at that season. That should be done, if suitable men can be found, though it should result in a curtailment of our operations in summer. With a view to make the sacred volume more available to shantymen in winter evenings, your Committee, following out a suggestion made by Mr. Day, took the liberty of calling, by means of a circular, the attention of gentlemen, engaged in lumbering, to the fact that, from the general want of lamps in shanties, the opportunities of reading there are very limited. As the want referred to

could be easily met, it is hoped the hint that has been given, will be kindly taken, and readily acted on.

Attention must be next directed to

IV.—The Bible-Woman's Mission.

The allusion, made in last report to the need of a Bible-woman in this City, led to four applications for an appointment. Mrs. Miller was selected as having had previous experience in such work. Her appointment was, in the first instance, only tentative. It has been renewed from time to time; and the propriety of it has been fully justified by results.

Her work has assumed *three* aspects :

1. It is of the nature of Colportage, and aims at securing a thorough distribution of the Scriptures in this City. What has been effected under this head has been noted in the tabular statement given above. The smallness of the number of volumes issued by her can be accounted for by the circumstance that the other departments of her labor occupy the greater part of her time, and make it necessary for her to repeat frequently her visits to the same families.

2. Mrs. Miller has been rendering a Home Missionary and Evangelistic service. The number of domiciliary visits made by her is given above. She has also held more than 150 Bible-reading meetings. Many sick have been sought out, and some of them have required weekly, and a few more frequent, visits. These have been instructed and comforted; and several dying have, in their last hours, shown that the truth as it is in Jesus, had not been put before them in vain. A goodly number of anxious ones have been directed to the great Peace-giver; and to some others the truth has proved as life from the dead. As corroborative of these statements, the following quotations may be given from her reports:—

‘One of my first visits was to a dying girl. She wished me to sing a hymn. I sang —‘*Safe in the arms of Jesus.*’ She seemed much pleased, and asked me to call soon again.’

‘A woman took me into her house by a side door, and asked if I had any copies of the Word of God. She had had three Bibles at different times, but they had been taken from her by

a member of her family. I showed her a large New Testament which she eagerly seized and kept, paying part of the price, and promising the balance soon. The book she immediately hid. She entreated me to call often, when she would be alone, to speak to her on spiritual things.'

'One poor woman broke down under the reading of God's Word. Found she belonged to no church, and had not been in a place of worship for a long time. She seemed in very poor circumstances. Got, from two ladies, suitable clothes for her, and took her to church with me last Sabbath. She appeared to enjoy the service, and promised to bring her husband with her next Sabbath.

'Called on a family, that had not attended any place of worship for years. The husband could read a very little; the wife none. He had been a confirmed drunkard, but has changed his ways. They now both go to church. I find it necessary to visit them twice a week to read the Scriptures for them, as they cannot read them for themselves.'

'Found a woman apparently dying, but in darkness as to her prospects. She had, at one time, been brought to Christ, but had lately been following Him afar off. She was in great distress of mind. Read and prayed with her. She whispered—'pray on, the light is breaking.' Stayed with her for some time. Think she got a fresh sense of God's pardoning love.'

'One woman, when she discovered my object in calling, went to open the door to show me out. Remonstrated with her kindly. She softened down, listened to what I said, and asked me to sit awhile with her, and call soon again.'

These are but specimens of the numerous cases reported by Mrs. Miller. They show unmistakably the urgent need there is for such a service, and that real good is done by it.

3. Mrs Miller has been also accomplishing what may be called a *Dorcas* work, supplying some of the destitute,—and they have been a numerous class this winter,—with clothes and food. This was forced upon her by the very necessitous circumstances of many whom she was trying to benefit spiritually. The money required for this purpose has *not* been furnished by

your Committee. It has been in part supplied by friends privately, and has been, in part, procured by means of several entertainments, which Mrs. Miller, through the kind assistance lent her, has been able to give in the Mission room handsomely placed at her disposal. In that room, every Wednesday afternoon this winter, [Mrs. M. and a company of benevolent and active ladies have met and prepared, like Tabitha of old, "coats and garments" for the needy. The material comfort of a goodly number has been, in this way, promoted: some young hearts have been made glad, and some old ones have been cheered amid their disappointments and destitution.

As a whole these services of Mrs. Miller have been undoubtedly useful, and have been highly appreciated by the community. Your Committee are decidedly of opinion that they should be continued. At the same time, they venture to suggest that the ladies who have been assisting Mrs. Miller, and others, who are in sympathy with her undertaking, would do well to consider the propriety of their forming a Dorcas Society in this city. They could superintend much more suitably than your Committee, the above named third division of Mrs. Miller's labors. The Ladies' Associations, connected with the various churches, do much to ameliorate the condition of the poor; but there is a large amount of destitution which they do not reach. For the overtaking of that, a more general organization, of the kind suggested, seems really called for.

We have to notice, next,

V. The Issues from the Depository.

These, for the year 1876-77, have been the following, namely,

English Bibles.....	2595	Norwegian Bibles.....	9
“ Testaments..	3434	Polish “	3
“ Portions.....	50	“ Testament.....	1
“ Psalters.....	5	Dutch “	1
French Bibles.....	70	Latin “	1
“ Testaments .	198	Greek “	1
German Bibles.....	9	Spanish “	1
“ Testaments .	42	Gaelic “	4
		Gospel for the blind...	1

—in all 2686 Bibles, 3683 Testaments, 51 Portions, and 5 Psalters, or altogether 6425 copies, making the entire issues of the Auxiliary from its commencement 68,549 volumes.

The gratuitous distribution of the past year has been to the number of 183 copies, and to the value of \$38.48. A considerable part of the Scriptures thus bestowed has been given in German, at the instance of Mr. Valcknaer, the German Baptist Missionary at Arnprior, for circulation amongst recently arrived German immigrants in poor circumstances; and in French, at the instance of Mr. Ami, Pastor of the French Protestant Church in this city, for distribution among those using the French language. Some copies have also been furnished for the use of patients in the Protestant Hospital.

The sales of the year have been, of course, to some extent affected by the scarcity of money, and by the diminution in the number of Colporteurs employed by the Auxiliary; but, notwithstanding these circumstances, we have reason to be thankful that they have been so large. It is but justice to the Depository to add that the expectations expressed in last report, as to his fitness for his office, have been amply verified.

Attention has to be directed, lastly, to

VI. Finances.

The Treasurer's statement is, in one respect, this year, more than usually satisfactory. Our city collectors have, with a solitary exception, made their returns. That exception has arisen mainly from the collectors' absence from home, but it might have been prevented by a little forethought. It is very desirable that, henceforth, our friends, at the centre of the Auxiliary, should, by their zeal and promptness, encourage and stimulate our helpers at a distance. There must be healthy action in the heart if there is to be vigor in the extremities.

The account, with all its details, will be given in the appendix. In the meantime, the following summary may be inserted:—The receipts, including last year's balance, have amounted to \$6,855,35. Of that sum, we have received, as Free Contributions, from the Branch Societies, \$2,367,03, and from the City \$890,55, and as the proceeds of sales, \$1,579,37. There are

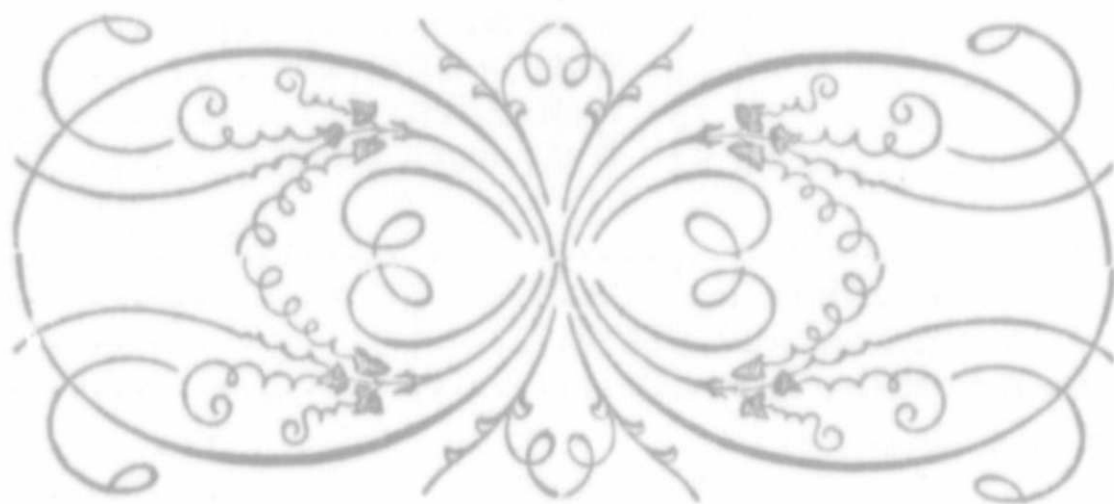
also included, in these receipts, the Parent Society's annual grant, which is hereby gratefully acknowledged, and two small unsolicited, and very acceptable, donations from old friends, who, though not connected with any of our societies, have been following, with interest, our work from year to year. The expenditure, on the other hand, has been for Stock, \$1,443, for Colportage \$1,454,28, for Agency \$359,81, for Secretary's and Depositary's charges, and for duty, freight, insurance, &c. \$775,36; as Free Contribution to the Parent Society, \$490,—, and for Printing \$225,76, making the entire outlay \$4,748,21, and so leaving in the Treasurer's hands, a balance of \$2,107,14.

It is matter of regret to your Committee that the donation transmitted to the British and Foreign Bible Society was not larger. They are aware that there are some friends who think that the funds of the Auxiliary should be entirely expended in Canada; but with that opinion your Committee do not agree. They hold that, whilst we should not overlook the wants of those that are nearest to us—our countrymen,—we should, like the Apostle of the Gentiles, esteem ourselves as "debtors" to all, and therefore bound to help, to the utmost of our power, in sending the Gospel everywhere. It is to be hoped that, in the time to come, our Auxiliary may accomplish more than it has these two years past, in the world-wide enterprise of the Parent Society.

IN CONCLUSION.

What we do, and what we fail to do, what we give, and what we refrain from giving are all alike under the eye of our Great Master. He marks, with friendly sympathy, whatever is done *for Him*, and whatever is given *to Him*. He makes all due allowance, where, on any account, allowance is called for. But "His eyes are on the truth," as well as on us, and, whether it be in His people's hearts or in their hands, He is jealous as to the treatment it meets with, and requires that it be consistently upheld and honored. In order to this, He, who is THE TRUTH, must be enthroned in their affections. They must make it plain that, whilst they love His book heartily, they love Himself still more, and that their supreme aim is that He, in all things, should be glorified.

As for those who give grudgingly, and do little or nothing for the Truth's sake, because they esteem lightly Him, whose it is,—they, too, should reflect that they are not unobserved by Him, who "sits over against the Treasury." Even there He would first bestow on them the comforts of His love, and the riches of His grace, rather than receive any gifts from their hands. He desires that all should be enriched, and none impoverished by Him. The returns He looks for are the returns of gratitude for boundless benefits.



TREASURERS'

Dr. C. W. Jenkins, Treasurer, in account

To Balance from 1875-76.....	\$1,629 41		
" Collection at Anniversary.....		62 00	
" Free Contributions from Branches :--			
Almonte and Ramsay.....	\$100 00	Masham.....	18 00
Arnprior.....	40 00	McDonald's Cor's.....	12 07
Ashton.....	\$40 96 }	Middleville.....	38 38
Prospect.....	6 52 }	New Edinburgh '76.....	8 60
Aylmer.....	26 25	" " '77.....	41 50
Aylwin.....	24 95	New Glasgow '76.....	18 00
Beachburg.....	34 85	" " '77.....	32 00
Bell's Corners.....	26 00	North Gower.....	75 00
Bearbrook, '75-'76.....	15 30	North Wakenfield.....	8 75
Bristol, addit'l '75.....	1 50	Osgoode (Metcalf).....	24 65
Bryson and Litchfield.....	25 50	Onslow.....	7 00
Buckingham.....	52 57	Pakenham.....	50 85 }
Carleton Place.....	75 52	Kinburn.....	18 00 }
Chelsea.....	31 00	Pembroke, addit'l '76.....	26 12
Clarence.....	9 39	" " '77.....	120 00
Cobden.....	6 11	Playfairville.....	9 61
Coulouge.....	20 10	Portage du Fort.....	14 70
Cumberland.....	32 25	Renfrew, '75-'76.....	81 90
Diamond.....	11 70	" " '76-'77.....	65 00
Douglas.....	\$ 9 00 }	Richmond.....	25 00
Admaston.....	13 80 }	Rideau.....	244 00
Eardley.....	7 50	Ross.....	31 32
Fitzroy and Torbolton.....	40 76	Russell.....	21 00
Franktown.....	50 20	Smith's Falls, '75-'76.....	101 64
Hull, addit'l '75-'76.....	17 17	" " '76-'77.....	48 77
" " '76-'77.....	21 80	Templeton.....	14 10
Huntley.....	11 90	Vernon, in Osgoode.....	42 43
Kenmore in Osgoode.....	15 00	Wakefield.....	33 05
Lanark.....	65 71	Watson's Corners.....	19 43
Lochaber.....	27 28	Wellington.....	26 67
Long Island.....	52 32	Westmeath Front.....	21 58
			2212 03
To Donation from Parent Society.....			245 00
" " " Perth Auxiliary.....			140 00
" " " J. Younghusband, March.....			10 00
" " " George Ellis, Ellisville.....			5 00
" Collections at Branch Meetings :--			
Almonte.....	5 62	Lanark.....	3 00
Alice.....	1 90	North Wakefield.....	1 32
Bryson.....	3 79	North Sherbrooke.....	0 85
Chelsea.....	1 50	Portage du Fort.....	3 27
Coulouge.....	2 02	Renfrew.....	7 06
Kinburn.....	0 76	Westmeath Front.....	1 90
			32 99
To Donations from Shanties :--			
Per S. Day.....			\$25 50
" A. Giroux.....			14 00
" R. Stewart.....			8 50
			48 00
" City Collections, 1875-'76 :--			
Ottawa Ward, Messrs. Robinson & Meadows, collectors.....	\$15 75		
Ashburnham Hill, Mr. Day, collector.....	6 00		
Wellington Ward, I. Division, additional.....	8 00		
" " III. " '75-76, Messrs. Cousens & McAgy..	4 05		
" " IV. " " " Hardie & Garland .	54 25		
St. George's " I. " " Additional.....	2 00		
Parliament Buildings " " Messrs. Jenkins & Mutchmor	117 75		
1876-'77 :--			
By Ward, Messrs. Larmonth & Duncan, collectors.....	19 00		
Ottawa Ward, " Robinson & Meadows, " same].....	12 00		
			238 80
Carried forward.....			\$4,384 43

ACCOUNT, 1876-77.

with the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society. Cr.

By allowance to Provisional Agents.....	\$	359	1
" " " Recording Secretary.....		300	00
" amount for Colportage :—			
" " " " S. Day.....	\$	450	00
" " " " S. Kerfoot.....		386	94
" " " " J. Duclos.....		34	50
" " " " R. Stewart, junr.....		119	00
" " " " A. Giroux.....		163	84
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		1154	28
" Salary to Mrs. Miller.....		300	00
" Payments for Stock.....		1443	00
" Free Contribution to Parent Society.....		490	00
" Printing and Advertising.....		225	76
" Depository Expenses, Freight, Duty, &c.....		470	76
" Fire Insurance.....		5	60
" Balance in Treasurer's hands.....		2105	14

Carried forward \$6,854 35

TREASURER'S

Brought Forward.....		\$4,384 43
<i>To City Collections :—</i>		
		238 80
Ashburnham Hill, Messrs. Lamb & Day, collectors.....		5 50
Rochesterville, " Jas. Rochester & G. King, collectors..		33 25
St. George's Ward, I Div., Messrs. May & Hamilton, collectors..		70 00
" " II " " Masson & Young, " ..		59 05
Wellington Ward, I " " Durie & Elliott, " ..		117 00
" " II " " A. P. Bradley & Allan collectors		37 00
" " III " " Jenkins & Falconer, collectors		55 70
" " IV " " Hardie & Garland, collectors..		55 25
" " V " " Parlow & W. J. Campbell, col's		7 50
Victoria " I " " Blyth & Teakles, collectors....		38 25
<i>" Parliament Buildings :—</i>		
Collected by Messrs. Johnson & Larmonth.....		39 50
" " " Mutchmor & Leitch.....		44 00
" " " Teakles & Chubbuck.....		11 50
" " " R. A. Bradley & Bowles		58 75
" " " Thorburn & Jas. Campbell		19 50
		890 55
<i>To Payments on Purchase Account by Branch Societies :—</i>		
Aylmer.....	\$9 79	Middleville..... 34 14
Aylwin.....	9 52	New Glasgow..... 6 27
Beachburg.....	6 88	North Gower..... 6 29
Bryson.....	10 14	North Wakefield..... 1 45
Buckingham.....	1 36	Onslow..... 3 45
Carleton Place.....	27 11	Pakenham..... 7 27
Chelsea.....	5 42	Pembroke..... 24 00
Clarence.....	3 75	Playfairville..... 3 28
Clarendon.....	9 68	Portage du Fort..... 4 15
Cobden.....	9 65	Prospect..... 2 00
Coulange.....	3 25	Renfrew..... 23 88
Cumberland.....	3 73	Rideau..... 3 50
Diamond.....	1 90	Ross..... 4 66
Franktown.....	3 90	Russell..... 26 28
Hull.....	3 00	Smith's Falls..... 116 91
Huntley.....	6 50	Templeton..... 00 45
Lanark.....	28 79	Watson's Corners..... 4 88
Lochaber.....	8 90	Westmeath Front..... 3 81
McDonald's Corner.....	9 10	Whitelake..... 21 36
		460 40
To Payment on purchase account by Perth Auxiliary.....		40 00
" Proceeds of Sales by Colporteurs.....		740 95
" " " " at Depository.....		338 02
		\$6,854 35

ACCOUNT.—*Continued.*

Brought forward \$6,854 35

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ABSTRACT OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND REPORT OF THE
BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, 1875-76.

Given as far as possible in the language of that Report.

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In the Sacred Scriptures a knowledge is developed more profound and extensive than could have entered into the heart of man to conceive, for it fathoms the depths of the heavenly Father's love, and spans eternity with its healing wings. To diffuse such knowledge is a high privilege. What has been done, in its diffusion, by this Society, during the past year will be here briefly recorded.

Its issues have been 2,682,185 volumes; and its circulation from its commencement is now 76,432,723 copies of the Scriptures, in whole or in part. Its income, for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1876, was above \$1,111,000, which met the expenditure and left a balance of above \$55,000. It commenced the current year with money engagements exceeding \$600,000.

In our review of the work done, our attention is called, first to

FRANCE,

where 62 colporteurs have been at work, most of them very earnest and pains-taking. The entire issues have been above 95,000 copies. Mr. Monod, the agent, has carefully inspected the labors of the colporteurs, and reported favorably, giving many details illustrative of their zeal, perseverance, and success. At Tourcoing, he 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 one and read it. He had no human teacher, but little by little light poured into his soul, and without speaking to anyone he left confession and mass and sought a place where he might hear the gospel. Upon this the curé denounced him as a Protestant, and appealed to his master to send him away lest he should corrupt others. 'Whether he be a Protestant,' was the reply, 'I know not, but of this I am certain, that if all my men were like him I could do without inspectors and overseers.'

The inundations of 1875 gave occasion for much being done. As soon as intelligence reached England of the devastation which had been caused by the floods in the Haute Garonne and the Ariège, the committee gave instructions to Mr. Monod not only to replace any losses of the Scriptures which had been experienced, but to take ad-

vantage of the softening influence which it was hoped adversity might have produced for a liberal distribution of the New Testament. He eagerly fell in with the plan of the Committee, and repaired at once to Toulouse, where, in concert with Christian friends, he made arrangements for carrying out the proposed scheme. As the Scotch Bible Society was anxious to take part in the work, it was thought best to leave the Lot et Garonne to its direction, and consequently the colporteur Lance, who was working there, was withdrawn, and associated with Terrier and another for the free distribution of the Testament, on the cover of which was pasted the following inscription:—

‘Venez à moi, vous tous qui êtes travaillés et chargés, et je vous soulagerai.’—S. Matt. xi. 28. ‘Toute chair est comme l’herbe, et toute la gloire de l’homme comme la fleur de l’herbe: l’herbe sèche et sa fleur tombe; mais la Parole du Seigneur demeure éternellement, et c’est cette parole qui vous a été annoncée par l’Evangile.’—1 Pet. i. 24-5.

‘C’est pourquoi vous aussi, tenez-vous prêts; car le Fils de l’homme viendra à l’heure que vous ne pensez pas.’—S. Matt. xxiv. 44.

Offert

à l’occasion de

l’Inondation des 23 et 24 Juin, 1875,
par la Société Biblique, Britannique,
et Etrangère

No difficulty was found in inducing the people to accept the Book, on the contrary, great gratitude was expressed for the kindness shown, and in not a few cases the recipients collected what money they could for the purchase of a whole Bible. The departments already named were not, however, the only sufferers from the flood. In the Herault, the Tarn and the Tarn et Garonne similar desolation prevailed, and to each of these the same bounty was extended, so that the number of Testaments finally distributed amounted to a total of 4,500 copies. Some idea will be formed of the spirit in which the gift was received by the testimony of the colporteurs engaged in the work. One writes—

‘I have visited, as you requested me to do, some of the families to which I had given a Testament. In above two-thirds I found the husband, or the wife, or a child with the volume in hand. A woman told me: “How happy I am! Since we have that Book which pleases my husband so much, he reads it every evening, and does not go out any longer.” Another told me: “I cannot read, but when my son returns from his work, he reads a chapter for me, and together we thank those who have made us that precious gift.” A man told me: “Would that the Testament you gave me made on all those who possess it the same impression it has made on me.” He bought a large Bible for himself and a Testament for his brother. A young girl said: “I was not at home during that terrible night; I was at my aunt’s, where I am

still, for my father, my mother, and my grandmother, have all perished in the flood." The Testament I gave her was wet with her tears, and she thanked me saying: "That book shall be my best consolation, and I will not part with it until I die." A Protestant family which lives at La Croix de Pierre told me: "We are really astonished! wherever we go we are sure to find the Word of God in the hands of the people, and we hear everywhere repeated: 'It is a very handsome gift we have received, and we prize it highly.'"

'These are a few of the utterances I hear, but it is easy to see that the satisfaction is general. I visit at the present moment the commune of Blagnac; two-thirds of the houses are destroyed; the inhabitants live in small wooden huts; they receive me very well, and after I have explained my object, they are thankful to accept the Word of God, and they generally buy a Gospel for 10 cents. From the 6th of September up to this day I have distributed 673 copies.'

In Paris, too, it has been found that there are multitudes who are in circumstances of the greatest spiritual destitution. Intelligent and well educated persons of middle age are met with to whom the Word of God is wholly unknown. Free-thinking, as it is called, abounds. From its blighting influence some have been recently rescued, the truth having proved powerful to the pulling down of its strongholds. Colporteurs have been also at work among French soldiers and sailors, and not without encouragement.

BELGIUM.

The issues have been nearly 50,000. Six colporteurs have been engaged. Two of them have been in the camp at Beverloo, where their experience has been strangely diversified. They thus describe it:—

Owing to the superior officers having been changed, we have had much difficulty in obtaining our permit. The first day we were put off till the morrow, and when we then returned, the papers had been prepared by the Lieutenant, but the Colonel Commandant tore them up, and sent word that he would not give them. I begged to be allowed to see him, and after waiting some time he came in, and at once said he could not give them. I told him that we had incurred travelling expenses, and had been for two nights at the inn, and that for many years we had been in the habit of going to the camp, where we had never given rise to any complaint. 'What do you sell?' he asked. I showed him our books. 'I know them,' said he; 'I bought one in 1865 or 1866. Come again to-morrow, but I can make no promise. You will have to go to the Staff Office, and that is the great difficulty.' Next day he gave it to us, and we went to the Staff Office, where fresh objections were made. Happily the General of Brigade, who happened to be present said, 'You can give them a permit. I know what these

books are. The clergy forbid their being read, and say one cannot understand them.' Our labor has been blessed, and met with little opposition. A young lieutenant, who was busy setting up a maypole, asked us what we sold. We told him. 'How dare you sell such books?' said he; 'it is not allowed to read them in the vulgar tongue. Have you a permit?' I showed him mine, and told him that when we got it several officers had bought the New Testament. 'That is too bad,' exclaimed he. 'They bought your books?' 'Yes, and the General saw them, and would have bought one if he had not had one already. Will you have one?' 'No, I do not want one.' Later in the day an officer asked us if we were colporteurs, and of what Society. I told him of the British and Foreign Bible Society. 'I know that excellent Society,' said he; and he took two Testaments and asked how our sales were going on, and after talking for some time and telling Stynders he recognized him as having been for several years at the camp, he expressed the wish that the Bible were more widely known and better appreciated.

From his conversation I take him to be seriously disposed, and well acquainted with the Scriptures. The Flemish soldiers are better inclined towards us than I have ever seen them, and many of them bought the Scriptures. Formerly they used to laugh at those who purchased from us, but now some of them say it is a book they want to have. One said to another, 'The curé will forbid your having that book. You will never dare to show it to him; it is a forbidden book.' 'That is just why I want to read it, and to know why it is forbidden.' Others then said, 'He is right; it is a good book. I have one, and find it very interesting.'

HOLLAND.

There are six colporteurs employed in Holland, and these are described as well fitted for their work, which they are performing not with eye service, but as to the Lord. One of them, of the name of Van Dorp, of Rotterdam, is in his eighty-third year, but is nevertheless so full of energy and zeal that he has sold within the year 1,368 Bibles and 2,128 Testaments. Colporteur Ornée is stationed at Groningen, and is well known in every quarter of the northern provinces. He is highly esteemed, and has sold 1,552 Bibles and 1,616 Testaments. Another aged servant of the Society, named Smit, who has labored in the same vocation for twenty-seven years, relates an interesting anecdote of a widow with four young children, who, upon hearing that the New Testament revealed the love of God to a fallen world, expressed a strong desire to possess it. As, however, she had not money enough to purchase it, the colporteur was so touched with her forlorn condition that he gave her a copy. Some months afterwards, as he was passing that way, the widow called to him, and told him that under God he

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had been the means of great blessing to her soul, and that now, whenever she was cast down and disquieted, she turned to her Testament and found strength and comfort there. His sales have amounted to 416 Bibles and 1,700 Testaments. A fourth colporteur is stationed at Leyden, and in the winter travels through South Holland, whilst in the summer he visits Zeeland, on the frontiers of Belgium. Within this district 723 Bibles and 810 Testaments have been distributed. The fifth, who resides at Breda, and works in North Brabant, where there are many Roman Catholics, experiences much opposition from the priests. He is, however, encouraged to persevere, as the work of the Bible Society is almost the only effort which is made to bring this portion of the population to a knowledge of the Truth. His sales have amounted to 359 Bibles and 1,613 Testaments. The last on the list has been recently appointed by Mr. Reessè, who bears testimony to his great diligence. He lives at Utrecht, and has often in the course of the day to return home for a fresh supply of books. He has sold since September 487 Bibles and 917 Testaments.

The Total issues here have been 35,740.

GERMANY.

The two leading features of German life during the past year have been commercial depression and religious excitement, and neither of these conditions is favorable to Bible work. Still the circulation here has been great,—393,258 copies: These have been in twenty-five different languages, but principally in German. Seventy-two colporteurs have been employed. One of them connected with this section of the German Agency has been engaged during part of the year in visiting the signal stations of various railways, and cheering the solitude of the employées who inhabit them with the light of God's Truth. He thus refers to this branch of labour:—

In the last two months I have been at work among railway labourers. I have found that many of these people, when God's Word is offered to them, willingly buy. In this way I sold just before Christmas a great number of copies on the Wittenberge-Buchholz line. I afterwards set myself the task of visiting all the solitary pointsmen and signalmen in charge of the railway switches, and stationed at the railway crossings between Dahlenberg and Buchholz. They were almost all of them young men, and only a very few of them had a Bible. My trouble did not remain unrewarded. I rarely passed one of these lonely houses without selling one or two copies. Many of the men thanked me heartily for coming, for now, they said, they could at least read in their Bibles, for to church *they could never go*.

Another colporteur reports a scene of a very different kind:

For the last fortnight I have been at work in the neighbourhood of Bremerhaven, where infidelity is rampant. My work is there one of

continued conflict, and I have to endure insult and reproaches of all sorts. A day or two ago, for example, I entered a workman's dwelling. On approaching the door I heard loud noises, and was on the point of turning back, when conscience told me it was my duty to enter. But what a sight burst upon my view! Men were sitting at a table playing cards, and the room rang with their curses and their noise. I was really frightened. A brandy bottle stood half empty on the table. Some of the glasses were thrown over, and their contents spilt. In a corner of the room sat a woman with some children looking sadly on. When I entered the men stopped playing, and scrutinized me with bold and impertinent looks. I offered them my Bibles. 'What! the Bible!' shouted the master of the house. 'Leave instantly with your stupid books. Who any longer thinks of reading the Bible? I don't believe a word of it; nobody any longer does.' I said, 'That is not true. Thousands believe and read in it. I believe it.' The woman now rose and approached me. She looked at my books, and begged her husband to buy a Bible. He uttered a foul oath, struck the table with his fist till the bottle and glasses rang again, and swore that if his wife bought a Bible he would throw it into the fire. I now stepped up. I said, 'My good man, don't rage so. The book which you cast away from you is God's own Word. You are drawing down fearful guilt on yourself, and if you persevere you will bitterly rue it. Be not deceived; God is not mocked.' He cast a furious glance at me, lifted his arm to strike the table again, then let it suddenly fall. He stared fixedly for a minute or two, his head resting on his hand. The mother whispered something to her child in its ear. The child sprang up, ran to its father. 'Dear father,' it said, 'may I not have a Bible?' 'Yes, my child,' he said, 'you shall have a Bible and your sister too.' He then told his wife to buy two Bibles, which she did. Who knows but that with God's blessing this incident may have been the turning point in the father's life?

One circumstance mentioned by the Agent encourages the hope that it is the harbinger of a brighter day for Germany than has yet dawned upon it. He speaks of the growing interest taken during the last year or two by German Christians in the operations of your Society, in illustration of which he furnishes an extract from a letter written by a Saxon Pastor in acknowledgement of some statistics of Bible circulation with which he had supplied him. He thus expresses his gratitude:—

"It is with heartiest delight that I write to tender you my warmest thanks for your kind readiness to comply with my wishes, and for the valuable gifts which you have sent to aid me in my study of the wondrous operations of the grace of God, as seen in the blessed fruits which have grown out of the labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It is hardly too much to say that your Society, in the evidence which it affords of the love of our blessed Lord and Saviour, in accompanying

its labours with so great a blessing, is the greatest work which this century has seen. And yet how well and fitting is it, after reciting the great numbers, to add, as you have done in the 'Facts and Figures,' that these are given 'not in the spirit of boasting,' but with humble thankfulness to that Gracious God who has condescended to employ the Society to aid in the accomplishment of His purposes. We have often already, in our meetings during the summer at which, after holding a religious service, communications were made of the great works of God in our day, alluded to the great work of your Society."

The time will doubtless come when the enthusiasm of German Christians will demonstrate itself in a more practical manner, and when, with holy emulation, they will insist upon sharing to a larger degree than heretofore the honour of supplying the Word of God to the people of their fatherland.

One of the colporteurs in this district gives the following graphic account of the experience of a musician, to whom, some years ago, he had sold a Polish Bible. The man upon recognising him upon a recent occasion related to him these incidents of his eventful life:—

"Many years ago I bought a Bible of you. When I came home at night from weddings, dancing-rooms, and balls where I had been paid for playing, I generally found a little time before going to bed to read in the Bible, and of a morning when I had nothing to do it was my chief delight. I soon began to feel a great difference between the teaching of my book and the teaching of my church. The whole matter of the soul's salvation seemed so simple when I read such texts as 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me.' I also saw soon that the first Christians had the Sacrament administered to them in both forms. I found no trace of prayer to the Virgin Mary or to the saints. My Bible and my church seemed to become more and more divergent day by day, and I became wretched. With my Bible in my hand, I went to the priest. I asked him to explain my difficulty. He told me if he did it would be of no use, for I should be too stupid to understand him. I said, "To me the *Bible* seems to speak plainly enough." I quoted him a few texts, and added my difficulty was not to understand the Bible, but to reconcile what it says with what the church says. Hereupon he became confused, took out his snuff-box, and offered me a pinch, I declined the snuff, saying that what I wanted was instruction. He then said that I was getting mad indeed—probably was mad already. He turned upon his heels, and left me where I was. Stage by stage the Gospel became clearer to me. I renounced Rome, and became a Protestant. Moreover, I could no longer pursue my worldly calling. I gave up playing in places of amusement, and now gain my bread in other and better ways.

AUSTRIA.

Here the issues have been 138,327 copies. Mr. Millard, the Agent, gives a very satisfactory account of his employés. The men and the Book witness to the same truth and honor the same Lord. One of them is a remarkable instance of the distinguishing grace of God. A Croat by birth, and in heart a bigoted Roman Catholic, so given was he to idolatry that he built an altar in his own hut, where he might bow down to the Virgin and in his ignorance plead with her to mediate between his soul and God. He was, however, mercifully brought into contact with a colporteur, of whom he bought a Bible and there learnt that 'there is one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,' and that 'there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.' Cheerfully did he yield himself to Christ, and Mr. Millard having marked his consistent conduct under heavy trials during a whole year, gladly enlisted him in the ranks of his colporteurs and sent him forth to work in the Lord's vineyard. Two of the colporteurs connected with this district were men who volunteered (when Rauch came to so untimely an end in the Tyrol) to face the danger which he encountered, and continue his work. Their resolve was not unattended with danger, but they had faith equal to the emergency, and as was their day so was their strength. They found no evidence to implicate any in the guilt of his death, but they met with many traces of the benefits of his life. The lips of the poor blessed him and many a cottage glowed with the light of that Truth which he had been the means of shedding there.

From Hungary, a colporteur writes:—

"On Friday the Rouman priests held their Synodal meeting. I was not slow to avail myself of this opportunity, and posted myself, with my knapsack filled to the brim, at the office door of the bishop's residence and there, waited until the gentlemen came out one by one. They much admired my books, and I was permitted to hear many a friendly word from their lips. At last an aged dignitary issued forth, a giant in size, with an immense beard. He took hold of a Bible, and turning over the pages thoughtfully, he said, 'addressing himself to his younger colleagues:—'Ah! if it were not for this book, not a soul in the world would know anything of the truth. God be praised for the gift of this Holy volume.' He then ordered four copies, requesting me to deliver them at his room in the inn. There I was favoured with an interview of two hours, occupied chiefly with the great topics of the salvation of God wrought through Christ; and I left the venerable man with a heart full of praise.

At P. during the market the Magyars and Roumans showed their great joy at the Word of God. A Rouman woman approached our stand with her son, and bought a New Testament, and when the boy

read to his mother the story of the birth and death of Christ, she took the book and reverently kissed it in the sight of all the people.

Although the Roumans are so poor here that they are almost starving, yet most of the copies sold are in Rouman. It is delightful to see with what warmth of feeling these people accept the Word of God. In this respect they distinguish themselves very favourably from the German Roman Catholics, who can indeed for the most part read, but do not buy because their priests have forbidden them."

The following incidents are not without their interest:—

"In a town in the south of Hungary a colporteur saw a poor crippled little fellow, a beggar, sitting in the market place, a small prayer-book in hand, from which he read aloud to passers-by, who then would sometimes drop their coppers into his cap. 'Can you read, my boy,' asked the colporteur, prompt to seize opportunity by the forelock; 'here is a book for you, showing him a Psalter. 'Would not that be a nice book for you to read?' After a little examination the beggar boy asked what it cost; and when he heard 15 kreuzers, he counted over the coppers in his cap; there were only 12. 'It is all I have,' he said, beseechingly. The colporteur could not withstand this appeal. The bargain was struck, and as he went his way the boy's voice rang clear over the square as he read the soul-quickenings accents of the Psalmist.

One of the men met a Jew, to whom he had sold a New Testament some years ago. The son of Abraham told him he had three times thrown away the book, and three times he had gone back to it again. At last to get rid of the spell, he sold it. But there was, he said, something in the volume that attracted him irresistibly, and now he felt inwardly compelled to buy another copy.

The same colporteur visited the birth-place of the well-known Jewish missionary, Stern, in North Hungary, and found there a number of Israelites under serious apprehensions of the truth of the Gospel, and he was able to sell a number of New Testaments among them."

POLAND.

The issues at Warsaw have been 18,000 copies. The Depositary there writes:—"A few weeks ago a warder of one of the prisons in town came to the Depôt for ten New Testaments. Some pardonable curiosity was felt to know what these books were wanted for in such a place. The prisoners, it was said, felt such a wish for them that the Government Inspector had resolved on putting a copy in some of the cells, and this had arisen from the following circumstance: A few months ago a man was brought to the prison charged with some serious offence, but in spite of his critical position he seemed to be of good cheer. On his being searched, as every prisoner is when brought into the house, a

small New Testament was found on his person, but at his earnest request he was permitted to keep it. Afterwards he was continually reading it. At first his fellow-prisoners had many a joke about this 'holy man' who pretended to be so 'pious,' but that made very little impression on him. On the contrary, by-and-by he asked his unhappy companions whether they would allow him to read to them, and, wonderful to say, his reading had such an effect on these hard hearts, that he was afterwards repeatedly desired to go on with it, and this he gladly did. 'We were all well satisfied,' added the warder, 'for we used to have much trouble with the prisoners, as they quarrelled and fought, but now they sat and talked in quite an orderly manner. The man, who through his reading introduced this change, was finally acquitted, but when he quitted the house, he left his precious book in the charge of his less fortunate companions in tribulation. It was really touching when he took leave, to hear what he said to his former companions. He told them he would leave his book with them, upon condition that they would promise to read it themselves as well as to others who might be brought into this doleful place. This Testament would show them the true, the only way to liberty and a happy life.'"

ITALY.

The circulation here amounted to 41,194 volumes. This shows a slight increase on the issues of the previous year, but falls far short of the requirements of the population if they were willing and able to read the Word of God. In some parts of the country, as in Umbria and the Romagna, ignorance and hostility are still in the ascendant, whilst in others a better spirit is being manifested, and the colporteur is welcomed even when the priest opposes his sales. By far the larger portion of the population are utterly unconcerned about religion. From time to time thoughtful men discuss the question in the public journals, but for the most part they miss the mark. They do not yet know the power of Divine Truth, neither have they learnt the value of that Book which can alone exalt their nation, or consolidate its liberties, or render its people virtuous and happy. It is, however, gratifying to find that the Gospel is being preached in ten different places in the city of Rome, and that as rapidly as thirst for truth is created, the Bible Society is at hand to supply the want.

That encouragement is met with the following shows:—

A Colporteur states a few days ago there died a young man who had bought a New Testament from me, and with whom I often had long conversations. When at the point of death, this youth was besieged by the parish priest and others, who wished him to confess. He asked to be left alone for an hour, and at the end of that time he told them he had confessed his sins to God, and felt sure that he was pardoned for Jesus Christ's sake. Soon after he expired.

Giovanni Lebbolo who continues his valuable labours to the west of Lago Maggisre, frequently expresses his satisfaction at the progress which the truth is making in his district. He lately wrote:—

It is with pleasure that, conversing as I do with all classes of the people on my journeys, I can say that a religious awakening seems to me to be not far distant. Zealous Christian missionaries are much needed, men filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, to travel about the country sometimes with the colporteurs who would take them where the good seed of the Word has been scattered for many years. I thank God heartily for what I am able to do, but after all I am only a weak instrument. Another thing that consoles me is that I have the firm persuasion that the Scriptures are not now destroyed as was so often the case formerly, but read more or less with care. It is my joy to see augmenting the number of Bible readers, and also I trust of the doers of the Word. I might give many proofs of this, but will now mention only one. Three years ago I sold a Bible to a brigadier of the Gendarmes at a place in Valsesia, and whenever we meet he speaks of the pleasure he takes in the perusal of his Bible, and he is also a witness for Christ before others. The men under him are provided with a Bible or New Testament, and they willingly receive me when I visit them.

Another colporteur states that “when at Bormio I showed a New Testament to a woman dressed in black, who said that before buying it she wished to know what it contained. I told her it was the New Testament, as she had not her spectacles with her I read as we walked along the 5th chapter of Matthew, with which she was delighted. She thankfully purchased the Book, for she said she had long wanted it, and did not know where to get it. I read to her also the 15th of Luke. She thanked God for having met me, and having reached a church said she must go in to give thanks to the Almighty for what she had received. I let her go without remark, for St. Paul said, ‘To the weak became I as weak that I might gain the weak,’ and I remembered that when first I began to read the Scriptures I would have thought it very strange if any one had told me I ought not to go into a Romish Church.”

SPAIN.

The sales effected have been considerably in advance of the previous year's. They have numbered 54,545 copies; and there have been distributed gratuitously 2,748 more, making the whole above 57,000 volumes. Fourteen colporteurs have been at work. That good is being done the following extract from a letter from Xeres shows:—

“Often and often we remember your Society at our prayer meetings, and ask God to bless its work. The cheap Bible is a great boon to this country, which so long has been sunk in superstition and spiritual darkness. Some people doubt the advisableness of circulating

the Scriptures among every class of people, and especially without notes. They say it is all very well to do so in Protestant countries, where every one knows what the book is about, and has it explained either at family worship, school, or Bible class, but what is the use of doing it in places where the majority of the people never heard of it, and have no one to explain it to them? To such objectors I would say what Philip said to Nathaniel, 'Come and see.' The great truth, that the Bible is its own interpreter is being daily confirmed by the facts we meet with in towns and villages, where no preacher's voice has yet been heard. Here is a remarkable case that came under my notice:—A few months ago a field labourer from A——called on me; he announced himself as a brother in Jesus. After the usual salutations he told me that he had just come to Xeres on foot, as work had been offered him on a farm for a few weeks, and hearing there was a Protestant Church and pastor in the town, called upon me to make the acquaintance of a brother in the faith. We at once entered into religious conversation, and he surprised me with the clear views he had on the all important question of man's salvation. I asked him to tell me under whose ministry he had sat. 'Ministry,' said he, 'you are the first minister I have ever seen. I have never entered a Protestant Church in my life.' 'How is it you know these doctrines which are so contrary to what you have learnt from childhood and see practised daily in your village?' 'I abandoned the errors of the Church of Rome, because I cannot find anything of what she teaches in God's Word. I saw that unless I was born again I could not be saved, and so I made it a matter of prayer, and now I know I am regenerated, I am in the light. Jesus promised His Spirit to those that asked Him, so I asked Him to enlighten me while reading his precious book, and I find my way very clear.' 'How did you get a Bible,' I asked. He told me that several years ago, a colporteur went to his village, and he bought a Testament from him, a small gilt London edition, and made it his special study and constant companion from that very day; he always carried it in his pocket. He showed me the book, and I can truly say a more thumbed one I have never seen; the pages were as brown as his sunburnt face. He told me that since he has become acquainted with the Truth, he has collected a small congregation to whom he reads it, and with whom he meets for prayer, one day in the house of one, and another day in that of another; that when he is labouring in the fields, the time that is allowed him in the middle of the day for a siesta, he employs in collecting around him his comrades, and reading to them out of his dear companion. He is a living concordance to the New Testament, for he can turn to any passage you may mention at once. I have no doubt he will be a blessing to his fellow-villagers.

To-day I have met with a similar case, in a carpenter from S——l.

These are a few instances out of many that will in time come to light. Let us therefore labour for the spreading of God's Word and leave it to Him to bless it, for He will do so."

Passing over PORTUGAL, where the issues were 5,076 volumes; DENMARK, where they were above 28,000; NORWAY, where they were above 38,000; and SWEDEN, where they were above 92,000, we come to

RUSSIA.

The circulation effected both in the north and in the south of this vast empire, is reported as having been about 303,000 copies. In the Transcan provinces colporteur Streike is the only one whose labours extend over the whole year. and he has effected a sale of 5,040 volumes. Mr. Watt thus refers to his work:—

Something of Streike's undertaking may be understood when it is stated that, among other places, he visited Vendenno, Shamyl's stronghold, where, only twenty years ago, this mountain chief set Russia at defiance, and actually received back his eldest son and a ransom of Rbl. 40,000 for two Georgian princes which he had captured in a raid on Georgia. Streike's sales in this Tartar place, chiefly, however, to the Russian soldiery, were 63 copies. He writes: 'In Vendenno I have only sold for Rbl. 25 (over £3). I have done my best; there is not a house in which I did not offer the Scriptures. My sales are not large, and owing to the badness of the roads travelling is very difficult. I cannot ride with my boxes, I must always go on foot, the horses scarcely being able to get through the mud. It is also very dangerous to travel after dark, robberies not being unfrequent. This week a man and his wife were murdered on the road to Grosni, and only last night a man was plundered by Tartars of all he had. How necessary it is to bring God's Word among this people! They also seem very willing to buy, but the dialect of our Tartar Scriptures is not understood. Copies were shown to the Mullah but even he could not read them.' In Temir-Khan-Shura the capital of Daghestan, Streike met with encouraging success, a hearty welcome and friendly co-operation from the Russian priest, but, on the other hand, threats and denunciations were the reception accorded him by the spiritual leader of the Armenians, he even forcibly retaining several copies of Armenian Scriptures to send to his superiors, along with a complaint against our work.

A Protestant Armenian, who was well recommended, has been employed since October at Baku with a view of selling the Scriptures on the shores of the Caspian, from Petroffsk to Leukoran. No full returns have yet been received, but his weekly journals show that the Tartar and Persian Scriptures are in demand, and that the Molokans have invited him to visit their villages.

The population in these provinces is very mixed. Mr. Watt gives an interesting description of them. He says:—

The members of the Russo-Greek faith include the Georgians and part of several kindred tribes, such as the Mingrelians, Imeritians, Ossetees, and others. At the extreme western frontier, but on the Turkish side, towards Kars, a considerable number of Georgians, estimated variously at several hundred thousand souls in number, are located. These have all become Mahomedans, and would seem to be in a very low moral and religious condition. Their language has already so far become corrupted that they scarcely understand the Georgian as spoken at Tiflis. The dissenters—Molokans—numbering nearly 50,000 were banished to the Caucasus from various parts of Russia for heresy, and have by industry and frugality acquired material wealth, and a good name for integrity and sobriety.

Although rejecting everything in the form of fastings, images, crucifixes, &c., and professing to adhere to the true word of God, many extreme views are prevalent among them, and they are perhaps scarcely less accessible to the simple truths of the Gospel than they whose communion they have left. Nearly all can read, but the Scriptures in the vernacular are by many rejected and even the more modern characters of the Slavonic editions published by the Synod, are taken exception to as an innovation derogatory to the sacredness of the Word of God. One section of them—the Doakobortsi—would seem to resemble the Shakers, while another are the Soubotniki, or Sabbath-observers, who have become Jews. They keep the Jewish Sabbath, try to learn Hebrew, refuse to acknowledge the New Testament as God's Word, and have introduced the rite of circumcision. Others, again, have found Christ of the Gospel, and not only at Tiflis, but also in different villages along the Volga, meetings in almost every respect resembling English prayer-meetings, are held, in which the Scriptures are read and explained, and an earnest desire evinced to worship God in spirit and in truth.

TURKEY.

The condition of this empire is desperate. Famine in one region, and war and pestilence in others, with the help of misgovernment have brought about this result. The issues of the Scriptures were above 27,000, and the sum £916 sterling received from sales, among a starving and plague-stricken population, is a striking testimony to the value set on the Word of God in spite of all hindrances. Even among Moslems, and the Ulemas, or doctors of their law, a desire to be acquainted with the Scriptures has appeared. And others, as unlikely as these, are at times found accessible. A colporteur in Herzegovinia writes:—

He had as his travelling companion, in the same wagon, the Prior of the Trappist Monastery in Banyalooka. It is well known that the Trappists are the severest order of ascetics in the Romish Church, eat-

ing no flesh, nor drinking wine, sleeping always on a hard bed, and wearing their coarse woollen habit on their bare body

In the course of conversation, during the two or three days that they travelled together, Tabory related to his companion the story of his own conversion, and confirmed his views by quoting many passages of Scripture, so that the prior fairly admitted that he was led to doubt the correctness of his position, and proposed to talk no more about religion. But he was unable to keep silence, and was continually starting objections, the replies to which he could not in courtesy refuse to hear. Not only so, but he patiently waited while Tabory stopped for a little by the way in the villages through which they passed, to offer the Scriptures for sale. He most nearly lost his temper when he heard Tabory expose the sin of worshipping men and women, and of seeking their intercession, to the dishonour of the one Divine and divinely ordained Mediator between God and men. He threatened Tabory with a box on the ear, but soon after acknowledged that he had erred, and had the worst of the argument. He himself condemned the principles and proceedings of several religious orders; But when urged with the conclusion that, since these orders had been expressly approved of by his church it could not be infallible, a conclusion which Tabory further supported by referring to the rival Popes at the time of the Council of Constance, who cursed each other and their priests, he only replied that Tabory did not understand that dogma, and that he was too tired for long talk. On reaching Saraievo, the prior lodged at the house of the Austrian consul, and after celebrating mass on the following day, called at Tabory's house. To while away the time till Tabory, who happened to be out, should return, he read several chapters of a Croatian New Testament, which he afterwards bought. They parted with mutual respect, your colporteur offering a secret but fervent prayer, that the truth he had endeavoured to communicate might be blessed to his interesting fellow traveller.

Passing SYRIA and PALESTINE, where the circulation has been above 2,000; and EGYPT, where, also, it has exceeded 2,000 copies; and ABYSSINIA, where persecution has been trying the faith and patience of those who had received the truth from the reading of the Scriptures; and other parts of AFRICA; and Madagascar; and Mauritius, where a large amount of work has been accomplished; we come to

INDIA.

The work, in connection with the six Auxiliaries here, proceeds satisfactorily. Their aggregate issues were 195,000 copies; and their colporteurs in all numbered 135. Missionary itinerancy in certain quarters is still practised, and attended by a good deal of encouragement. The revision of several translations is also being proceeded with. That of the Telugu Bible has been greatly delayed in conse-

quence of the departure from India of two of the members of the revision committee. Four new members have been lately appointed, and it is hoped the work will now proceed rapidly. A great loss has been sustained at Bombay, by the death of Dr. Wilson, who had for 47 years given important aid to the Society.

The reports of the missionary itinerants are very interesting and encouraging. One of them writes:—

“I found many of the people were Mussulmans, but they seemed to know very little of their professed religion. I got two of them to read aloud to a crowd of people portions of the Psalms and one of the Gospels, which they did very willingly, interposing now and then in the course of their reading approving remarks on what they read.

Intelligent men amongst them seem to regard the decay of their own religions and the spread of Christianity as settled matters. This is not, of course, the result of any sincere convictions on their part of the truth of Christianity, but they regard Christianity as part of that new state of things which must, they think, necessarily take the place of the ‘old ways.’ The Babus who receive their education in Calcutta and Berhampore, and who belong to the above mentioned towns, are doing not a little to unsettle the old beliefs of the people. Most of them, after having been a session or two at school or college, return to their homes with little or no belief in the religion of their fathers; and while the majority of them have fallen into a state of religious indifference, some are found very favorably disposed towards Christianity. In the town of Baduria I met with a number of devout and earnest Christian men, who expressed a strong desire to be baptized. They had been reading the Bible for many years, and I was surprised to find they had a very intelligent apprehension of the way of salvation, although they had received but little help beyond their private meditations on the Scriptures.”

Another reports the following:—

“*Encouragements.*—1. A person who had heard the word in one village, followed the preachers to the next village, and applied for baptism, requesting them, at the same time, to visit his household, who were all ready to confess Christ with him. He was asked to see them in Calcutta, where arrangements would be made. 2. The people appeared to be more disposed than they had been two years back, to hear, if not to acquiesce in, the Word of God. The preachers met with opposition only from two individuals—one, the brahmin head of an exclusively brahmin village, and the other, a brahmin pleader, who pretended to be a Mohammedan, but the sympathies of the rest of the congregation were in both cases effectually with the preachers. 3. The people were remarkably candid in the part they took in the conversation or in the discussion, and there were only three

instances in which there was an attempt at cavilling. 4. Not only in bazaars, where it is not uncommon, but also in private houses, women sometimes formed part of the audience, and on one occasion an elderly woman took part in the conversation in the presence of her father. 5. In all the villages the preachers met with some one or other who assisted them materially in seeking out those who might meet together and hear the Word of God. 6. The preachers were, in several instances, invited to shops, private houses, and bazaars. In one instance people came to them from a village more than a mile off, and requested them to visit it. In four instances meetings were called by the people in due form, the zemindars assisting in the movement, and the gatherings were numerous and respectable. 7. The preachers were in some places requested to stay longer than they had intended; indeed, on one occasion they were overtaken just as they were preparing to start. 8. Although the sale of books was unusually small, the people having already been supplied with them, in most cases gratis, yet there were cases in which not a few sought out the preachers for copies of the Scriptures, and when visited afterwards, gave evidence that they had been reading the books they had bought. Some were drawn to buy a book after they had heard certain portions of it read to them."

The Rev. Mr. Lambert, of Benares, relates an incident which shews the influence of the Scriptures on the minds of men far removed from direct Christian intercourse:—

"On our arrival at a certain village we were accosted by a man who caused us considerable surprise by the intelligence and pointedness with which he questioned us on many subjects, such as the government of the country, the social condition of the people, and chiefly on the distinguishing characteristics of Christianity as opposed to Hinduism. He showed such a thorough acquaintance with the last of these points, that we asked him where he had obtained so much information. His answer was, that for several years he had been in the habit of reading our Scriptures. On asking him where he had learned to read, he told us he had been taught in the Mission school at Mirzapore under Dr. Mather.

While this conversation was going on, some people, Kshatries from a neighbouring village, came, and paid their respects to the man in that deeply reverential style customary amongst the Hindus towards their priests only, and, in return, he gave them the blessing which the priest only gives to his people. We at once inquired the cause of all this, when it came out that the man was the only priest and spiritual guide of the residents, both in his own and several other villages around them; and now, to our great astonishment, he began to explain to the people standing round who we were. He said that we

had come to teach them those very doctrines of religion which he had learned from our Scriptures, and which, having commended themselves to his own judgment, he had pressed upon their notice and attention. He did not hesitate to assure his hearers of his conviction that the truths contained in the Gospel were the true principles of religion, and that the God of the Bible was the God to be worshipped and feared. After having spent a couple of hours with them, we departed, glad to find the Word of God doing its own quiet unobtrusive work through the village priest.

Taking Ceylon, where above 2,000 volumes were circulated under more hopeful circumstances than usual; and Malaysia and Burmah, where there is more inquiry after truth than before, we come to

CHINA.

Here colportage is not now, as it was once, a sufficient test of the progress of our work, which is assuming a different aspect through the co-operation of missionaries. Colporteurs have in many parts of the empire been the pioneers, but now that missions are extending their agency, missionaries are to a great extent taking up the work which the Bible Society initiated. They itinerate through the country, and besides preaching the Gospel sow the good seed of the Word in a printed form, and by insisting upon the book which they distribute being sold and not given, they leave behind them some testimony to God's love which is more likely to be lasting in its character than their own words, however fitly spoken. Through every agency then, as far as they have been traced, the issues within the limits of this vast empire have amounted to 100,761 volumes.

In a letter from the Rev. R. Gordon, of Amoy, interesting notices are found of the zeal and earnest devotion with which some native Christians have pleaded the cause of Christ with their fellow-countrymen. Of one who has since passed to his rest, he writes:—

We have had to mourn over the death of our worthy agent in the Chinchow region. Gui was an active zealous labourer in the Master's vineyard. I have some very pleasant recollections of a short evangelistic tour I made with him not long since among the villages around the city of Chinchow, when I was greatly delighted with the warm, hearty manner in which he spoke to his fellow-countrymen of the blessings of the gospel of Christ. After a short illness, which we little thought was to prove fatal, he has entered, we doubt not, into the joy of his Lord.

Of another he says:—

One of these men is particularly hearty in his work, and has been of the very greatest service to us in extending our work in a region where we have not yet been able to do much. I expect to pay a visit to

this district soon, and I believe I shall have the joy of receiving several new members into the Church, the fruits very much of this man's labours. I have just been reading some pages of his diary for the past year, and it almost looks like reading a chapter in the life of the Apostle Paul, so full is it of signs of earnest self-denying efforts in the Master's work. I am sure we cannot be too thankful for having such devoted workers alongside of us in the great task of evangelizing this vast empire

In JAPAN it is, with the Bible Society, still a day of small things. In AUSTRALIA, and NEW ZEALAND, under the superintendence of Mr. Backhouse, matters are very much as formerly reported. In the

SOUTH SEA ISLANDS,

the eagerness to possess the Scriptures, which has for some time characterized many of the nations, is continued. For example, the Rev. J. Chalmers in applying to your Committee for a fresh supply of Scriptures, mentions as many as nine neighbouring islands, with a population varying from 2,300 to 200, which are still insufficiently supplied with the Word of God. As regards Rarotonga itself, he reports that the interest in Bible instruction increases, for that it is the one Book which the natives never tire of reading. It is read in nearly every house, morning and evening, and not a few employ their leisure time in the middle of the day in poring over its sacred pages. Willingly do the people spend hours with their pastors in its study, and during the last few years Bible classes for young men have greatly increased. He adds that in many homes there is a Bible for each member of the family, and that as soon as the newly-arrived cases were opened, there was a rush made to obtain possession of the precious treasure, in which both young and old vied with each other. So thoroughly do the people reverence the Bible, that a simple reference to its pages always settles any controversy. The Rev. W. Gill, writing on this subject, says:—'The permanency and wonderful success of our Pacific Missions has been, under God, due to the early translation and wide diffusion of the Bible among the islanders. A fresh consignment of 3,222 copies has been sent out.

From Niue, Mr Lawes writes, the natives are greatly pleased with the new edition of the Scriptures sent to them. He adds, but you will be anxious to know something of the influence of the Book upon the hearts and lives of Niueans. You already know of the triumphs of the Gospel in this, but until lately, heathen land—how the savage islander, whom no man could tame,' touched by the story of redeeming love, is now 'sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.'

Great and marvellous is the change wrought by the Holy Spirit, through the Word of God. Very much of equally real and important work remains to be done. I refer to the influence of Bible truths on society, on the government of the land, and in the development of a higher Christian life in the Church. In those particulars we think that we can report progress.

Formerly the island was divided by constant wars, the people on one side had no dealings with those on the other side. Now peace everywhere prevails. The people were all thieves, and until recently, stealing was very common; some of the natives were perfect adepts in the art. Now we hear very much less about theft, &c. To give one example:—Some three years ago a brig in the Sydney trade struck upon our reef, and being an old craft she was completely disabled. The cargo, chiefly Manchester goods, was landed, not in bales, but unpacked, and stored for nine months in houses secured *only* by the law of the land, yet at the time of re-shipping not an article was missing. On the night of the wreck \$40 in cash were lost, having dropped out of a bag in transit from cabin to galley. Some Niue boys on board picked up some of the dollars, but only a few were brought on shore, and it is very doubtful if they stole more money than was found in their possession. Yet the rulers paid the trader the \$40 in full, and punished the offenders.

I merely mention stealing, but the voice of the better part of society is equally loud against many other sins which in former days were universal.

Law has long been established here, very primitive and crude. Yet the fact of its existance in any form tells of the leavening influence of the Bible. The rulers and judges are trying to improve their government, and this year have begun to write out a code of laws.

But to speak of the more direct results of the written and preached Word of God. Out of a population of 5,000, some 1,450 profess to love and follow the Saviour, whilst 152 are in the enquirers' classes. Every year some few wanderers are gathered into the fold of the 'Good Shepherd,' and others, who after having declared themselves disciples of the Lord, have fallen into sin, with grief and shame return to seek a name and a place amongst the people of God.

Niue Christians are still for the most part children in the faith and service of Jesus Christ; but they are growing in knowledge and in faith, and in spiritual strength. However slow may be the growth, we look upon it with joy, as an evidence of Divine life in the soul, which shall continue to increase, until its subjects attain 'unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.' They partake with joy of the Gospel feast, and work and pray that others may share with them the Bread of Life. Hence they contributed last year £250 sterling for missionary purposes.

From the FIJI ISLANDS, comes the account of terrible sickness, under which sufferers found comfort in the Word of God.

Mr. WEBB writes :—

Those who have had Bibles have been making use of them to a greater extent perhaps than ever, for a fearful scourge has come upon this land in the shape of measles in their most malignant form, and laid down the whole population with illness, carrying away a large proportion. Visiting daily the huts and houses, I have been called to observe how much the people were consoled by the blessings of religion, their minds stayed by prayer, and their hours of sickness comforted by God's Holy Word. So universal was the pestilence that it seemed as though every Fijian in the village where it appeared was stretched down by it at once. Teachers and native ministers were alike ill, and there was often no one to bury the dead, and pastoral visitation of the sick was out of the question in a large proportion of cases. The missionaries were overworked, their own families and servants were ill, and they could not possibly meet the spiritual wants of the large districts of which they have the oversight. The natives thus to a great extent were unavoidably left to themselves, and then it was cheering indeed to find how blessed to them were prayer and the reading of their Bibles. They had heard God's Word read and preached for years in their churches, they had in their houses the Bibles which your Society has printed for them, and now, when they could no longer go to the sanctuary, nor could God's ministers reach them, they were able as they lay, to open their books and read for themselves, they could reflect on what they had once heard, and they found God as near to them in prayer in their deep distress as when they enjoyed the full ordinances of religion.

In looking back in my journal I find under date of 11th of March the following, among other cases :—Went to a wretched looking hovel on Bau, where a Tongan called Akariva (Agrippa) was lying. A man led the way into the hut, but came out again immediately, saying the place was so offensive that I would not be able to stand it. I stooped down outside and looked through the little doorway to where the young man was lying. 'Your body is weak indeed,' I said to him; 'but what about your soul?' 'My soul I entrust to the Lord,' he answered; 'I am left alone here, all the other occupants of this house have gone from me, and as I lie here alone I pray to Jesus, and keep on praying.' Oh! the sad, sad sight in that miserable den, and amidst the noisome smell, and yet it lightened up the gloom to see that the sweetness of Jesus' name softened the bitter lot. On going to another part of the town, and looking in at the door of one of the houses, I saw a sick man asleep with the Bible close by him on the mat; and in another house not far off was a sleeper whose Bible lay open at his back, as though

he had been reading it before he went to sleep. I have also gone un-awares into a house where several sick were lying, and found one man who was somewhat stronger than the rest sitting quietly reading the Bible to himself. It is interesting to observe the native girls in our household how fond they are of reading the Bible. Often when alone, watching by the beds of children, one of the Fijians will take her Testament and read it out to herself in an undertone, and on Sunday evenings the three will get together and read aloud, or by way of change will chant the Catechism, which is full of Scripture texts. God's words float through the house and out upon the night air with a pleasing cadence, and frequently come home with power to the listener. These exercises of theirs come spontaneously and of their own free will, no rule being laid upon them for doing this.

No one can overestimate the importance of placing the Scriptures in the hands of any people. The Book is there, a standing memorial of true religion, an easily accessible embodiment of Christian teaching. Teachers and missionaries may come and go, adorn or disgrace their profession, but *there* is the unchanging, unalterable Word of God, on which the people can fall back, and to which they can refer all questions of good or evil. Men's characters are changeable, and their teachings often one-sided, but the Scriptures are the same through all things, and by them is mission work anchored fast, and will certainly be permanent.

Passing over SOUTH AMERICA, where, in BRAZIL alone, the issues were above 10,660 copies, and over the WEST INDIES, where the Society's work remains very much as before, we come to

MEXICO,

concerning which we are told that the Rev. W. Parkes, who for three years has represented the Society in Mexico, has now returned home, and for the present at least the Mexican agency has been suspended. The missionaries stationed in the country are chiefly from America, and as it has seemed good to them to distribute the Scriptures gratuitously, whilst this society acts upon a different principle, selling at a reduced price, and only giving when poverty precludes the possibility of purchase, it became evident that the two systems could not be carried on simultaneously. The colporteurs had no chance of selling when the missionary offered the same book as a gift, and though many arguments may be used with more or less force in favour of what appears the more generous course, yet long experience in every country has shown that the Book when freely received is but little prized, whereas the same Book procured at the cost of some self-denial is treasured as at least of some pecuniary value, and that the efforts of the priests to induce the people to give it up are for the most part unavailing. The single Gospels on the other hand have been largely distributed by the

Society without payment, in the hope that the light and love which beamed from them would prove attractive to the hearts of those into whose hands they came, and that thus a thirst would be created for a more extensive knowledge of Divine Truth which would lead them to desire the possession of the whole Bible. Mexico is now in a very different condition to that in which it was found ten or twenty years ago. Education has made rapid strides since then, and whilst the greater proportion of the population that are of mature years are unable to read, the children for the most part have acquired the art and are disposed to exercise it. On meeting some twenty boys coming out of a school, Mr. Parkes offered a Gospel to any who could read it, and most of them when tested were able to claim the prize. During the last two months of his residence in the country Mr. Parkes made an experiment in the valley of Mexico with the results of which he was well satisfied. He thus refers to it:—

“That I might make a fair trial of this free distribution of the single Gospels, and gather all the information possible for the Committee, I gave about two months to this work, labouring during that time like the humblest of my colporteurs, going on foot and alone. I visited many villages and towns in the valley of Mexico. I found several places where a colporteur had never entered, and where the Bible was a totally unknown book, the reason being that our colporteurs had been alarmed at the danger which threatened them in such places. My experience in these last visits confirmed former impressions, that our colporteurs prefer chiefly to visit places where there may be some Protestants with whom they can confer, and from whom they may expect help in case of danger. So murderous are the fanatical Romanists when excited by their priests that one can hardly wonder at the fear of even the most conscientious colporteurs. To put the Word of God for the first time into the hands of simple people in these villages,—people who oftentimes had never even heard of such a book,—to answer their questions about the book, mingled now and then with enquiries about England, was to me a matter of great interest and great thankfulness. These journeys were sometimes dangerous, and after having been in one instance surrounded by a fierce mob who threatened to kill me, and in two or three other cases being in danger of stoning or other violence, I had to adopt great caution. I was determined, however, by God’s help not to give up till I had finished the task imposed on myself. Often there was less danger in places apparently the most dangerous. In one district known as the haunt of bandits and robbers, and against which I had been warned by friends in Mexico as too dangerous to visit, I found civility and safety. I went quietly from house to house, and all the Portions I took with me were gladly received. I promised to come a second time with more, but was unable to fulfil this promise. Second visits I found much more danger.

ous than the first. Oftentimes the parish priest had got to know of my visit, had seen the Portions, had warned the people against me as a dangerous heretic, and while some would keep their books and pay little heed to his suggestions, others would think they were doing a good work in molesting me and destroying the books should I make a second visit. Sometimes the Portions were burnt by the roadside, sometimes torn up in my presence, accompanied with fierce threats to myself. Some of these torn relics and burnt ashes I gathered up and brought with me as reminiscences of how Romanists hate the Bible."

In BRITISH NORTH AMERICA there are thirteen Auxiliaries, whose operations and contributions to the Parent Society are little changed from year to year.

THE UNITED STATES.

The Committee have received the fifty-ninth annual report of the American Bible Society, which is full of interesting details concerning the work in which the Society has been engaged during the past year. Sixty of these periods have now passed since as many men met together to lay the broad foundations of that vast super-structure which has since been raised up to the glory of God and for the benefit of mankind. One after another has been called home, and at last the survivor of them all has received his summons and entered into rest. The lesson drawn by our brethren from this fact, as well as from the recent loss of several managers and members of committee, is an important one for all to learn. 'The Book lives and exerts its mighty power in the world, but those who would do their part in circulating it must improve the present hour before their opportunity is gone for ever.' Twenty-one new auxiliaries have been formed during the year, but the receipts show a decrease of \$86,866.26, having amounted this year to \$577,569.80 against \$654,436 during the preceding year. The issues also show a decrease of 63,672 copies, and of 274,345 copies as compared with the year preceding that. Nevertheless, the managers of the Society are doing all in their power to supply the wants of their home population, and to extend the benefit of their labours to other lands.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The entire circulation here has been 694,140 copies, considerably more than formerly.

BIBLE WOMEN.—The London Bible and Domestic Female Mission reports a larger circulation of the Scriptures through the instrumentality of the Bible women than in any similar period. The number of copies sold within the year has reached a total of 12,269, and realized the sum of £1,659, whilst the number of subscribers yet to be supplied amounts to 7,124. When it is remembered that these Bibles are bought exclusively by persons in the lower ranks of life who must exercise some self-denial in procuring them, the mere fact of their purchase

encourages the hope that grace is working in the hearts of those who desire to know more of the mind and will of God. Mrs. Ranyard, however, is able to state that the spiritual results of the mission have been more marked than ever, and that in the abodes of vice and misery, which abound in the metropolis, many brands have been snatched from the burning. As has been before explained, the shilling a week which the Bible Society pays for each Bible woman is in return for the work of Bible distribution in which they engage so heartily; but Mrs. Ranyard shows that her Bible nurses not unfrequently find an entrance for the Book where the Bible woman has failed. Sickness is often the means by which God subdues the proud spirit and softens the hard heart, and a Christian nurse can then exercise an influence for good, the result of which will be known only in another world. Thus these various agencies act and react on each other.

IRELAND.

The Committee of the Hibernian Bible Society are enabled once more to give a favorable account of their work, which, during the past year, has been confined entirely to Ireland. The income of the Society from all sources has amounted to £4,362 10s. 10d., and the issues to 77,595 copies of the Scriptures, making the total issues since its formation 4,040,167. The value, however, of the Society's operations is not to be calculated wholly by statistics, though these are sufficiently encouraging. As the secretary observes, Ireland is the battlefield of great principles, it is one of the strongholds of Romanism in its most advanced type, and in proportion as the darkness which prevails over the land is dispelled by the light of God's Truth, that evil system which has so long been the bane of Christendom will be weakened throughout the world.

SCOTLAND.

The National Bible Society of Scotland has published its sixteenth Report from which it appears that the total free income of the Society has amounted to £13,740 8s. 7d., whilst £13,818 5s. 5d. have been received from the sale of Scriptures. The issues have amounted to 295,289, of which 175,468 have been circulated in the United Kingdom, 23,345 in the Colonies and British possessions, and the remainder in various foreign countries. The Society has doubled its income since the year 1867, and its directors look forward to the time when the present revenue will in its turn be considered as representing a day of small things.

CONCLUSION.

There are many points of view from which the blessings connected with the circulation of the Word of God may be seen to advantage, and fresh encouragement gathered from its wider diffusion throughout the world. But as objects in nature obtain greater prominence through

the shadow which skirts them and the gleam of light which plays upon them, so well-known truths present themselves at times more distinctly to the mind through the bolder relief into which they are brought by passing events, and the brighter light by which a gracious God condescends to make them manifest. Thus it is with the well-known aphorism that the Word of God is the only true palladium of a nation's liberty, and in the records of your Society may be found both the shade which gives it greater prominence, and the light which sheds upon it an increasing lustre. Systems of tyranny and despotism can only exist where the Bible is unknown or a forbidden book. It has long been the boast of England that her flag waves over none but the free, and that the fetters fall from the limbs of the slave so soon as his foot touches her shore. But what gave to her flag its power, or to her soil its virtue? Not the wisdom of her legislators, or the valor of her sons, or the justice of her laws, but her open Bible which her people read, and of which they imbibed the spirit. The law of God and the lawlessness of man are antagonistic forces which cannot co-exist. Let the Bible be free, and the nation will be free. Let the Bible be proscribed, and slavery is the result—not necessarily that bondage which enslaves the body, but it may be a more fearful bondage still, which leads captive the soul and casts the chains of priestly thralldom over the minds and consciences of willing but deluded victims. And here lies the secret of the prolonged opposition which all false systems offer to the circulation of the Word of God. There is no more powerful instinct than that of self-preservation, and the secret conviction that the Truth, though it may give life to the soul, must surely deal a death blow to the system, induces those who cleave to the false, to bar the entrance of the true, and to forbid its teaching.

If, then, additional testimony is needed to prove the importance of the work in which we are engaged, we are content to summon unwilling and even hostile witnesses, and out of the mouth of spiritual tyrants and by the acts of despotic rulers to prove that the Bible is the great emancipator of the world, and that wherever it circulates it creates an atmosphere which secures to the subject liberty, to the conscience freedom, and to the soul a ready access through one Mediator, and without the intervention of priest or confessional, to a loving God and Father in Christ.

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
OTTAWA AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, *held in the Dominion
Methodist Church, on the 7th March, 1877.*

GEO. HAY, Esq., President, occupied the chair.

The opening devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Moore.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Hay said—As year after year, the anniversary meetings of the Bible Society come round, and we find ourselves face to face as at present. I am more and more embarrassed by the responsibility of occupying the position of honor in which by virtue of your kindness, I am here placed.

On the one hand there appears so much which ought to be laid before you of the deepest import to the right appreciation of the subject under consideration, which is so important in itself, and in its operations so vast and so varied, and in its further prosecution involving so imperative a demand on our present efforts. And then on the other hand, the time at our disposal is so limited that, were I ever so competent for the task, it seems impossible to address you as befits the occasion, and one feels invariably constrained, simply to proceed to the business before us without a single prefatory remark.

The report has been carefully prepared by our respected and most efficient Recording Secretary, and contains a large fund of information, which I commend to your careful perusal when it reaches you from the hands of the printer, as from want of sufficient time to do otherwise, it has been decided that we content ourselves with a brief abstract which will be submitted for your approval.

A new feature in our local work, will, I feel sure, be regarded by you with gratifying interest. I refer to the employment during a large part of the year, of a Biblewoman, Mrs. Miller, who carrying the Scriptures from house to house, had been a welcome visitor to many a home in this city, where her sound counsel and substantial help, lightened burdens which pressed heavily on many a shoulder during the winter.

The period embraced in the report has, as you are but too well aware, been one of continued commercial depression throughout the bounds of our auxiliary, and consequently our operations have been somewhat lessened, especially among the shantymen. You will, however, be glad to learn that the income has not suffered such reduction

as might naturally have been anticipated. We have been enabled not only to meet all our own direct financial engagements, but are also in a position to send our usual contribution in aid of the funds of the Parent Society. For this result we would thank all our good and true friends who have in many cases at personal sacrifice contributed to bring it about, but above all "Let us thank God and take courage."

I must crave liberty briefly to refer to the parent society which, with undiminished energy and success, continues to prosecute its blessed work. As most of those who now hear me are aware, it was founded in London in the year 1804, for the purpose of promoting the circulation of the Sacred Scriptures through the world in all the languages of mankind. To accomplish a task of such magnitude, it was necessary to combine the efforts of Christians of every name. Accordingly, the constitution is so framed as to admit of the co-operation of all those who are favorable to the object of the Society, and as one of the intentions of holding these anniversary meetings is to enlist the sympathies of *all* Christians, it may not be amiss to state here that the committee who manage the affairs at headquarters, and who are 36 in number, are selected as follows:—Six from foreigners, resident in London and its vicinity; fifteen from the membership of the Church of England, and fifteen from the membership of other Christian denominations. Among those who occupy the honorable position of its Vice-Presidents are the two archbishops, and some thirty bishops of the Protestant Church of England. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, in his recent charge, speaking of the B. & F. Bible Society, said that thirty years ago, after serious reflection, he had become a member of it, and year after year he had been thankful that he had taken this step, and he recommended the younger clergy, who had their course still open before them, not to stand aside from co-operation in such an acknowledged good work as this great attempt to circulate the Scriptures of truth. Similar testimony as to the practical, evangelical catholicity of the Society might be presented from all sections of Protestant Christendom. There is scarcely a church or country on the face of the globe which has not felt its influence, either by its direct agency or by means of other agencies, which have drawn very liberal supplies from its storehouses of the "precious seed" as they have gone forth bearing it into the fields of their operation. It therefore possesses a claim, which cannot honorably be ignored, on the sympathy and co-operation of all who profess a belief in the teachings of the book which, "without note or comment," it aims to put within the reach of all mankind.

This would be still further manifest were it possible to specify the agencies which it employs, or to recount the result of their operations.

It employs printing presses not only in London, Oxford and Cambridge, but also in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, St. Petersburg, Rome, Madrid, Lisbon, Constantinople, Calcutta, Shanghai, and many other great centres. The average issues from the London depôt alone are about 5,000 a day; the aggregate issues of the foreign depôts are yet greater. The total issues since 1804, as reported at the last annual meeting in May, '76, were about 76½ millions of volumes.

At the time of its origin, the translations of the Bible were some fifty in number; at the present time there are 210 languages or dialects in which the society has promoted the printing, translation or distribution of the Scriptures; and in this work it has expended the sum of nearly forty millions of dollars.

We should be glad to refer to some of the details represented by these great numbers, but the time would fail us were we to recite even a few belonging to a single year. Were we to speak of our own laborers pressing the Book on the dwellers by the banks of the Ottawa, away in the back settlements, or up its tributary streams and lonely lakes, among the workmen in the far distant shanties, the hundreds of suffering Servians lying wounded in hospitals, of the colporteur with his load of bibles among the by-lanes of sunny France, or among the swarming streets of Canton and Calcutta, often under discouragements from solid ignorance and scowling fanaticism or sneering infidelity. We ought to tell of the depôt window of Trieste, in Austria, with its monster placard, inscribed, "O, earth! earth! &c.," besieged with readers of the fresh page of the Bible, turned over day by day for their perusal, the only missionary agent now there for either Jew or Gentile or for our encouragement cull from the report accounts of the results of these labors which are truly wonderful, *e.g.*, of a torn scrap of the Book of Psalms accidentally picked up by a native of Madagascar, and leading finally to his conversion and devotion to the work of the ministry, and his present occupation in revising the book of Genesis, and who has otherwise proved the sincerity of his faith by the number and quality of his works. The lesson taught by such living epistles ought to be legible even to the blind.

To aid us in considering the claims of this great Society we are kindly promised the assistance of several friends who are to address us. I apologise for having already detained you so long, and will not further interpose between you and the pleasure we all anticipate in hearing them.

The Recording Secretary then read a brief abstract of the Report given above.

After an anthem had been sung, the Rev. Mr. PHILLIPS moved

THE 1ST RESOLUTION:

“That the report, an abstract of which has been now read, be adopted and printed under the direction of the committee; and that the following be the office-bearers and committee of the Society for the ensuing year.”

(For the list of these see page 8).

Mr. PHILLIPS said:—We meet here, as by and by we shall meet in Heaven, not as members of sects, but as Christians. Our zeal for the Bible’s spread, and the propagation of its holiness, has made us scale the denominational walls by which in other Christian work we seem in some measure sundered, and here upon a common platform, while eye meets eye, and hand clasps hand, our motto is, ‘One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren,’ and if this is gratifying to us, we know it is infinitely more pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Therefore, if ever on an assemblage of mortals He deigns to smile approval on their spirit and their purpose, He, this evening, that boon confers.

“High on His everlasting throne,
The King of Saints His work surveys;
Marks the dear souls He calls His own,
And smiles on the peculiar race.”

The resolution I have the honor of moving is a sufficient guarantee to this audience that the Christian enterprise we are met to promote, is a worthy one. The fact that it contains a list of names for its officers, which are clothed with all the advantage with which they can be adorned by intelligence of mind, grace of heart and wealth of pocket, is an indubitable assurance of its excellence. For good men do not espouse a bad cause, much less become its leaders. Wise men do not jeopardize their reputation for good sense by supporting ignoble institutions, nor rich men invest their gold in poor markets or depreciating stocks. What then must be the legitimate conclusion when this cause is espoused by such men? Surely that it is highly commendable and unquestionably worthy. To be identified with this society is, therefore, to get into good company, and the proverb says ‘show me the company you keep and I will tell you what manner of man you are;’ and ‘as a hint to the wise is sufficient,’ we may consequently expect that every lady and gentleman of this assembly will immediately associate themselves therewith, for the sake of the tribute it will pay to their reputations, indeed as a debt they owe, not only to themselves, but to humanity and God.

But, Sir, I might perhaps very properly be chided for even mentioning, as an incentive to action on behalf of a cause so benevolent and so philanthropic as this, any motives tinged or colored even in

the least degree, with the thoughts of selfish aggrandizement. Christian work always brings its own reward, for God has said, 'they that honor me I will honor;' but never should this honor be our motive for action. Others than ourselves—wants apart from our own—should be in our eye and in our heart, to see with pity and relieve with joy. And if you would, moved by love for God and touched with commiseration for men, scatter seeds of grace and mercy, the perennial harvest of which shall bloom beneath your eyes and ripen in fields afar, let this Society by you be generously sustained. For having as its benevolent object, the scattering of Bibles as leaves are scattered by autumnal winds, that all they which sit in the region and shadow of death, may, illumed by the light with which their pages glow, "arise and shine, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners;" therefore, every dollar contributed to its coffers, may become a wing of some gospel message, and carry to some benighted mind the glad tidings of great joy. 'By grace are ye saved *through faith*' saith the scriptures, 'but' asks the Apostle, 'how can they believe on Him of whom they have not heard,' for, he, adds, '*faith* cometh by hearing, and hearing by the *word of God.*' By these texts we see that without the *Word*, men cannot believe, and without believing they cannot be saved. And that every man and woman and child, from pole to pole, may have this precious book, and thereby learn and therein believe, this Society makes its strong appeal, and

" Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted
This lamp of life deny?"

God and humanity answer—No!

But here I must pause, not forgetting I was only called to move a resolution along with which my remarks were expected to be few. But, Sir, I know this cause for which our hearts are so warm, will not suffer in its interests because I hold my peace, for others have been brought from afar, who in 'thoughts that breathe and words that burn,' will present its claims. Trusting that the hearing ear and the understanding heart may be given unto all, and that in conjunction with the nominees for office, every individual in this assembly will

" Come, and with a grateful heart,
In this blest labor share a part,
Their prayers and offerings gladly bring
To aid the triumphs of our King."

I have very much pleasure in moving the adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Mr. CAMPBELL seconded the resolution, without giving an address, and it was then put from the chair and unanimously adopted.

Another anthem was sung, and thereafter the President introduced the Rev. Dr. DURYEA of Brooklyn, N.Y., who moved the

2ND RESOLUTION:

“That this meeting gratefully acknowledges the Divine Goodness which has secured for the British and Foreign Bible Society continued prosperity and success; and, believing the sacred Scriptures to be the inspired and only infallible rule of faith and duty, and indispensable to men’s well-being and happiness, it earnestly desires that all Christians, of every name, within the sphere of its operations, will unite heartily in helping that Society to maintain and extend its mission of mercy.”

Dr. Duryea * began by analysing the motion, with which he was charged. He pointed out that it contains a statement of duty, and the grounds on which our obligation to perform the same rests. The duty is to aid in the distribution of the Scriptures; and the reasons for this are that these Scriptures are inspired, and that they are our infallible directory. We are not asked to circulate the Bible with a view to pecuniary profit. This Society is not a commercial institution, paying dividends on stock, but is a purely benevolent organization. Its mission is one of mercy. Its aim is to give men the Truth needed for their guidance, well-being, and comfort—the Truth received from Heaven. We are thus brought face to face with the question of the inspiration of the Bible. The speaker then proceeded to argue, from the adaptation of our constitution and of certain first principles and ideas, which all of us entertain, to the material world, that there must be a corresponding adaptation between the moral and spiritual side of our nature and the moral and spiritual world. Men have aboriginal ideas as to the Supreme, as to right and wrong, as to retribution, and as to immortality: there must be facts corresponding with these ideas. We cannot think of ours as a *dual* nature so completely divided that the one half is cared and provided for, the other half neglected and starved. On the contrary, there are great realities announced to us, which fit in with the promptings and cravings of our minds and hearts: there is a personal God, and there is a way of return to Him; there is a heaven of blessedness to be sought after, and a hell of misery to be shunned. That an inspired book has been given us, facts show. In proof, the speaker appealed to the effects, which have been produced by it in the way of purifying, elevating, and ennobling the characters of individuals and communities. An examination also of the things re-

* It is matter of regret that it is now impossible to give a full report of Dr. D's. very able address. It was expected that he would furnish it in manuscript for publication; but numerous pressing engagements, on his return home, prevented him from writing it out, whilst it was still fresh in his memory. Only a few jottings can be now given, but these, it is believed, will be acceptable to friends at a distance.

vealed, or the contents of the book, shows its origin. For example, take the life of Christ, so original, so beautiful, so complete. The mere conception of such a life God alone was equal to. To suppose that a few fishermen invented it is to suppose what is incredible, and what would have been a greater miracle than any recorded. The only rational way of accounting for it is to regard it as described by eye-witnesses. Particulars in that marvellous life were pointed to by the speaker: as, for example, the testimony which was borne by Christ, before Pilate, concerning Himself—"I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." What words were these! What dignity! What glory! Then the apostolic epistles were glanced at. Some can see nothing notable in them. Perhaps the best reply to such is to ask them to produce another like them. The wise men of this Dominion assemble here for deliberation: let them just try, with their united wisdom, to produce such an epistle as that to the Ephesians, and after their utmost efforts they will fail. The time was when the discoveries of men of science, and the criticisms of the learned, were dreaded by the friends of truth. But that time is gone by. These timid Christians were like some who fancied they saw a ghost, but when they got nearer discovered it was but a snow-drift sheltered by a log-pile from the heat of the noon-day sun! It has been fully and conclusively established that whatever slabs with inscriptions they may exhume, or whatever discoveries they may make, they will certainly confirm, and not confute, the inspired records. We can thank them for all their researches: the more they are extended, the more is Scripture illustrated and corroborated. Sceptics find themselves in a very different position. They are very much in the condition of some of our learned men with an old fossil which they cannot account for. They are unable to tell whence it came, and how it is there: still it is there. So there are many great historical facts, which it baffles sceptics, on their theory, to explain. This book (holding up the Bible) is a fossil that perplexes them. The whole Jewish people, coming up from the hoary past, constitute also a pretty hard fossil for them to dispose of. They cannot tell us how it has been in the past that, when Nineveh, Babylon, Greece, and Rome, or other great nations, came into collision with the Jewish race, they speedily disappeared. They cannot tell us how these Jews remain a distinct people to this hour. But take the account the Scriptures give, and the difficulty vanishes. We are warranted to cherish the strongest confidence in the Divine authority of *this* Book. In that assurance let us persevere in doing our utmost to extend its circulation.

J. McDONALD, Esq., M.P., Toronto, seconded the resolution, which was cordially adopted.

Whilst another anthem was being sung, the collection was taken up, amounting to \$62.

Thereafter the Rev. Mr. FARRIES moved the

3RD RESOLUTION:

“That this meeting cordially approves of the Colportage and Bible-woman’s mission carried on by this Auxiliary; and that these operations may be continued and enlarged, it trusts that the branch societies and other friends, who have been in the past so helpful, will, in the future, and in an increasing measure, encourage and aid the Auxiliary by their kind sympathy and liberal contributions.”

Mr. FARRIES said:—

Mr. President and Christian Friends,

In moving the adoption of the resolution which I have just now read, I feel that for many reasons, it would be an improper thing to occupy more than a few moments of your time. The evening is now far spent; and you have already heard much that has been well and forcibly, and excellently expressed, and “still there is more to follow.” I will not, therefore, speak of the magnitude of the colportage work of this Auxiliary, nor of the watchful care, economy and efficiency with which it is conducted; nor will I detain you with any description of the deeply interesting and exceedingly hopeful “Bible Woman’s Mission” which has, during the past year, been inaugurated by this Auxiliary. The details of both these branches of the Auxiliary’s work will be found in the clear and able report of the Secretary. I call your attention to a few things contained in this resolution, whose adoption I have the honor and privilege of moving.

I. This resolution assumes that this meeting cordially approves of the colportage and Bible Woman’s Mission as carried on by this Auxiliary.

II. It is also assumed in this resolution that this meeting desires to see these missions maintained and extended. It is necessary that they should be *maintained*, that the work of the past may not be altogether lost. The lights that have been kindled in many a dark and destitute portion of our land by this Auxiliary, must be kept burning. Rather quench the lights that blaze along our watery highways to warn and guide our sailors whilst making their voyages, than let the light that warns and guides the voyager to eternity burn dimly or go out. The banner of the Lord Jesus which has been planted by this Auxiliary in many a Godless home and dark locality, in the very face of infidel indifference or papal tyranny, must not be lowered. The work *must* be *maintained*. And it is exceedingly desirable that it should be enlarged and extended. The field open to the Auxiliary is very large. It is not yet fully occupied. Indeed, the past efforts of

this Auxiliary, together with all the corresponding efforts of the different Evangelical denominations, have scarcely done more, as yet, than plant a few outposts on the dark realm over which Papal Rome wields her sceptre in our land. Dense masses, tens of thousands of our fellow-citizens, are yet the deluded victims of papal superstition and imposition. This work of giving the Bible, and of sending teachers to those thousands who dwell in darkness, *must* be enlarged. We dare not stand still: to do so would be to lose ground. When there is life there is growth. The destitute and perishing condition of these many thousands in our own land pleads for the speedy enlargement of these and kindred missions.

III. And hence in the third place, in a very modest way, this resolution asks not only for a continuance, but for an increase in the contributions of the Branch Societies and friends of this Auxiliary. This is the practical part of the resolution. And with respect to this request, it is well for us to remember that we are here asked to do: (1.) A work that belongs to us. The Lord has never placed his cause in such a relation to us as to warrant us, for a single moment, in regarding it as lying outside of our proper business. He makes it *our duty, our work* to maintain and extend it. We are not at liberty to choose whether we will *do* and *give* for His cause or not. By every obligation that rests upon His creatures, especially as His redeemed children, we are bound to labour and give for the advancement of His kingdom on earth. His command to every one who heeds his voice is, "Go, work to-day in my vineyard." And the law of His house is, "To *every* man *his* work."

(2). This is a *hopeful* work. Much has already been accomplished. Facts show that in both departments of the Auxiliary's work referred to in this Resolution, the labour has not been in vain. The seed sown, has in many instances found a lodgment in the hearts of men, and springing up there, has brought forth fruit to the glory of God. And the work was never more hopeful than at the present time. We should seize with vigour the golden opportunities that are now afforded us of carrying the Gospel into new regions.

(3). This is work which must finally be crowned with success. A vast array of promises and predictions, which are firm as the everlasting hills, proclaim that "All shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest;" that "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord," &c. This enterprise, therefore, of giving the Bible to those who have it not, cannot result in failure. Many enterprises, that foreshadow large and permanent success, end in ruin. Many things which seem stable and enduring, crumble and pass away. The thrones of earth totter and fall, but the throne of Christ is enduring. Many names of wondrous power fade from the recollections of men, and

perish from the history of the world, but the name of Christ becomes more bright, more loved as time rolls on:—

“ His name for ever shall endure ;
 Last like the sun it shall ;
 Men shall be bless'd in him, and bless'd
 All nations shall him call.”

Kingdoms are dismembered, shattered and pass away, but the Kingdom of Christ “is an everlasting Kingdom,” and with increasing power it is progressing in the world. Its boundaries widen, its subjects increase. The truths of the Bible are permeating more and more deeply the nations of the earth, and even now we descry in the Eastern horizon the bright flush which heralds the day, when breaking from the sky and pealing the air, and reverberating among the nations of the earth, the cry shall be heard, “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.” The progress of Christ's Kingdom, to our weak faith and impatient hearts, may seem slow, but He has plenty of time. “One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” Difficulties and obstacles lie across the path of progress, but what can withstand Omnipotence? The promises shall be fulfilled. The work of extending Christ's Kingdom on earth, must be crowned with success.

(4). It is a *work* which has its reward—its reward here and now—in the inward peace and satisfaction which its faithful performance gives—its blessed reward hereafter in the thrilling welcome with which Christ shall greet and welcome the faithful worker at last, “Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.” “They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever.”

WM. PATTERSON, Esq, M. P., of South Brant, without a speech, seconded this motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman then, on behalf of the Society, and amid hearty applause, returned thanks to the Rev. Dr. Duryea and other speakers for their addresses, to the Rev. Mr. Hunter and the Trustees of this Church for the accommodation so kindly furnished by them, and to the choir for their efficient services.

The Doxology was then sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Hunter.

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BRANCH SOCIETIES OF THE OTTAWA AUXILIARY.

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I—REV. J. D. McLEAN'S REPORT.

With regard to my visitation of the Branches of the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society assigned to me, I beg leave to Report as follows:—

The appointments as laid down on the Secretary's card, were regularly met, with the exception of the one for Admaston, of which no intimation had been given to the people, owing to some misunderstanding on the part of the secretary of the local committee. This appointment, however, I was enabled to overtake afterwards when on my way to establish a new branch at Eganville.

Throughout my tour an opportunity was given me of submitting the work and claims of the Bible Society to the notice of over twelve hundred persons. The attendance was, in the aggregate, somewhat larger than last year; but in some cases it was small and discouraging. At one meeting, for example, I had only fifteen persons present, and at three other places, the attendance ranged from twenty to twenty-six. If I except the meetings held upon the Lord's day, I may say that in no instance, perhaps, was the attendance what the anniversary of a Bible Society should be, or what I think it would be, if Christians truly and fully realized the moral grandeur and vast magnitude of the work sought to be accomplished. The average attendance, taking into account the meetings held upon the Lord's day, was about sixty.

New Glasgow, Fitzroy & Torbolton, Bryson, Coulonge, Front Westmeath, Beachburg, Cobden, Renfrew, Douglas, Pembroke and Alice, either had their contributions ready to hand over to me at the time of my visit, or have sent them in to me since my return home. At the other branches the office bearers promised to take up their collections and remit at an early date. How much better it would be, however, if all the branches had their work for the year completed at the time of the agent's visit! How much more satisfactory would such an arrangement be to the branches themselves, and what disappointment and trouble it would save the agent!

Notwithstanding the continued depression in trade, which has been severely felt throughout the Ottawa Valley, the contributions, so far as returns have been made, are in most cases larger than last year.

My work began with the New Glasgow branch. The meeting in connection with this branch was held this year in the Presbyterian Church at Stewartville. The attendance was fair, and I found that the

office bearers had completed their arrangements for the year, and were prepared to hand over their contribution, which I regarded as an average of what is usually given. My impression regarding this branch is that its field is, perhaps, too extensive to be thoroughly canvassed. A new branch might, I think, be successfully established, say at Castleford. The New Glasgow branch would then occupy and be able to canvass more thoroughly the field lying between Burnstown and Stewartville, and the new branch could take up the field between Castleford and Sand Point.

WHITE LAKE.—My meeting here was, in point of attendance, somewhat better than the one at Stewartville. The collections for the year had not all been handed into the Treasurer at the time of my visit. The report presented by Mr. Lindsay the Sec.-Tr., shewed diligence and faithfulness on the part of the office bearers of the branch. I had the presence and countenance at this meeting of the Rev. G. Bremner, who is always ready by word and act to advance the cause.

FITZROY & TORBOLTON.—The meetings in these places were very encouraging to your agent. The attendance was large notwithstanding that the nights were cold and stormy. J. Smith, Esq., of Torbolton, a warm friend of the Bible cause, ably presided at both meetings; and at Fitzroy I had the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Irvine, in whose church the meeting was held. The report read by the secretary shewed the affairs of the branch to be in a healthy state.

DIAMOND AND HUNTLEY.—The meetings here were small and somewhat discouraging. No collections had been taken up for the year. All I could do under the circumstances was to get the friends to promise to send out the collectors as soon as possible and remit the proceeds.

BRISTOL.—The anniversary of this branch was held in the Presbyterian Church and was well attended. The Rev. A. McLaren presided, and made some appropriate remarks. Mr. Day, one of the colporteurs of your Auxiliary, who was on his way to the shanties, was present with us and gave an address on his work in the shanties, which we all listened to with pleasure and interest. The collections in this branch are usually taken up after the agent's visit, but I trust the office bearers may see the propriety of having them taken up beforehand in the time to come.

PORTAGE DU FORT.—This meeting was not large, but a good spirit seemed to prevade it, the result of which will I trust be seen in the contributions when remitted.

BRYSON.—This was one of my best meetings, and the branch is in good working order. The office bearers I found to be efficient and zealous. Their contributions are always ready and liberal. The Rev. James Fraser, of the Presbyterian Church, conducted the devotional

exercises, and in addition to the agent's address, a French Protestant Missionary gave some very interesting particulars regarding the circulation of the Bible amongst the French Roman Catholics of the Province of Quebec.

COULONGE.—This branch is small, and necessarily so, from the fewness of the Protestant families embraced in its territory. But, though small, it is active and efficient. The meeting was a very pleasant one, and the report presented by the Secretary gave a very good record of the work done during the year.

FRONT WESTMEATH.—The meeting in connection with this branch was held in the Canada Methodist Church, and was well attended. The Rev. H. Fowler, who takes a very active part in the working of the branch, presided, and made some appropriate remarks.

BEACHBURG.—The night of my meeting here turned out very stormy and the attendance was consequently, much smaller than last year. The collections were not all taken up at the time of my visit. They have, however, been sent in to me since my return home. Addresses were given by the Rev. Mr. Follick, of the Canada Methodist Church, and the Rev. Mr. Duprau, of the M. E. Church, which were much appreciated.

ROSS AND COBDEN.—The meetings in these places were held on the Lord's day, and they were, as may be expected, the largest throughout my tour. After public worship I gave, in each place, a brief statement of the work of the Bible Society during the past and urged its claims upon their sympathies, prayers, and liberality. The contributions of Cobden were handed in to me and the people of Ross promised to send theirs without delay.

RENFREW.—The meeting of this branch was held in the Presbyterian Church, and the attendance was fair. The Rev. R. Campbell, pastor of the Church, presided and conducted the devotional services. The Rev. Mr. Ryan of the C. Methodist Church was present and gave an able address. I look upon this branch as one of the most important branches of your Auxiliary in this section; and if the office-bearers take the matter in hand they can make it one of the first in efficiency and liberality. Through some mistake the contribution for last year had not been forwarded. The contributions both for last year and this are very good, but I regard them as a promise of better things to come.

ADMASTON.—My meeting here was held on the evening of the 13th February, on my way to Eganville. The attendance was good, but I was disappointed in having but few members of the Committee present. After my address I got some of the young ladies present to volunteer to make collections in the various sections of the Branch. The cause has not that hold upon the sympathies of the people of Admaston which it should have, and which I hope it may yet have.

DOUGLAS—The meeting here was not large, and yet I was much pleased with the excellent spirit manifested by those present. The officers for the present year will I have reason to believe prove efficient. The collection for the present year was handed over to me, and is somewhat larger than that of last year.

ALICE—The meeting at this place was well attended and deep interest was manifested by those present in the work of the Society. This association has been connected with Pembroke, but I am inclined to think that the time has come when Alice might be made independent. By such an arrangement, Pembroke would not, I am sure, be weakened nor its contributions lessened, and the contributions of Alice, now larger than some of the other Branches, would be increased.

PEMBROKE—The anniversary of the Pembroke branch was held this year in the C. Methodist Church. I cannot say that the attendance was either creditable to the Christians of Pembroke, or satisfactory to the Agent. Those present however appeared to take a warm interest in the workings of the Society. The report presented by the Secretary also showed that it would not be fair to take the numbers present at the meeting as a true expression of the interest felt in the Bible work here. The free Contribution this year from this branch is \$120. Short and interesting addresses were given by Mr. Hunter the President of the Branch and the Rev. Mess. Chambers and Ballantyne—both of whom are active and zealous friends of the cause. The Choir of the church added much to the interest of the meeting by giving some appropriate pieces of music.

EGANVILLE—In addition to my regular appointments, I held, on the evening of the 15th of February, a very successful meeting at Eganville, and, after my address, established a new branch in connection with your Auxiliary under very promising circumstances. The office-bearers appointed will, I feel assured, do what lies in their power to make the branch a success. Collectors were appointed, and I expect their contribution at an early date.

Any other information which I have deemed necessary to give will be found in the accompanying tabular statement. I might perhaps be allowed to say a few words regarding the contributions made from year to year by these branches. In looking over the lists, I have felt that the amounts are in many cases very small—small compared with the importance of the object and the circumstances of the contributors. I know the plea set forth. I know that we have our churches and missions and temperance societies to contribute to; but it is the Bible that gives life and energy to these various religious and benevolent associa-

tions, which we feel to be so essential to the well being of any community, and, if this be the case, we should surely be liberal in our support of that Society which seeks to give the Bible to the World. I cannot close without acknowledging the hospitality extended to me throughout my tour, and thanking the officers and friends of the Society for the sympathy and assistance given me in the work.

DONALD J. McLEAN.

Arnprior, 24th Feb. 1877.

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II.—REV. G. G. HUXTABLE'S REPORT.

During the month of January, I visited the following Branch Societies, viz. :—AYLMER, EARDLEY, ONSLOW, CLARENDON, MASHAM, NORTH WAKEFIELD, AYLWIN, WAKEFIELD, and CHELSEA.

In some of those places there was a good attendance at the public meeting, and an intelligent and hearty sympathy with the great work of Bible circulation.

At Aylmer it was gratifying to meet the Pastors of all the Protestant Churches in the village at the meeting. A deeper interest in Bible work might be awakened, if all Protestant ministers could see their way to exert their *united* influence in behalf of this great enterprise of our common Christianity.

In one or two of my visits, I was painfully impressed with the utter indifference manifested in reference to this branch of the Church's work. There are many Christian men who fail to recognize the importance of giving the Divinely inspired Book to the nations. Much instruction will yet have to be given ere the churches of our land will be educated up to the standard of their duty and obligation on this point. It must be evident to every thinking mind, that this revolted world can never be subjugated to Christ until, by some means, it shall be supplied with that Word which is able to make men wise unto Salvation.

In discharging the duties imposed upon me as an Agent of your Committee, I could not at times hide from myself the fact that some communities of God's people, who would be energetic in their efforts to give to the world the ministry of God-sent men, would be desultory in any effort to give to the world the ministry of the God-inspired Book. There are discouraging circumstances; but there are, on the other hand, circumstances which tend to inspire hope and confidence. In connection with every Branch I visited, I found some few persons, whose warmest sympathies are enlisted in Bible work. May the number of such true hearted friends of the Society greatly increase.

The unprecedented pressure of the times, and scarcity of money, especially in those lumbering districts, render it impossible at present to realize a large amount in aid of the Society's operations. It is not my impression that there is less interest felt in the work of the Society, in the Branches I visited, but the people have not by any means the same ability to contribute to its funds as in former and more prosperous years.

In some of the Branches I found that the collectors had received their books, and gone out canvassing for subscriptions, only a day or two previous to my visit. They had not sufficient time to make as thorough a canvass as might have been done. I would suggest that a supply of collecting books be forwarded to the Local Secretaries not later than the month of September; and that the collections be taken up at an earlier date. The Society is largely indebted to the self-denying labors of the collectors; and had they more time in which to do their work, they would show better financial results.

As large numbers of men up the Ottawa and Gatineau rivers periodically leave home for the shanties in the winter, it was urged by some of the Committees that it would be in the interest of the Bible Society if the public meetings in those places could be held at some earlier season of the year. This recommendation was specially urged by the Aylwin Committee, and in my judgment it is worthy of consideration.

G. G. HUXTABLE.

North Gower, February 21st, 1877.

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III.—REV. J. WHYTE'S REPORT.

This year, even more than last, dull times and scarcity of money have been the complaint everywhere,—and yet the meetings held in this section of the Ottawa Auxiliary have been nearly all very successful, and little of any deficiency in the returns will have to be reported.

The success of the meetings is partly owing to the delightful weather enjoyed during the period of my visits, as well as to the growing interest felt in this good cause by the community.

CUMBERLAND.—The Meeting was well advertised, and many were out,—Rev. Mr. McDiarmid gave good assistance. The officers were in their places and the reports ready. The collectors had wrought efficiently, and only regretted with us that they were not able to report more.

BUCKINGHAM.—The President was this year in the chair, and ably led the proceedings. No abatement of interest was manifest. I visited

the Depository and suggested a better display of the stock to the public. This branch is very well organized, and the public meeting was large, lively and encouraging.

LOCHABER.—The meeting was smaller than it might have been, had not a Missionary Meeting been held in the neighbouring church at the same hour. However it was far from being a failure. Rev. J. Higgins, who takes a deep interest in the Society, presided and gave a clear and powerful address.

The Subscriptions are much more than last year, and with some preparations on the part of the officers might be raised higher still. The report was read and the accounts very correctly stated by the Secretary.

CLARENCE.—The interest in the British and Foreign Bible Society appears not to be increasing here. The contributions obtained were not large. In a community where there are manifestly earnest Christian people, greater things may be expected, and they will be doubtless yet realized.

BEARBROOK.—This branch has always been somewhat weak, yet promising. The president, this year, was absent several weeks previous to the time when the meeting should have been held. The church had not been occupied for that time, and no meeting was called. The Secretary, however, who is a warm and active friend of the Society, had his account ready, and promised to send the collectors out as usual.

LONG ISLAND.—Increasing strength and success are apparent here. The business was all ready in time for the public meeting. The meeting itself was large, and was addressed by the retiring President, Rev. Jas. Simpson, as well as by your agent. The subscriptions exceeded those of the past year. It is in contemplation this year to institute a Depository in connection with this branch.

OSGOODE.—The meeting in Metcalfe was crowded, and the proceedings very encouraging. The experience of Rev. T. Muir, formerly Depository in the Bible House, Montreal, was utilized, by his appointment, to the office of Secretary.

The sales were small, and the Depository, who has been a constant friend of the Society, complains that his premises are not so suitable as might be obtained, and suggests a removal.

RUSSELL.—The Meeting here was not very large, another public meeting interfering with it. Considerable interest, however, was manifested, and the cause appears to be growing. No contribution was given last year, but this year the appropriation was made and the money handed over at once. The officers appear to be well chosen and to be working efficiently.

KENMORE IN OSGOODE.—The Meeting here was very full. The Depository seems to be flourishing, and well conducted.

The free contribution to the Auxiliary, however, was smaller than usual, partly owing to the dull times; partly, it was stated by the committee, to a feeling that the funds contributed might be better applied than to support a paid agency, a feeling, however, not shared in by any other branch as far as known to them. Facts and reason we hope will remove this feeling and restore to this branch confidence in the business principles of this Society as well as in its grand aim and abundant success.

VERNON IN OSGOODE.—This Branch, now no longer an Association of the Osgoode branch, is going on and prospering. It is well officered and organized. The meeting was very well attended. The President, Rev. J. P. McEwen, addressed the people ably, and also Rev. Jas. Stewart who was present. The report was read by the Secretary who is most willing and painstaking, and the contributions stated by him to be almost equal to last year's.

WELLINGTON.—The meeting was large, and the proceedings lively. An excellent choir added interest to them. This branch has met with a serious loss in the lamented death of its active and efficient Secretary, J. Lindsay. Let us hope that his mantle may fall on his successor. The officers and collectors seem to do their work faithfully and well.

NORTH GOWER.—Preparations were made here in good time, and the public meeting was large and enthusiastic.

Addresses were given by several ministers besides your agent. Among them Rev. G. G. Huxtable,—a good servant of your Society, and an able advocate of its work. This is a strong, healthy and fruitful branch.

RICHMOND.—A good meeting ought to gather here, and I confidently expect it. This year, however, it was small, yet the few who gathered were alive to the importance of the work.

A good secretary was secured. Collectors did their work well, and the officers and committee resolved on the erection of two new branches in the neighbouring villages of Stittsville and Munster. The President volunteered to accompany the Agent in this work.

ASHTON.—The committee of this branch had prepared their reports, and the officers were ready for the public meeting. Rev. J. McAlister was made President,—and the old experienced and faithful men who held their other offices retained their connection with the society.

The affairs of this branch are very promising.

PROSPECT.—This has become an independent branch with a depository instead of being an Association in connection with Ashton.

The meeting was well attended, and the proceedings gratifying. There are a few good friends of the Bible cause here, and in a year or two we may expect a strong support.

This was the last of the branches assigned to me which I visited.

On the 20th and 21st February I visited Munster and Stittsville. In both places the meetings were large and interesting. In both meetings Rev. E. Mallory presided. In the former Rev. J. McAlister from Ashton was present and addressed the people. Branches were organized in both places which promise to be efficient.

The offices were filled by the men of the community who were considered most suitable.

Regarding the Depositories, I have thought that they might be improved by a better display of the stock in hand, and a culling of the old stock periodically, adding a fresh supply from the Central Depository.

The attendance at the public meetings might also be improved by having printed notices sent to the localities previously. But this object can be gained especially by ministers giving intimation of the meeting, and commending to the hearts and minds of their congregations the design and work of this Society.

In the meeting held in Buckingham, Rev. Dr. Clarke suggested that the relation between the Branches and the Auxiliary should be more close and marked than at present. He considered that the Presidents at least of the various branches should be members of the Committee of the Auxiliary, so as to permit them, if they were able, to be present at its meetings and share in its consultations. His suggestions were adopted by the meeting.

They also commended themselves to the judgment of other branches and friends of the Society.

In concluding this report I would say that although the amount raised is not so large as we might expect, yet we have no reason to fret, but every reason to rejoice and hope.

The cause is good and great, and the hand that holds it holds it safe.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WHYTE.

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IV.—REPORT OF THE REV. WILLIAM SCOTT.

The programme, agreed upon for my visitation of certain Branches of the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society, was carried out without much variation as to the times fixed. Almonte desired change, and Carleton Place with Franktown were postponed by reason of violent storms. I began the tour with some anxiety as to the financial result of the year's work, but I was exceedingly gratified to find that although many of

our friends had suffered severely from destruction of crops and general stagnation of business, yet, they had, with a most commendable measure of self-sacrifice, contributed generously out of their limited means. The diminution of your income is, therefore, much less than was anticipated.

ARNPRIOR was the place of beginning this year, as last. The meeting in the Presbyterian Church was well attended. The Rev. J. J. Leech, of the Methodist Church, rendered valuable assistance. The Depository is in good hands, well managed, and every thing in order.

The PAKENHAM meeting was held in the Methodist Church, and the meeting was opened by the Rev. William English, and the Chair taken by the Rev. Dr. Mann. The attendance was not large. The Depository is well managed.

At KINBURN the meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, and the pastor rendered efficient assistance.

The Rev. W. W. Miller, of Playfair, kindly conveyed me to NORTH SHERBROOKE and McDONALD'S CORNERS, rendering good help there and at PLAYFAIR. *A better arrangement might be made for this route, and I trust will be another year. The people are too widely scattered to allow them to attend two several services at these two places, and it would be no disadvantage to the churches to give one Sabbath out of fifty-two to the Bible cause.

The meetings at WATSON'S CORNERS, MIDDLEVILLE, LANARK VILLAGE and BALDERSON'S CORNERS were well attended. There had been considerable increase in the sales of Bibles and Testaments at Middleville and Lanark, which may be taken as good evidence of genuineness of the work of grace in those places last year, and will be one sure help to its permanency. The Rev. Mr. Cochrane and the Rev. J. W. Brown, of Middleville, were kind and helpful as usual, but the Rev. Mr. Brown, of Lanark, was engaged elsewhere in promoting a religious revival.

The arrangements made this year for SMITH'S FALLS and PERTH were entirely satisfactory, and the ministerial brethren of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are entitled to my hearty thanks for their cordial co-operation. On Sabbath morning, February 18, the Rev. Mr. McGill's (Methodist) Church, and the Rev. Mr. Mylne's (Presbyterian) Church were closed, and the united congregations assembled in the Rev. Mr. Crombie's (Presbyterian) Church at eleven o'clock. I had thus the opportunity of advocating the cause of Christ to a very large congregation, when the promise of the master of assemblies was graciously fulfilled. I proceeded to PERTH for the evening service, taking Port Elmsley on my way. The Perth Sabbath Service

was held in the Rev. Mr. Burns' (Presbyterian) Church, the Rev. Dr. Bain's (Presbyterian) Church and the Rev. Mr. Dyre's (Methodist) Church being closed. The united congregations filled the capacious building, and I greatly rejoiced to speak of Paul's glorying only in the Cross, urging all to imitate his holy example, and thereby maintain the fellowship of saints.

The meeting at GLENTAY was held on Monday evening in the Methodist Church, which I was glad to find had undergone changes, which greatly add to the comfort and convenience of the people. We had a good time. The anniversary of the PERTH AUXILIARY was held in Dr. Bain's Church on Monday evening, with the venerable Doctor in the Chair. The Rev. Mr. Burns read a valuable report. The Rev. Mr. Dyre delivered a good address replete with instruction. It was my duty and privilege to speak at large on the progress of Bible circulation in many parts of the world, and to advocate the claims of our own Auxiliary. The subscriptions were not quite equal to last year, but the diminution is small when the circumstances of this part of Ontario are considered.

The SMITH'S FALLS meeting was held in the Rev. Mr. Mylne's Church, the President, Mr. Foster, in the Chair. Mr. Mylne conducted the opening religious services, and addressed the meeting. Your agent then set forth the special duty of the Church of Christ, to give the world that word of grace which God has revealed for man's salvation and his own glory.

The meeting at ALMONTE was held in the Methodist Church. It was very well attended. The Rev. Mr. McRitchie was absent from home. The Rev. Mr. Edmondson, successor to our late beloved brother Mackenzie, was unavoidably detained. But the Rev. Mr. McMorine (Church of England) and the Rev. Mr. Bennett (Presbyterian) were present and rendered practical help. The collection taken at the meeting was all that was paid me there. Their Free Contribution was forwarded to me in due time. A new President has been found in the person of an old and warm friend of the Society, the Rev. Mr. Lohead. A new Depositary has also been appointed. Thus re-enforced, it is hoped that the Almonte Branch will advance.

The CARLETON PLACE and FRANKTOWN Societies have done remarkably well. The meetings were well attended. The first was held in the Baptist Church, and the other in the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mr. Ross and the Rev. Mr. Oliver were present, and the audiences gave attention to the arguments advanced in favor of the universal circulation of God's Word.

On reviewing the ground over which I have travelled in behalf your Auxiliary, I am happy to report what I conceive to be a revived interest in the cause of Bible circulation, otherwise the income this year of terrible depression would not have been what it is. I am greatly indebted to many friends for cordial kindness, and without specifying by name those who gave me fellowship and entertainment, they all have my hearty thanks.

WM. SCOTT.

BROCKVILLE, April, 1877.

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V.—THE BRANCH SOCIETIES NEAR OTTAWA

are still five in number. There were ten public meetings held in connection with them, during the by-gone winter. The Templeton and Rideau Societies remain very much as before. The Bell's Corners' one begins to give some more tokens, than formerly, of life and activity. Those at Hull and New Edinburgh have taken a decided step in advance. Their business was thoroughly attended to, and their returns, although not very large, were satisfactory. Our friends, at the last named place, deserve special credit in view of the circumstances in which they were placed.

Their Society had been, it may be said, originated by the late Mr. W. A. McKinnon, and, up to 1876, had been very dependent on him as its Secretary. His absence during the early part of the winter, and his deeply lamented death before its close, involved more than one good cause in a keenly felt loss. A willing, conscientious, and energetic worker, such as he was, could not but be missed. So much were the friends of the Bible Society discouraged, that they had almost resolved to refrain from doing anything on its behalf this season. They were, however, induced to reconsider the matter, and to take a wiser course. Their annual meeting was a small one, yet it proved encouraging and stimulating to those present. In a hearty way they resolved to do what they could in the limited time at their command. They did so immediately; and the result largely exceeded their expectations. Their success has rebuked their doubts and fears. It has given point too to a lesson, which others, as well as they, would do well to lay to heart.

That lesson is that the Bible Society need not languish in any quarter, where there are two or three sincere friends of the Truth. If these, true to their profession, charge themselves with its interests in their own neighbourhood, they will find it, with the Divine blessing, easy to carry it over all difficulties, and make it a success. It does not appear an extravagant demand that each Protestant Congregation in the Ottawa Valley should contain two persons ready to make the

Bible cause their speciality, during the brief period of the year, when it requires to be attended to. If only that desire were realized, our Auxiliary would attain to a degree of prosperity it has never yet reached.

R. G.

OTTAWA, April, 1877.

P.S.—The Tabular Statement of Income, Free Contributions, Sales, &c. of the Branch Societies cannot be inserted for this year, as from many of the Societies there are no returns as to Sales. In the Treasurer's Statement, given above, and in the lists appended, most of the information, formerly given in tabular form, will be found. It would be obliging if, in future, the Secretaries of Branches would, along with Subscription Lists, furnish information as to their whole income, with the number of volumes sold, and the proceeds of sales. Many of them have done so for the past year, but a majority have not.

N. B.—Through no fault of the Treasurer an error has got into his account, as to the return from Whitelake. That free contribution, and the one from New Glasgow have unaccountably got mixed up. The figures are right but the entries should be :

New Glasgow.....	\$18 00
Whitelake.....	32 00

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26.—HUNTLEY: Thomas Wilson, Pr.; T. Brown, Sec.; J. Caldwell, Tr.: Committee—H. McBride, Senr., F. Caldwell, W. Evoy, H. McBride, Jr., James Gilchrist, R. Milford, D. McCord, Jas. Johnston, James Wilson, Dr. J. G. Baird, William Argue, J. Humphreys, H. Mooney, John Pearson, William Rivington, Jr., Wm. Gourlay, G. H. Groves, G. Gilchrist, W. Wood.

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28.—LANARK: Jacob Gallinger, Pr.; J. Mair and resident clergymen, V.-P's.; Sec.-Tr., J. Robertson; Dep'y, R. Robertson: Committee—W. Robertson, R. Pollock, James Drysdale, P. McLaron, Jr., Thomas Watt, B. Caldwell, A. G. Dobbin, T. Wilson, Jr., Thos. Baird, R. Robertson.

29.—LOCHABER: Rev. J. Roadhouse, Pr.; Rev. J. Higgins, V.-Pr.; G. S. Black, Sec.; G. Edwards, Tr.; C. F. Edwards, Dep'y: Commit-

tee—E. L. Rowan, J. Currie, J. A. Cameron, J. G. Black, J. L. Gray, Dr. Wales, J. Legg.

30.—LONG ISLAND: Rev. James Whyte, Pr.; Al. Collins, V.-Pr.; R. Clark, Tr.; W. B. Dickinson, Sec.: Committee—H. Blair, Wm. Eadie, J. Padget, W. Rowat, George Eadie, J. Armstrong, Wm. Mansfield, Thomas McCorkill, G. L. Dickinson, J. G. Clothier, J. Findlay, H. Williams, J. Williams.

31.—MASHAM: W. D. Leslie, Pr.: James Dunkin, Sec.-Tr.; Committee—G. Reilly, S. Gibson, W. Johnston, Geo. Johnston, Senr., W. Bennett, R. Magee, James Pritchard, D. Hall, Hugh McFadden.

32.—MCDONALD'S CORNERS AND NORTH SHERBROOKE: A. McInnes, Pr.; W. Brownlee, Sec.-Tr., with Wm. Smith, Sec. for N. Sherbrooke; Andrew Wilson, Dep'y: Committee—G. Cutbertson, J. Wier, D. McLellan, T. Anderson, T. Dunlop, R. Geddes, D. McDougall, A. Geddes, H. McLean, A. Wilson, R. Wilson, J. Mann.

33.—MIDDLEVILLE: Rev. W. Cochrane, Pr.; Rev. Mr. Brown and J. Campbell, V.-P's.; A. R. McIntyre, Sec.-Tr.; Wm. Croft, Dep'y: Committee—R. Affleck, A. Rankin, J. Campbell, C. Easdale, James Affleck, Wm. Morris, J. McIlraith.

34.—MUNSTER: T. Buchanan, Pr.; F. Butler, V.-Pr.; J. Morton, Sec.; J. Conoly, Tr. and Dep'y: Committee—D. McFarlane, R. Torrance, T. Shillington, T. Tubman, C. Heron: Collectors—Misses M. Scott, M. J. Graham, and S. McFarlane.

35.—NEW EDINBURGH: Rev. C. I. Cameron, Pr.; Rev. J. G. Sanderson, V.-Pr.; Robt. Claire, Sec.-Tr.; C. Burpee, Dep'y: Committee—Messrs. S. Savage, T. Rankin, T. Davis, G. Esdaile, Wm. Howe, R. McGregor, Jas. Sherwood, Senr.

36.—NEW GLASGOW: R. Carswell, Pr.; Alex. Duff, V. P.; A. Hamilton, Sec.-Tr. and Dep'y.; Committee—A. Forrest, J. Wallace, Thos. Lindsay, J. A. Gillon, Peter Anderson.

37.—NORTH GOWER: Rev. A. C. Stewart, Pr.; Resident Pastors being members of the Society, V. P's.; H. Scott, Sec.-Tr., Dep'y.; Committee—G. Thomson, D. Beggs, J. Cole, J. Simmons, R. S. Wallace, Wm. Craig, J. Wallace, A. Callendar, D. Beggs, Jr.

38.—NORTH WAKEFIELD: A. Prichard, Pr.; Rev. J. B. Keough, V. P.; A. Hamilton, Sec.-Tr.; A. Pritchard, Dep'y.; Committee—D. Morrison, T. F. and S. Pritchard, R. Townsend; Collectors—Misses M. and J. Pritchard.

39.—ONSLow: W. Lough, Pr.; Rev. W. Craig, V. P.; Wm. A. Lough, Jr., Sec.-Tr.; Mrs. Lough, Dep'y.; Committee—C. Mohr, R. Lough, R. Eady, Senr., A. Mohr; Collectors—Mrs. S. Lough and Mrs. Geo. Mohr.

40.—OSGOODE: G. Bradshaw, Pr.; Rev. W. Raney, V. P.; Rev. T. Muir, Sec.-Tr.; T. Iveson, Dep'y.; Committee—Ira Morgan, W. R. Docter, Z. McMillan, James Dow, James Scott.

41.—PAKENHAM: Rev. J. Stewart, Pr.; Rev. W. English, Sec.; J. Dunnet, Tr. and Dep'y.; Committee—R. Davy, J. Quigley, J. Parker, A. Tait, I. Scott, Wm. Smith, J. Smith, R. Graham, Major O'Neil.

Kinburn Association: Wm. Donaldson, Sec.-Tr.; Committee—J. Groves, Senr., Wm. Anderson, and Wm. Crosskerry.

42.—PEMBROKE.—S. E. Mitchell, Pr.; resident Pastors, Judge Deacon, and Rev. E. H. Jenkyns, V. P's.; J. H. Metcalf, Sec.; S. S. M. Hunter, Tr. and Dep'y.; Committee—Rev. R. Hughes, Rev. H. Kropp, W. A. Hunter, A. Irving, Senr., J. Dewar, T. Clark, E. Clarke, H. J. Church, H. Fraser, T. Wright, J. Loyd, J. Walker, W. Beatty, R. Dow, J. Robertson, R. Martin.

43.—PLAYFAIRVILLE: Rev. W. W. Miller, Pr.; J. Playfair, Sec.; G. Mills, Tr. and Dep'y.; Committee—J. Chester, J. J. Playfair, T. Baldwin, A. Kerr, John Fummerton, and Wm. Gallagher.

44.—PORTAGE DU FORT: G. W. Swalwell, Pr.; M. McFarlane, Sec.-Tr.; Dr. Purvis, Dep'y.; Committee—J. Cotie, W. Beckett, N. W. Burpee, W. Thompson, Senr., G. Evans, W. Starke.

45.—PROSPECT.—T. Alcock, Pr.; R. Wilson, V. P.; Thos. Nichol, Sec.-Tr. and Dep'y.; Committee—T. Craig, W. Alcock, S. Shellington, W. Reilly, P. King, R. James, D. Ferguson, Abner. Poole, A. McDiarmid.

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47.—RICHMOND: Rev. F. C. Reynolds, Pr.; H. McElroy, Tr. and Dep'y.; D. McElroy, Sec.; Committee—W. Shillington, J. Henderson, Dr. Beatty, T. B. Shillington, J. Mills, T. Mackie, R. Mackie, J. DalGLISH, Wm. Mackie, A. Gamble, W. Gamble, S. Nesbitt, A. Arbuckle, Senr., and A. Arbuckle, Junr.

48.—RIDEAU: J. Sieveright, Pr.; A. Anderson, D. Kennedy, A. Kennedy, A. McKellar, P. Fairbairn, Rev. Messrs. McDiarmid and Whillans, V. P's.; R. Gavin and W. Upton, Joint Sec.-Trs.; W. Smith, Dep'y.; Committee—J. Heron, W. Fenton, W. Gamble, W. McFarlane, R. Nesbitt, jr., J. Nesbitt, A. Nelson, D. Williams, Jas. Anderson, Jacob Henderson, W. Tyndall, J. McGregor, J. Baskerville, H. Marlin, R. Moxley, J. Forsyth, A. Kenedy, jr., C. Kinmond, J. Ballantine, John Shearer, G. H. Fawcett and J. W. Argue.

49.—ROSS; James Black, Pr.; J. Ward, Sec.-Tr.; J. Jack, Dep'y, Committee—W. R. McLaren, J. Kerr, M. Morrison, C. Bruce, S. Moore, J. Devlin, A. Fraser,, W. Gilchrist, W. S. Coleman

50.—RUSSELL: Wm. J. McDonald, Pr.; Rev. H. J. McDiarmid and Mr. M. Currie, V. P's.; H. McGirr, Sec.-Tr.; W. R. Petrie, Dep'y; Committee—J. Duncan, J. McGregor, J. McDonald, Ed. Loucks, H. Lowrie, D. Mcharry, J. Hamilton, D. McDougall, and Norman Otto.

51.—SMITH'S FALLS: G. Foster, Pr.; Rev. Messrs. Mylne, Crombie and McGill, V. P's.; H. Landon, Sec.; A. J. Thomas, Tr.; W. M. Keith, Dep'y; Committee—M. Currie, A. Templeton, S. Barnes, W. Garrett, S. Garrett, H. D. Chalmers, M. Clark, R. Graham, J. Chalmers, W. Graham, F. T. Frost, A. L. Thomas, J. Moorhouse.

52.—STITTSVILLE: T. Tennant, Pr.; Rev. E. Mallory, Sec.; B. Kemp, Tr. and Dep'y; Committee—Jas. Harten, Jas. Wilson, J. Barton, M. Hodgins; Collectors—Misses Isa. Stitt, J. Hodgins and A. Maguire.

53.—TEMPLETON: G. S. Gill, Pr.; J. McLaurin, V. P.; E. Gee, Sec.-Tr. and Dep'y; Committee—Archd. McLaurin, J. Harris, W. Langford, Alex. McLaurin.

54.—VERNON IN OSGOODE: Rev. J. P. McEwen, Pr.; J. Ferguson, jr., and T. E. Cowan, V. P's.; David Kennedy, Sec.-Tr., Committee—H. Robertson, D. McDiarmid, D. Cameron, J. Campbell, T. Dalglish, D. Fraser, J. Ferguson, A. McEwen, T. Bow, J. McInnis, H. Campbell, A. McGirr, W. T. Popham.

55.—WAKEFIELD: Rev. H. McGuire, Pr.; Rev. J. B. Keough, V. P.; D. McPhail, Sec.-Tr.; J. McLaren & Co., Dep.; Committee—J. Reid, G. Hall, T. Stevenson, E. Earle, T. Reid, A. Cates, Wm. Poole, S. Cates; Collectors—Misses Larmour, Brown, Maggie Reid, J. Stevenson, S. Patterson, L. Stearns, R. Earle, A. Carman, J. McNair.

56.—WATSON'S CORNERS, DALHOUSIE; Jas. Reid, Pr.; P. Cumming, V. P.; D. Ward, Sec.-Tr.; J. Munro, Dep'y; Committee—J. Baillie, J. Henry, D. McIntyre, J. Baird, W. Boyd, J. Boyle.

57.—WELLINGTON: J. Bell, Pr.; J. Jamieson, V. P.; J. Kerr, Sec.; C. G. Lindsay, Dep'y; H. Brownlee, Tr.; Committee—T. H. Fennell, S. Scobie, Al. Gibson, J. McCallum, T. Brown, D. Jamieson, J. Chambers, J. Jamieson.

58.—WESTMEATH FRONT: Rev. H. Fowler, Pr.; H. B. Ronan, Sec.-Tr.; E. Thompson, Dep'y; Committee—N. W. Jackson, T. Fraser, G. A. Tucker, D. Andrews, G. Adams, D. McKenzie; Collectors—Misses L. A. Wright, E. Fraser, M. Goddard and M. Wright.

59.—WHITELAKE: D. Stewart, Pr.; Rev. G. Bremner, V. P.; W. Lindsay, Sec.-Tr.; A. Stirling, Dep'y; Committee—W. Paris, J. McLachlin, D. McLachlin, James Stewart, J. D. McNab, N. McKay.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS.

ALMONTE AND RAMSAY.

Collected by Misses Rea and Patterson.

Joseph Jamieson, Esq.....	\$2 00
James D. Gemmill, Esq.....	4 00
Rev. J. W. Manning.....	1 00
Mrs. Bennet.....	1 00
Rev. B. Edmonson.....	2 00
Mrs. G. Moore.....	50
Mrs. W. Willoughby.....	50
Mrs. S. Sheard.....	1 00
Mrs. A. Robinson.....	50
Wm. Anderson.....	2 00
J. Patterson.....	50
Mrs. Greig.....	50
R. Wilson.....	50
Mrs. E. Clint.....	1 00
Mrs. McKenzie.....	1 00
D. Halliday.....	50
A. Duncan.....	50
A. T.....	50
J. McFarlane.....	50
D. C. Lohead.....	1 00
R. Young.....	50
Rev. W. Lohead.....	2 00
Small sums.....	5 29
Total.....	\$28 79

Collected by Misses Tosh and Black.

James Black.....	\$1 00
Peter Naismith.....	1 00
James Stewart.....	2 00
Andrew Cochrane.....	1 00
Small sums.....	2 70
Total.....	\$7 70

Collected by Miss Neilson.

Small sums.....	\$1 70
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Collected by Misses Paul and Yuill.

James Yuill.....	\$ 50
John Paul.....	1 00
Small sums.....	4 05
Total.....	\$5 55

Collected by Misses Simpson and Forgie.

Duncan Stewart.....	\$1 00
Peter Stewart.....	50
David Forgie.....	50
James Duncan.....	50
William Smith.....	50
Matthew McFarlane.....	50
James Neilson.....	50
Small sums.....	2 25
Total.....	\$6 25

Collected by Misses McFarlane and McIntosh.

Mrs. J. McFarlane.....	\$ 50
John McIntosh.....	50
John Cummings.....	50
David McFarlane.....	50
Robert Peacock.....	75
A. E. Young.....	1 00
Small sums.....	4 35
Total.....	\$8 10

Collected by Misses Young and Snedden.

James Snedden.....	\$1 00
James Rae.....	50
Jessie Marshall.....	50
David Snedden.....	1 00
Mrs. E. Toshack.....	50
William Snedden.....	50
Small sums.....	75
Total.....	\$4 75

Collected by Misses Hart and Teskey.

Thomas Hart.....	\$1 00
Albert Teskey.....	1 00
Teskey Bros.....	1 00
Mrs. R. Teskey.....	50
Duncan Miller.....	50
Milton Teskey.....	50
F. Teskey.....	50
Mrs. W. S. Wilson.....	50
William Wilson.....	1 00
Andrew Baird.....	50
Mrs. A. Wilson.....	50
Mrs. Baird.....	50
Small sums.....	4 95
Total.....	\$12 95

Collected by Misses Anderson and McCarter.

Alexander Stevenson.....	\$ 50
J. Menzies.....	50
A. M. Greig.....	50
Mrs. C. Miller.....	50
Mrs. H. S. Green.....	50
A. Freeland.....	2 00
W. B. Taylor.....	50
P. Young.....	1 00
Mrs. R. Scott.....	1 00
Mrs. Bryson.....	50
Mrs. Stevenson.....	50
Mrs. J. Cameron.....	50
Mrs. Acton.....	50
W. Thoburn.....	50
A. Waugh.....	50
Rev. George McRitchie.....	2 00
James Rosamond.....	1 00
A Friend.....	50
Miss Neilson.....	50
Mrs. Dayes.....	50
Robert Cochrane.....	50
Small sums.....	7 55
Total.....	\$22 55

Collected by Misses Kenny and Eady.

S. H. Eady.....	\$1 00
Robert Kenny.....	1 00
Mrs Thistle.....	1 00
A Friend.....	50
Mrs. F. Simmins.....	50
Mrs. J. Aylen.....	50
Mrs. Nesbitt.....	50
Miss M. Grimes.....	50
Mrs. R. McConnell.....	50
Mrs. Coutlee.....	1 00
Mrs. C. Hundman.....	1 00
George Homes.....	50
Mrs. R. Stewart.....	1 00
Mrs. D. Stewart.....	50
J. Grimes.....	50
Rev. H. Robson.....	1 00
Small sums.....	25

\$11 75

Sale: by Depository..... 9 79

Total.....\$36 04

AYLWIN.

Collected by Mrs. Kenny and Miss Robb,

R. Simpson.....	\$1 00
John Foster.....	1 00
James Rogan.....	50
James Molyneux.....	50
Geo. Robb.....	1 00
J. R. McConnell.....	50
A Friend.....	50
H. J. Kenny.....	1 00
S. C. Kenny.....	1 00
Hamilton Gabey.....	1 00
Wm. Gabey.....	1 00
H. C. Chamberlin.....	50
John Irvin.....	1 00
Wm. Wilson.....	50
Foster Irvin.....	50
Mrs. Dash.....	50
Andrew Kenny.....	50
John Cameron.....	1 00
J. C. Chamberlin.....	50
Joseph Priestly.....	50
Henry Priestly.....	50
Wm. Cathapell.....	50
Joseph Thibault.....	50
Chas. Heney.....	50
Small sums.....	1 45

\$17 95

Collected by Messrs. McAfee and Hartley.

R. McAfee.....	\$1 00
James Wiggins.....	1 00
Wm. Reid.....	50
Robert Reid.....	50
John Litle.....	50
John McCann.....	50
John Draper.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 00

\$6 00

Total.....\$23 95

Additional collected by Miss Mc-

Bean..... 1 00

\$24 95

BEACHBURG.

Collected by Misses McIntosh and
Bradley.

Hilton Bradley.....	50
Daniel Shaw.....	75
Small sums.....	2 80

\$4 05

Collected by Miss Eggleston.

Peter McLaren.....	\$2 00
A. & L. Cameron.....	1 00
Rev. J. Follick.....	1 00
Rev. A. Campbell.....	1 00
Rev. S. A. Duprau.....	50
Mrs. Gracie.....	50
A Friend.....	50
Mrs. Cameron.....	50
Small sums.....	5 25

\$12 25

Collected by Miss Condie.

Matthew Stevenson, senr.....	\$1 00
Peter Condie, junr.....	50
Peter Condie, senr.....	50
Mrs. Carmichael.....	50
Matthew Stevenson, junr.....	50
Daniel Ferguson.....	50
Mrs. Robert Bennie.....	50
Small sums.....	4 45

\$8 45

Collected by Miss Ellen Condie.

A. & L. Cameron.....	\$1 00
Mrs. A. McKillop.....	50
Small sums.....	50

\$2 00

Collected by Miss Crozier.

Miss Crozier.....	50
Edwin Allen.....	50
D. Cameron.....	50
M. McLaren.....	50
J. Croskery.....	50
Small sums.....	2 55

\$5 05

Collected by Miss Keys.

Small sums..... \$3 05

Total \$34 85.

BRYSON.

Collected by Miss Maggie Carmichael.

Duncan Carmichael.....	\$1 00
W. G. Le Roy.....	1 00
W. Gardiner.....	1 00
H. N. Osborne.....	1 00
H. Porteous.....	1 00
James Colton.....	2 00
Thomas McTiernan.....	1 00
J. C. Carson.....	1 00
N. McCuaig.....	1 00
Rev. James Fraser.....	1 00
A. Leitch.....	1 00
J. T. Pattison.....	1 00
W. Rimer.....	50
S. Allen.....	50
Small sums.....	3 00

\$17 00

Collected by Miss M. J. Pratt.

Mrs. R. Thomson.....	50
John Thomson.....	75
Small sums.....	4 65
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	\$5 90

Collected by Miss Alice Moorhead.

William Thomson	\$1 00
Small sums.....	1 00
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	\$2 00

Collected by Miss Grout.

Small sums.....	70
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Total.....	\$25 50

BUCKINGHAM.

Collected by Miss Louisa McLaren.

James McLaren.....	\$20 00
Rev. Dr. Clarke.....	1 00
J. W. McLaren.....	1 00
W. J. McKenzie.....	50
J. Townsend.....	50
D. Proudfoot.....	50
Small sums.....	1 65
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	\$25 15

Collected by Miss Laing.

Charles Devine.....	\$1 00
Adam Devine.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Larwill.....	1 00
William Leggo.....	50
H. D. McInnis	50
John Hall.....	50
Mrs. Bain.....	50
Small sums.....	2 07
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	\$7 07

Collected by Misses Strickland and Lough.

E. Strickland.....	\$1 00
J. W. Kendall.....	1 00
Andrew Wilson.....	1 00
Jeremiah Larwill	1 00
James Thomson.....	1 00
W. H. Stevenson	1 00
Mrs. G. L. Parker.....	1 00
Mrs. S. Lough.....	60
Mrs. W. Ritchie.....	50
W. H. Lough.....	50
P. J. Lenoghan.....	50
J. Bernardine.....	50
Dr. Wallace.....	50
Small sums.....	4 75
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	\$14 85

Collected by Miss McDiarmid.

Hugh McDiarmid.....	\$1 00
Jessie McDiarmid.....	50
Mary Ann McDiarmid.....	50
Small sums.....	3 50
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	\$5 50
Sales.....	1 36
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	\$6 86

In all \$53 93.

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CARLETON PLACE.

Collected by Misses Isabella Peden and Lizzie Poole

Mrs. David Finlay.....	\$1 00
Mrs. Peter Cram.....	50
Mrs. John McRostie.....	1 00
James Poole.....	1 00
George McPherson.....	50
John Gillies.....	2 00
Mrs. David Cram.....	60
R. Greenshields.....	50
Wm. Taylor.....	2 00
Joseph Wilson.....	50
John McLaren.....	50
Mrs. James Gillies.....	1 00
Mrs. W. Stephenson.....	50
Calvin Sinclair.....	50
Dr. McEwen.....	50
Mrs. Wm. Peden.....	50
Mrs. John Owen.....	50
Mrs. W. B. Grey.....	50
D. F. Law.....	50
Small sums.....	3 75
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	\$18 35

Collected by Misses McDonald and Duff.

David Cameron.....	\$1 00
Alex. Cameron.....	1 00
A. H. Duff.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 10
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	\$4 10

Collected by Miss McDonald and Mrs. French.

John F. Cram.....	\$1 00
John Brown.....	1 00
W. Bredin.....	1 00
James Cram.....	1 00
Allan McDonald.....	1 00
Mrs. Geo. Fyfe.....	1 25
Rev. F. McNab	1 00
Donald Munro.....	50
P. Struthers.....	50
Mrs. H. Brown.....	50
J. Brown.....	50
J. McDonald.....	50
J. Walker	50
Mrs. D. McLaren.....	35
Small sums.....	3 00
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	\$13 60

Collected by Misses Thomas and Allan.

Josh. McCreery.....	\$ 50
Wm. Allan.....	50
R. Thomas.....	50
S. McLean.....	50
D. Hamilton.....	50
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	\$2 50

Collected by Misses Dalgattie and Starke.

A. McArthur.....	\$1 00
Thomas McCallum.....	1 00
Mrs. Metcalf.....	50
J. Drummond.....	50
Mrs. Dalgattie.....	50
J. Lewis.....	50
E. Boyd.....	1 00
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	\$5 00

Collected by Misses McDonald and McDougall.

John McDougall.....	\$1 00
Peter Macdougall.....	1 00
John McEwen.....	1 00
James McEwen.....	1 00
John Sparks.....	1 00
John McEwen.....	1 00
Finlay McEwen.....	1 00
Duncan Scott.....	50
Alex. Stewart.....	1 00
John Cameron.....	50
Geo. McGillivray.....	50
Isabella McDonald.....	50
Alex. McTavish.....	50
John McDiarmid.....	50
Peter McGarvin.....	50
Small sums.....	75
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	\$12 25

Scotch Corners.

Collected by Dougall Sinclair.

James Moffatt.....	\$1 00
Mrs. James Moffatt.....	1 00
Dougal Lindanson.....	50
Colin King.....	60
James A. Sinclair.....	50
Charles Stewart.....	50
Mrs. Peter Sinclair.....	50
Sarah C. Sinclair.....	50
Thomas McDonald.....	50
Small sums.....	1 50
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	\$7 10
List not furnished.....	\$11 27
Collection.....	1 95
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Total.....	\$75 52.

CHELSEA.

Collected by Misses Church and Steele.

H. B. Prentiss.....	\$2 00
A Friend.....	50
Horace A. Church.....	2 00
Chas. A. Dewar.....	2 00
John Hudson.....	2 00
R. Neave.....	50
J. Stothers.....	1 00
G. Church, junr.....	2 00
S. Church.....	2 00
J. Brooks.....	1 00
Mrs. Donnelly.....	2 00
H. Bates.....	50
R. Derby.....	50
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	\$18 00

Collected by Misses Kirk and Cameron.

Mrs. R. Allen.....	50
J. A. Cameron.....	50
A Friend.....	50
Small sums.....	1 75
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	\$3 25

Collected by Misses Smith and Hall.

J. R. Hamilton.....	50
J. D. Clark.....	50
Mrs. Gilmour.....	50
Mrs. Bradley.....	50
Mrs. Burneu.....	50
Mrs. J. Evans.....	50
Mrs. R. Hall.....	50
J. Steel.....	50
Jas. Hall.....	50
Rev. A. Smith.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 25
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	\$6 75

Collected by Miss Isabella Patterson.

J. H. Reid.....	50
W. Thompson.....	50
R. Brown.....	50
A. Prudhomme.....	50
Bella Paterson.....	75
Small sums.....	25
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	\$3 00

Total.....31 00

CLARENCE.

W. Edwards.....	\$1 00
S. Tucker, junr.....	1 00
J. Anderson.....	1 00
T. Wilson.....	1 00
C. Surtees.....	50
J. McEwen.....	50
J. Dalrymple.....	50
Small sums.....	75
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	6 25
Collection.....	3 14
Sales.....	3 75
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Total.....	\$13 14

COBDEN.

Collected by Miss Charlotte Ross and Messrs. W. McCulloch and J. Gibson.

George Campbell.....	50
A. B. Lowe.....	50
John McDonald.....	50
John McCulloch.....	75
Small sums.....	3 86
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	\$6 11

COULONGE.

Collected by Mrs. G. Bryson, senr.

Mrs. G. Bryson.....	\$5 00
G. Bryson, junr.....	1 00
Miss Findlay.....	1 00
Mrs. Proudfoot.....	1 00
Rev. J. Gandier.....	1 00
Miss Eastwood.....	50
Mrs. J. McNaughton.....	50
Dr. Walton.....	50
John Fummerton.....	50
George Comrie.....	50
Chas. Proudfoot.....	50
Robert Stewart.....	50
Hugh Bennett.....	50
Alex. Thompson.....	50
Small sums.....	90
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	\$14 40

EARDLEY.

Collected by Mrs. [Purcell and Jowsey.

C. Purcell.....	\$1 00
E. Moore.....	50
Mrs. Beebee.....	1 00
S. Hurdman.....	50
Robert Jowsey.....	1 00
Jas. Hurdman.....	1 00
Mrs. N. Jowsey.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Klock.....	1 00
Mrs. McMinten.....	50

\$7 50

FITZROY AND TORBOLTON.

Collected by Misses M. A. Grierson
and Pennie.

Mrs. D. Baird.....	1 00
Mrs. J. McLaren.....	2 00
John Smith.....	3 00
A. F. Smith.....	2 00
M. Gordon.....	50
Mrs. D. Ritchie.....	50
Alex. Gibson.....	50
John Henderson.....	50
Humphrey Gibson.....	50
R. Drummond.....	50
Small sums.....	2 20

\$13 20

Collected by Mrs. F. Smith.

William Bradley.....	50
Mrs. Kidey.....	50
Small sums.....	2 20

\$3 20

Collected by Misses Jessie McLaren
and J. Grierson.

Mrs. Henry McLaren.....	1 00
Janet Baird.....	1 00
Mrs. R. Bucham.....	1 00
Alfred Newham.....	1 00
James Grierson.....	50
John Nesbit.....	50
Small sums.....	1 25

\$6 25

Collected by Misses Learmonth and
Wark.

G. Learmonth.....	2 00
D. S. Baird.....	1 00
Thomas Guthrie.....	1 00
Rev. James Tait.....	2 00
D. McFarland.....	1 00
John Moreland.....	1 00
Donald Dow.....	1 00
William Frell.....	50
David McLaren.....	1 50
J. H. G.....	50
Isabella McLennan.....	50
Colin McDonald.....	50
James Fulford.....	50
A. Hawley.....	50
Wm. Craig.....	50
Rev. H. Irvine.....	50
J. Wark.....	50
Small sums.....	45

\$16 45

Collected by Misses Mohr & Summerville

Thos. G. Summerville.....	50
William Hunt.....	50
Joseph Halfpenny.....	50
Ralph Tait.....	50
Mrs. Hubble.....	55
A. J. Riddle.....	50
E. Mohr.....	50
Small sums.....	3 05

\$6 60

In all \$45 70

FRANKTOWN.

Collected by Misses Marion McEwen, and
Matilda Hughton.

Ewen McEwen.....	\$1 00
Mrs. J. Hughton.....	75
R A Baker.....	50
Richard Pierce.....	50
Peter McEwen.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 95

\$5 20

Collected by Misses Jessie Cameron and
Ester McKercher.

Allan Cameron.....	50
John McKercher.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 25

\$2 25

Collected by Misses Jessie Scott and Kate
Ferguson.

Joseph Kidd.....	5 00
Dugald Ferguson.....	1 00
Robert Ferguson.....	1 00
Mrs. J. McDiarmid.....	1 00
John Ferguson.....	1 00
John Scott.....	50
James G. Kidd.....	50
E. Burrows.....	50
Geo. McLaren.....	50
Robert Scott.....	50
Alexander Stewart.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 55

\$13 55

Collected by Misses Margaret McLaren
and Margaret McEwen.

Donald McLaren.....	4 00
Margaret McLaren.....	1 00
Duncan McLaren.....	1 00
Daniel McLaren.....	2 00
John McEwen.....	1 00
Mary McLeod.....	50
Isabella McLeod.....	50
John McDonald.....	50
Peter McRay.....	50
Smaller sums.....	25

\$11 25

Collected by Misses Catharine Stewart
and Isabella Cameron.

John Stewart.....	50
Arch Cameron.....	50
John McPherson.....	50
Robert McLaren.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 25

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Collected by Misses Kate McArthur and Mary McEwen.

James McEwen..... 1 00
 Neil Stewart..... 1 00
 Peter McArthur..... 50
 James McArthur..... 50
 A F Stewart..... 50
 Smaller sums..... 1 50
 \$5 00

Collected by Misses Margaret Sample and Eliza Irvine.

Mrs R McLaughton..... 35
 Smaller sums..... 4 20
 \$4 55

Collected by Misses Elizabeth Campbell and Mary Bell.

John McEwen..... 50
 Smaller sums..... 3 30
 \$3 80

In all \$48 85

HULL.

Collected by Misses A. Loucks, McGill, Broadhead, Porteus, Mansion, Chapman, and Watson.

H. L. Loucks..... 2 00
 L. W. P. Coutlee..... 1 00
 Jas. Harrison..... 1 00
 A. Waters..... 75
 A. Perroton..... 50
 Chas. D. Chitty..... 50
 R. S. Donnelly..... 50
 J. Duncan..... 50
 C. W. Lord..... 1 00
 S. E. Watson..... 50
 Mrs. Scott..... 50
 F. Gaudreau..... 50
 W. Powley..... 50
 Mr. Darling..... 50
 Jas Pithie..... 1 00
 Geo. J. Marston..... 50
 Alex. Millar..... 50
 Mrs. Wadsworth..... 50
 Wm. Tindal..... 50
 A. A. Watson..... 75
 W. H. G. Garrioch..... 1 00

Other sums under 50c..... 3 80

Collection..... 3 00

Amount for books sold during year 21 80

\$24 80

HUNTLEY.

Collected by Misses McBride and Evay.

J. Caldwell..... 50
 J. Tittle..... 50
 W. Argue..... 50
 Small sums..... 3 50
 \$5 00

Collected by Miss Fanny & E. A. Wilson.

Thomas Wilson..... 2 00
 David Wilson..... 1 00
 T. Brown..... 50
 J. Armstrong..... 50
 Small sums..... 6 50
 \$10 50

Total.....\$15 50

KENMORE IN OSGOODE.

Collected by Misses Dewar and Hill.

A. Dow..... 1 00
 R. Stewart..... 60
 Small sums..... 1 55
 3 15

Collected by Misses Carkner and Reid.

D. McArthur..... 50
 Small sums..... 80
 1 30

Collected by Misses McNab and Lapointe.

John Campbell..... 1 00
 Wm. Brunton..... 1 00
 R. McNab..... 1 00
 Miss M. Lapointe..... 1 00
 Wm. Jackson..... 50
 Daniel McLaren..... 50
 Peter McLaren..... 50
 J. T. Dalglish..... 50
 Small sums..... 75
 \$6 75

Collected by Misses Robertson and Brunton.

Hugh McLauchlan..... 1 00
 Miss M. Robertson..... 1 00
 Mrs. John Dalglish..... 50
 S. Brunton..... 50
 Small sums..... 80

Total.....\$15 00

LANARK.

Collected by Misses Watt and Drysdale.

William Caldwell.....	1 00
Boyce Caldwell.....	2 00
Thomas Dobbie.....	50
M. F. Dobbie.....	30
A. G. Dobbie.....	2 00
Thomas Watt.....	1 00
John Robertson.....	2 00
William C. Caldwell.....	4 00
James M. Caldwell.....	1 00
Mrs Wm Caldwell.....	1 00
Robert McFarlane.....	50
Mrs Joseph Lamont.....	45
John Smith senr.....	1 00
Caroline Forgie.....	1 00
Rev James Wilson.....	1 50
Mrs James Wilson.....	50
M K Wilson.....	50
Robert Robertson.....	2 00
James Watt.....	50
Jacob Gallinger.....	1 00
John Mair Senr.....	1 00
Mrs H Hawkins.....	50
Finlay McIntyre.....	50
John Mair.....	2 00
Dr Campbell.....	50
William Robertson.....	2 00
Thomas Wilson.....	75
Robert Sibbitt.....	50
Richard Pook.....	50
James Drysdale.....	50
Rev John Brown.....	1 00
Mrs J Alstin.....	50
Thomas Baird.....	1 00
Dr. Munro.....	1 00
John Wardrobe.....	50
William A. Hanna.....	50
George Buffam.....	50
Thomas Wilson, jr.....	50
James J. Stewart.....	50
Small sums.....	12 30
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	\$50 80

EASTERN SECTION.

Mary Ballantine.....	\$1 00
Mathew Ballantine.....	50
Robert Stewart.....	50
John Deachman.....	1 00
William Deachmour.....	50
Dauci McLaren.....	50
Mrs. D. McLaren.....	1 00
Peter McLaren, jr.....	1 00
James McLaren.....	50
Peter McLaren.....	50
Peter Setewart.....	1 00
Small sums.....	70
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	\$8 70

WESTERN SECTION.

Andrew Baird.....	\$ 50
Robert James.....	50
Jane Mason.....	50
John Rankin.....	50
Smaller sums.....	2 65
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	\$4 65

DRUMMOND.

George Blair.....	\$1 00
James McIlquham.....	1 00
James Campbell.....	50
Walter McIlquham.....	50
Smaller sums.....	2 25
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	\$5 25

In all \$69 40.

LOCHABER.

R C Harris.....	\$3 00
George Edward.....	3 00
R W Lowery.....	1 00
David Simms.....	3 00
E L Rowan.....	3 00
C Fraser Edwards.....	2 00
John Higgins.....	1 00
C A J, jr.....	1 00
Edward Laflamme.....	1 00
William Thompson.....	1 00
Alex McLean.....	1 00
Hattie Greenleas.....	1 00
Geo S Black.....	1 00
Jas G Black.....	1 00
A Carpbell.....	75
H McLean.....	50
Collection and small sums.....	3 03
Sales.....	8 90
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	\$36 18

In all.....\$36 18

LONG ISLAND

Collected by Messrs Eadie and Findlay.

John Gamble.....	1 80
John Findlay.....	50
Geo Eadie.....	50
Thos Byers.....	50
Small sums.....	25
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	\$2 75

Collected by G. C. Dickenson and John Williams.

J2shua Clothier.....	1 00
W B Dickenson.....	1 00
A Lindsay.....	1 00
H Williams.....	1 00
Captain P Davidson.....	1 00
Dr Kidd.....	1 00
Robert Clarke.....	1 00
H Webster.....	50
J R Jackson.....	50
E Bradley.....	50
Geo Williams.....	50
W G Balls.....	50
W Beaman.....	50
Geo Bradley.....	50
R Findlay.....	50
Jas Anderson.....	50
M Cameron.....	50
R W Conway.....	50
Sydney Lee.....	75
Alfred Dawson.....	50
John Hicks.....	50
John Bartlay.....	50
Small sums.....	4 35
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Collected by Alexander Collins.

Rev J Simpson..... 1 00
 A Findlay..... 1 00
 Alex Collins..... 50
 Mrs Alex Collins..... 50
 Mrs Alfred Collins..... 50
 Mrs J Brouse..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 25

 \$5 25

Collected by Charles Dunlop.

Wm Eadie..... 1 00
 Mrs Boyd..... 50
 H Blair..... 50
 John Padget..... 50
 R Davidson..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 75

 \$3 75

Collected by W. McCulloch and W. McBride.

W McCulloch..... 50
 W McBride..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 25

 \$2 25

Collected by W Mansfield and T McCorkill.

T McCorkill..... 1 00
 A Moodie..... 1 00
 W Condie..... 1 00
 O Harris..... 1 00
 Jas McCorkill..... 1 00
 Jas Haney..... 1 00
 Charles Brae..... 50
 John MacKay..... 50
 James MacKay..... 50
 Rev James Whyte..... 2 00
 Mrs Whyte..... 1 00
 Other sums..... 6 95

 \$17 45

Collected by W Mansfield and T McCorkill.

W Mansfield..... 2 00
 T Mansfield..... 1 00
 D Henan..... 50
 H Henan..... 50
 W Henan..... 50
 J Hawkins..... 50
 Mrs Knox..... 50
 Smaller sums..... 1 45

 \$6 95

Collection..... 1 77

In all.....\$59 27

MASHAM.

Collected by Misses Mary J. Dunkin and Catherine Reilly.

Hugh McFadden..... 50
 M. J. Dunkin..... 50
 Small sums..... 25

 \$1 25

Collected by Miss Jane Gibson and M. J. Johnston.

W. D. Leslie..... 1 00
 L. Carmichael..... 1 00
 George Reilly..... 1 00
 Mrs. E. Gibson..... 50
 Joseph Moncrief..... 50
 Thomas Craig..... 50
 Thomas Reilly..... 50
 Mrs. R. Kennedy..... 50
 John Fairbairn..... 50
 James Johnston..... 50
 William Johnston..... 50
 Samuel Gibson..... 50
 Mrs. Hutton..... 50
 Andrew Usher..... 50
 Small sums..... 50

 \$9 00

Collected by Misses Woodland & Hall.

William Bennett..... 1 00
 Mrs. Irwin..... 50
 Mrs. Nesbitt..... 1 00
 Small sums..... 75

 \$3 25

Collected by Misses Elizabeth Magee and Abigail Pritchard.

John O'Hara..... 1 00
 Mrs. R. Johnston..... 50
 E. A. Dowd..... 50
 Frank Magee..... 50
 James Pritchard..... 50
 L. Stuart..... 50
 Jas. M. Pritchard..... 50
 Small sums..... 50

 \$4 50

In all.....\$18 00

McDONALD'S CORNERS.

Collected by Misses C. McLellan and J. McOuat.

John McLellan..... 50
 C. McLellan..... 50
 Smaller sums..... 1 75

 \$2 75

Collected by Misses M. McInnes and J. McLean.

Donald Brownlee..... 50
 Smaller sums..... 2 20

 \$2 70

Collected by Misses C. B. McLean and S. McKenzie.

Robert J. Blair..... 1 00
 Mrs. A. Wilson..... 50
 Smaller sums..... 1 20

 \$2 70

Collected by Miss M. Lee.

John Donald	50
Smaller sums.....	2 65
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Collection	87
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Total.....	\$12 07

MIDDLEVILLE.

Collected by Wm. Muir and Malcolm Rankin.

Rev. Robt. Brown.....	1 00
Rev. Wm. Cochrane.....	1 00
James Campbell.....	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Croft.....	1 00
Wm. Croft.....	1 00
Alex. Lawson.....	1 00
A. R. McIntyre.....	1 50
Wm. Guthrie.....	50
James Affleck.....	50
Smaller sums.....	3 70
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	\$12 20

Collected by Chas. Eardle and John Somerville, junr.

Small sums.....	\$2 90
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Collected by John Stewart & Chas. Craig.

Thos. Bullock, junr.....	50
Thos. Bullock, senr.....	50
Smaller sums.....	5 15
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Collected by Wm. Ready & Robt. Arnott.

W. A. Morris.....	75
James A. Arnott.....	50
Smaller sums.....	4 00
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	\$5 25

Collected by J. K. Affleck and R. Reid.

Robt. Affleck, senr.....	50
Wm. Scott.....	50
John Affleck.....	50
James Heron.....	50
Geo. Gillis.....	50
Small sums.....	1 55
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Collected by Holmes Matthe and Jas. Affleck, junr.

Small sums.....	3 65
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Collected by James Lawson.

Small sums.....	1 80
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In all.....	\$36 00

NEW EDINBURGH.

Collected by Messrs James Sherwood Sr., and J J Davis.

Jos Sherwood.....	1 00
R Blackburn.....	4 00
Mrs McNaughton.....	50
James Allan.....	50
Mrs Woodburn.....	50
Mrs J McLatchie.....	50
Robt Surtees.....	50
Mrs McTaggart.....	50
M Patterson.....	50
Mrs Tink.....	50
John Henderson.....	1 00
Thos Evans.....	1 00
Mrs J Blackburn.....	1 00
William Howe.....	50
F J Falding.....	1 00
James Sorley.....	50
E Maxsome.....	50
John Ferguson.....	50
Thos C Keefer.....	5 00
Thos G Davis.....	50
H Alexander.....	50
Wm Skead.....	50
Miss Bell.....	50
J Osgoode.....	50
Miss Chamberlain.....	50
E Cockburn.....	50
Mrs McKay.....	5 00
John Armstrong.....	50
H Connor.....	50
G A French.....	1 00
Smaller sums.....	2 95
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Total.....	\$33 45

Collected by Messrs Rankin and Savage

J G Sunderson.....	1 00
N Helmer.....	50
Robt Clements.....	50
R Ratston.....	50
Thos Rankin.....	50
D Cameron.....	1 00
W J Bradshaw.....	50
M Esdale.....	50
Miss A McGinnis.....	50
Smaller sums.....	3 00
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	\$8 50

In all.....\$41 95

NEW GLASGOW.

Collected by A. Forrest.

John Forrest, senr.....	1 00
Mrs. A. H. Dowswell.....	1 00
George Rochester.....	1 00
A. Forrest.....	50
Donald McRae.....	50
Robert Stewart.....	50
Archibald Hart.....	50
Small sums.....	3 50
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Collected by James Robertson.

Small sums..... 50

Collected by Misses Stewart & Arnot.

Alexander Duff..... 50
 Small Sums..... 2 70

 \$3 20

Collected by Thomas Lindsay.

Small sums 8 25

Collected by Misses Lavelee & Carswell.

A. Hamilton..... 1 00
 R. Carswell..... 50
 C. Lavelee..... 50
 J. Burton 50
 Small sums..... 1 10

 \$3 60

Total collected.....\$19 05

NORTH GOWER.

Collected by Misses Thomson and Callander.

Rev. A. C. Stewart..... 2 00
 John Callander..... 1 00
 Mrs. Jas. Callander..... 50
 Alex. Callander 1 00
 Gilbert Thomson..... 1 00
 John Thomson 50
 Robert Thomson 1 00
 William Thomson..... 50
 Cyrus Martin..... 50
 George Bradley..... 1 00
 Hugh Montgomery..... 1 00
 John McArthur..... 60
 David Beggs..... 1 00
 John Beggs..... 50
 Andrew Potter..... 50
 Jas. Magee..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 40

 \$14 50

Collected by Miss Brown.

John Douglas..... 50
 John Anderson..... 50
 James Anderson..... 50
 Robert Barland..... 50
 Henry James 50
 Small sums..... 3 43

 \$5 93

Collected by Misser Craig and McTavish.
 Small sums..... 4 75

Collected by Misses Craig & Dilworth.
 Small sums..... 3 75

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Collected by Misses Mackie & Wilson.

Robert Wilson..... 50
 A. Wallace..... 50
 John Pratt..... 1 00
 Thos. Johnston..... 50
 John Hill..... 50
 William Hill..... 50
 David Herbinson..... 1 00
 Thomas Herbinson 50
 Adam Johnston..... 50
 Andrew Mackie..... 50
 Alex. Hull..... 50
 Robert Mackie 1 00
 Albert Pratt..... 50
 Thomas Cook 50
 James Brownlee..... 1 00
 John H. Brownlee..... 50
 Small sums 5 29

 \$15 29

Collected by Misses Mix and Cole.

John Cole 4 00
 A. B. Cole..... 2 00
 J. Trimble..... 50
 Adam Service 50
 J. Simmons 1 00
 R. S. Wallace..... 2 00
 Alex. Wallace..... 1 50
 Hugh Wallace..... 1 00
 Alexander Wallace..... 1 00
 David Wallace..... 1 00
 Rev. G. G. Huxtable..... 2 00
 A. C. Chambers 1 00
 Thos. Wilson..... 50
 Wm. Elliott..... 1 00
 Jas. Johnstson..... 50
 H. Scott 1 00
 Jas. Murphy..... 50
 Geo. Craig..... 1 00
 Cynthia Barrows..... 1 00
 Robert Drynan..... 1 00
 Geo. Hall..... 50
 J. Wright..... 50
 Henry Service..... 50
 Joseph Murphy..... 50
 Richard Craig..... 50
 John Lyons..... 50
 Elijah Good 50
 Geo. Griffith..... 50
 Wm. Bruce..... 50
 Andrew Callander..... 50
 Small sums..... 7 00

 \$36 00
 Total.....\$80 22

NORTH WAKEFIELD.

Collected by Misses M. & J. Pritchard.

A. Hamilton..... 1 00
 D. H. Parker..... 1 00
 Mrs. Morrison..... 1 00
 Mrs. Keough..... 1 00
 A. Pritchard..... 1 00
 Ferguson Pritchard 50
 R. Townsend..... 50
 W. Miller..... 50
 Lewis Morrison..... 50
 Geo. Fairbairn..... 50
 A. Friend..... 50
 Small sums..... 75

 \$8 75

ONSLow.

Collected by Mrs. G. Mohr and Mrs. S. Lough.

Mrs. Wm. Lough.....	\$1 00
S. Simpson.....	50
W. McKay.....	50
Mrs. G. Mohr.....	50
J. Smith.....	50
Small sums.....	4 00
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	\$7 00

OSGOODE.

Collected by Misses McPherson and Henderson.

W. F. Campbell.....	\$1 00
Ira Morgan.....	1 00
Pink & Rolston.....	1 00
Rev. T. Muir.....	1 00
Mrs. Muir.....	1 00
Z. McMillan.....	1 00
Dr. Roche.....	1 00
Mrs. Dolan.....	50
T. Iveson.....	50
S. Minions.....	50
Small sums.....	6 50
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	\$15 00

Collected by Misses Howes and Marks.

Wilson Blair.....	\$ 50
Small sums.....	3 25
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	\$3 75

Collected by N. Waddel.

Small sums.....	\$2 45
Additional sum.....	3 45
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In all \$24 65.

PAKENHAM.

Not reported last year from Upper Pakenham.

Collected by Misses Simpson and Cormery.

Samuel Dickson.....	\$1 00
William Law.....	50
Alex. Fulton.....	50
Wm. Forsyth.....	50
Geo. Ross.....	50
Thos. Combra.....	50
John Lindsay.....	50
Thos. Bows.....	50
Geo. Lowe.....	50
Small sums.....	4 00
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	\$9 00

Donation from Victoria Street Presbyterian Church, girls' sch'l }
Per Rev. Mr. Stewart } 10 00

Collection at meeting..... 7 12

Pakenham Village.

Collected by Mrs Pickup and Miss McTavish.

Rev James Stewart.....	2 00
Mrs Wm Dickson.....	2 00
Mrs Dunnet.....	2 00
W Hilliard.....	1 00
Mrs Gemmil.....	1 00
Mrs McArthur.....	1 00
A Lifton.....	1 00
Andrew Hilliard.....	1 00
James Robertson.....	1 00
James Quigley.....	1 00
A H Tait.....	1 00
D E Scott.....	1 00
Mr Jameson.....	1 00
Dr Burns.....	1 00
Ralph Tait.....	50
W Scott.....	50
Mrs Pickup.....	50
Mrs Tamlick.....	50
Mrs H Dickson.....	50
J B Wickwane.....	50
J A Scott.....	50
Mrs Mayne.....	50
Wm Scott.....	50
J B Warren.....	50
P Pallater.....	50
Miss Mayhew.....	50
R Scott.....	50
W McGill.....	50
Small sums.....	3 50
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	\$27 50

Upper Pakenham District.

Collected by Misses Comery & McMuir.

Small sums..... 6 45

Scott's District.

Collected by Misses S and H Scott.

Small sums..... 6 65

Fitzroy District.

Collected by Misses Wilson and Morton.

Small sums..... 8 30

Sales at Depository..... 7 27

Kinburn Association.

Collected by Misses Anderson and Croskerry.

William Donaldson.....	1 00
William Anderson.....	1 00
Mrs Wm Croskerry.....	1 00
Mrs A Grant.....	1 00
John Groves.....	1 00
John Donaldson.....	1 00
Richard Groves.....	50
Mrs Featherston.....	50
Mrs G Featherston.....	50
Mrs A Fraser.....	50
Mrs R Grant.....	50
Mrs Wm Croskerry, jr.....	50
Mrs A Neil.....	50
Mrs R Groves, sr.....	50
Mrs J Hodgins.....	50
A friend.....	50
Isaac Murphy.....	50
Mrs A Murphy.....	50
John Neil.....	50
Small sums.....	6 00
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	\$18 50

In all..... \$100 79

PLAYFAIRVILLE.

Collected by Misses Mitchell and Fummerton.

Mrs. J. Fummerton.....	50
Smaller sums.....	4 40
	\$4 90

Collected by Misses Kerr and Campbell.

Hattie Greenly.....	50
Smaller sums.....	60
	\$1 10

Collected by Misses S. and E. Playfair.

Rev. W. W Miller.....	1 00
Miss S. Playfair.....	50
Mrs. W. Playfair.....	50
Mrs. Chester.....	50
Smaller sums.....	25
	\$2 75
Collection.....	1 45
In all.....	\$10 20

PORTAGE DU FORT.

Collected by Misses Martha Carey and Hannah Howes.

George Stevenson.....	1 00
M. Macfarlane.....	1 00
G. C. Botton.....	50
G. Reid, sen.....	50
James G. Duff.....	50
George Swalwell.....	50
George Reid, junr.....	50
G. A. Parvis.....	50
Mrs. McLaren.....	50
L. Link.....	50
Small sums.....	4 20
	\$10 20

Collected by Misses Stark and Moore.

William Stark.....	50
Mr. Gilchrist.....	50
Small sums.....	3 50
	\$4 50
Total.....	\$14 70

PROSPECT.

Collected by R. Wilson & J. W. Alcock.

Nichol and Garland.....	1 00
Mrs. W. Edwards.....	50
Jas. Anderson.....	50
Jas. McRorie.....	50
W. H. James.....	50
Robt. Wilson.....	50
Small sums.....	2 50
	\$6 00
Collection.....	52
Sales.....	2 00
	\$8 52

RENFREW.

1875-76.

Collected by Messrs. Campbell & Vaudeleur, and Misses McRae & McDougal.

Mrs. Burnett.....	4 00
Rev. R. Campbell.....	3 00
Barr & Wright.....	2 00
James Carswell.....	4 00
H. N. & R D Rorison.....	2 00
Mrs. Ferguson.....	1 00
Mrs. O'Niel.....	1 00
J. Murphy.....	1 00
James Ward.....	1 00
James Clark.....	1 00
Mrs. McInnes.....	1 00
Mrs. Vaudeleur.....	1 00
Geo. Pearson.....	1 00
A. Jamieson.....	1 00
W. Airth.....	1 00
D. Stewart.....	1 00
A. Lindsay.....	1 00
Miss Dingman.....	1 00
J. Gibson.....	1 00
J. Matthew.....	1 00
Mrs. Allan.....	1 00
C. G. Morgan.....	1 00
Miss Thompson.....	1 00
Mrs. Bellerby.....	2 00
John Smith.....	1 00
J. Smith, junr.....	1 00
J. & P. McRae.....	2 00
Mrs. H. McDougall.....	1 00
J. Watson.....	1 00
J. R. Brown.....	1 00
Jas. Stewart.....	1 00
Mrs. J. Stewart.....	1 00
R. C. Mills.....	1 00
T. Hynes.....	1 00
Mrs. Rice.....	1 00
J. W. McDonald.....	1 00
Mrs. Young.....	50
W. Alexander.....	50
R. Carswell.....	50
A. Friend.....	50
J. Mills.....	50
Mrs. Ross.....	50
J. McKay.....	50
J. Reid.....	50
W. McKay.....	50
Miss Ross.....	50
G. Eady.....	50
T. B. Muir.....	50
Mrs. Traynor.....	50
Mrs J Plannt.....	50
Dr. Mann.....	50
A McNab.....	50
A Jamieson.....	50
Mrs Faichney.....	50
Mr X Plannt.....	50
A Smallfield.....	50
Mrs V Wright.....	50
A Friend.....	50
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R Gordon.....	50
J Guthrie.....	50
Mrs Dougall.....	50
S Grey.....	50
W Maclean.....	50
John Stewart.....	50

\$62 50

J Bowman.....	1 00
N Hopkins.....	50
Mrs Bradley.....	50
S Watson.....	1 00
W Tyndall.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 50

\$17 25

Collected by A Anderson.

A Anderson.....	1 00
Mrs McArthur.....	1 00
J L Campbell.....	1 00
T Mingard.....	1 00
J Harris.....	1 00
R Cummings.....	50
Rebecca Dillabogt.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 50

\$7 50

Collected by J Anderson.

James Anderson.....	1 03
W H Hurdman.....	1 00
R Hurdman.....	1 00
T E Reed.....	50
Geo Hurdman.....	1 00
Mrs Aitchison.....	50
Thomas Hill.....	50
James Hume.....	50
M Crawford.....	1 00
J Kennedy.....	50
Arthur White.....	1 00
W Smith.....	1 00
J D Anderson.....	1 00
Geo Whillans.....	1 00
T Whillans.....	50
C W Sharp.....	50
J C Blyth.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 25

\$14 25

Collected by J Heron.

John Heron.....	\$2 00
Wm Urie.....	50
J Lavoy.....	50
J W Argue.....	50
Mrs Billings.....	1 00
Miss S Billings.....	1 00
T Heron.....	50
Geo Johnston.....	1 00
J Rowatt.....	50
M Heron.....	2 00
Smaller sums.....	2 10

\$11 60

Collected by J Sieveright.

J Sieveright.....	2 00
Albert Wood.....	1 00
James Ellis.....	50
James Pelton.....	1 00
D Fraser.....	50
T Cults.....	50
E Walkley.....	1 00
S Godwin.....	50
H Wood.....	50
Jas Spratt.....	1 00
A friend.....	50
Mrs Sieveright.....	50
H O Wood.....	1 00
Jessie Cram.....	50
E S Popham.....	50
N Henderson.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 62

\$13 62

Collected by W Fenton.

W Fenton.....	1 00
Geo Fenton.....	1 00
A Rose.....	50
Mrs Davis.....	50
Robert Green.....	50
Robert Cowan.....	50
Wm Daly.....	50
Robt Lee.....	50
John Johnston.....	50
J Lennox.....	50
Wm Brett.....	50
H Cowan.....	50
Small sums.....	45

\$7 45

Collected by Wm. Gamble.

Wm Gamble.....	1 00
Robt Gamble.....	1 00
Rachl Cumming.....	50
Mary McLaren.....	1 00
S Moore.....	1 00
Francis Hardy.....	1 00
D Moodie.....	1 00
Andrew Gamble.....	1 00
Thomas Helem.....	50
John Ralph.....	50
J M Halfpenny.....	50
Chas Gamble.....	1 00
John Goth.....	50
Thomas Duncan.....	1 00
H Tomkins.....	50
T Lee.....	50
R Gamble, jr.....	50
Jas Chambers.....	50
Jas Brown.....	50
Mrs Brown, sr.....	50
Mrs Brown, jr.....	50
James Spratt.....	50
M J Graham.....	50
G H Leslie.....	1 00
John Graham.....	50
Thos Graham.....	50
James Shaw.....	50
Andrew Spratt.....	1 00
Robt McKay.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 35

\$21 35

Collected by A Nelson.

A Nelson.....	1 00
R Nelson.....	50
T Shillington.....	50
Smaller sums.....	75

\$2 75

ected by W Upton.

J Gillespie.....	50
J Townsend.....	1 00
J Freeman.....	1 00
F Hardy.....	1 00
D Gamble.....	1 00
J Halpenny.....	50
J Hardy.....	50
Mrs Jardine.....	50
D Watts.....	50
Jas Smith.....	50
Mrs Jas Smith.....	50
R Gavin.....	10 00
Wm Whiten.....	50

Collected by John McGrigor.

Chas Christie.....	1 00
Catherine Christie.....	50
Wm Standley.....	75
Mrs Allen.....	50
S Kennedy.....	1 00
D McDonald.....	50
Smaller sums.....	2 80
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Collected by J Forsyth & J Baskerville, jr.

James Forsyth.....	1 00
Mrs Crosby.....	1 00
Mrs Stewart.....	50
Mrs Smith.....	50
Smaller sums.....	3 75
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Collected by C Kinmond.

Charles Kinmond.....	50
A friend.....	1 25
John Kettles.....	50
Mrs Sharp.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 50
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	\$4 25

Collection at Anniversary..... 5 00

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Free Contribution to the

Auxiliary.....	\$244 00
On Purchase Account.....	1 02
" Printer's ".....	1 00
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ROSS.

Collected by Misses Kerr and Murdoch.

James Wark.....	1 00
John Kerr.....	50
Hannah Mordy.....	50
Thomas Conn.....	50
Gustavus McMartin.....	50
James Jack.....	50
James Black.....	50
Daniel Legerwood.....	50
Rev H Sinclair.....	1 00
Mrs Sinclair.....	1 00
W S Coleman.....	50
G Coleman.....	50
Smaller sums.....	6 96
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	\$14 46

Collected by Misses Bruce & Matthewson.

Mrs Colin Bruce.....	50
Mrs T Matthewson.....	50
Smaller sums.....	2 60
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Collected by Misses McMartin and Gilmour.

Esther S McMartin.....	50
Mrs Joseph Mordy.....	50
Daniel McCaskill.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 56
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Collected by Mrs Rankin.

George Black.....	50
James Walker.....	50
James McLaughlin.....	50
Smaller sums.....	4 80
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Collected by Misses McLise and McLaren.

William McLise.....	50
William Gilchrist.....	50
Mrs James McLaren.....	50
Small sums.....	2 40
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Total.....	\$31 32

RUSSELL.

Collected by Miss S Watson.

Robert McLaren.....	1 00
S Blackman.....	50
D McPherson.....	50
F McPherson.....	50
John Watson.....	50
Smaller sums.....	2 15
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Collected by John McGregor.

John McGregor.....	50
Peter McGregor.....	50
Smaller sums.....	2 40
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	\$3 40

Collected by Wm Powell.

W J McDonald.....	75
Henry McGirr.....	50
W R Petrie.....	50
Edward Turnbull.....	50
W Z Helmer.....	50
Alexander Cochrane.....	50
Wm McKeown.....	50
Smaller sums.....	75
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Collected by R Armstrong.

R Armstrong.....	1 00
John Stephenson.....	1 00
James Morrow.....	1 00
Thomas Morrow.....	1 00
Walter Henderson.....	1 00
William Eadie.....	1 00
Richard Wilson.....	1 00
W Wilson.....	1 00
Geo Sparks.....	1 00
John Eadie.....	1 00
Andrew Hamilton.....	50
John Lemon.....	50
Thomas Hamilton.....	50
Jerome Shelph.....	50
J E Wood.....	50
Allan Paul.....	50
A Scott.....	50
T Stanley.....	50
John Shelph.....	50
Smaller sums.....	40
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	\$14 90

Collected by Wm Summerby.

E F Loucks.....	1 00
John Duncan.....	1 00
Wm Summerby.....	50
Mrs J Turnbull.....	50
Mrs A Craig.....	50
Mrs W Craig.....	50
C B Hamilton.....	50
Smaller sums.....	1 10
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Collected by D McDonald.
 D McDonald..... 50
 Small sums..... 2 10
 \$2 60

Collected by Henry Powell.
 Henry Powell..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 75
 \$2 25

Collection..... 75
 In all.....\$39 15

SMITH'S FALLS.

Collected by Misses Mary Garrett and
 Isabella McIntosh.
 A Clark..... 5 00
 A L Thomas..... 2 00
 C B Frost..... 2 00
 F T Frost..... 2 00
 W H Frost..... 1 00
 Mrs Baird..... 50
 R Locke..... 1 00
 Robt Graham..... 1 00
 S Kerfoot..... 50
 Mrs Coombs..... 50
 Miss McGillivray..... 50
 W J Anderson..... 50
 J Mackay..... 50
 J McGillivray..... 2 50
 Mrs McIntosh..... 50
 H H Small..... 50
 W S Capon..... 50
 Small sums..... 4 20
 \$25 20

Collected by Mrs Peebles and Miss
 McDonald.
 S Mylne..... 1 00
 Mrs Chalmers..... 1 00
 J McDonald..... 1 00
 J Chalmers..... 50
 H Baird..... 50
 R Cairnduff..... 50
 Mrs Gordon..... 50
 Mrs C Foster..... 1 50
 Geo Foster..... 1 00
 J Moorhouse..... 50
 W Garrett..... 1 00
 J Massie..... 50
 R Stacy..... 50
 W M Keith..... 1 00
 H Landon..... 50
 J. Robb..... 1 00
 J Crombie..... 2 00
 R Smith..... 50
 Miss Hunter..... 50
 S Garrett..... 50
 M Gilmour..... 50
 J Splane..... 50
 S Lockhart..... 50
 A Templeton..... 1 00
 Mrs Anderson..... 50
 W T Briggs..... 1 00
 W Graham..... 1 00
 S M Barnes..... 1 00
 Small sums..... 5 25
 \$27 25

Collected by Miss King.
 J King..... 1 00
 Mrs Livingston..... 50
 A Condie..... 50
 P Clark..... 1 00
 Small sums..... 2 25
 \$5 25

Collected by Matthew Ballantyne.
 W Hyslop..... 1 00
 Thos Foster..... 1 00
 Mrs Foster..... 50
 Geo Murray..... 50
 A Livingston..... 75
 J Martin..... 50
 W Ballantyne..... 1 00
 P Hunter..... 1 00
 J Ballantyne..... 50
 Thos Elliott..... 50
 J Hunter..... 1 00
 Small sums..... 2 00
 \$10 25

Collected by Miss Chalmers.
 Mrs Ferguson..... 1 00
 " Arnold..... 50
 Small sums..... 3 20
 \$4 70

Collected by Miss Ballantyne.
 Geo Rntherford..... 1 00
 R Hunter..... 1 00
 P McEwen..... 50
 W Hislop..... 50
 A Brown..... 50
 J Hall..... 50
 A McGillivray..... 50
 E Ballantyne..... 50
 J Hislop..... 50
 W R Riddel..... 50
 W Hislop..... 50
 Mrs J Ballantyne..... 50
 Geo Rice..... 50
 Mrs McGillivray..... 50
 Mrs Burnett..... 50
 Mrs Rice..... 50
 W Graham..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 00
 \$10 50
 In all.....\$83 15

TEMPLETON.

G S Gill..... 1 00
 Alex Robinson..... 1 00
 E Gee..... 1 00
 R Boyes..... 50
 Ar McIntyre..... 50
 Wilmer McLaurin..... 50
 J R McLaurin..... 1 00
 Catharine McLaurin..... 50
 Lewis McLaurin..... 50
 John McLaurin..... 2 00
 Alex McLaurin..... 1 00
 Mrs A Robinson..... 50
 Thomas Boyes..... 1 00
 Collection..... 1 60
 Smaller sums..... 1 50
 \$14 10

VERNON IN OSGOODE.

Collected by James Campbell.

James Campbell.....	1 00
Angus McDiarmid.....	1 00
James S Campbell.....	50
Archd Clarke.....	50
Small sums.....	1 35
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	\$4 35

Collected by John Ferguson.

Moses Gordon.....	1 00
John Campbell.....	1 00
Thomas Campbell.....	1 00
John L McDiarmid.....	1 00
John Stewart.....	1 00
Small sums.....	25
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	\$5 25

Collected by John Robertson.

John Robertson.....	1 00
R Waddell, junr.....	50
R Waddell, senr.....	50
Hugh Campbell.....	50
Small sums.....	1 25
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	\$3 75

Collected by Thomas Dalglish.

Alex McGirr.....	1 00
Small sums.....	50
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	\$1 50

Collected by Peter Crerar.

John Crerar.....	1 00
John McLunis.....	1 00
Rev J P McEwen.....	1 00
Allan Cameron.....	1 00
David Kennedy.....	1 50
James Kennedy.....	50
D McDiarmid.....	50
Small sums.....	1 00
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	\$7 50

Collected by Thomas E Cowan.

T E Cowan.....	1 00
M Porteus.....	1 00
Alex Kennedy.....	1 00
Duncan Kennedy.....	1 00
John Kennedy.....	1 00
Archibald Kennedy.....	1 00
Thomas Bow.....	1 00
John Ferguson.....	1 00
Geo Blair.....	50
P Dalglish.....	50
Geo Jeffrey.....	50
Mrs A Keddie.....	50
John Porteus.....	50
Wm Porteus.....	50
Miss A Campbell.....	50
Small sums.....	50
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	\$12 00

Collected by R McTavish.

A McTavish.....	1 00
S McLaren.....	1 00
A McEwen.....	50
Small sums.....	45
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	\$2 95

Collected by W Comrie.

Daniel Cameron.....	1 00
Thomas Dalglish.....	50
Alex Dalglish.....	50
James York.....	50
Small sums.....	75
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	\$3 25
Collection.....	1 88
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In all.....	\$42 43

WAKEFIELD.

Collected by Misses Otterson & Brown.

John Hyde.....	50
A D Disher.....	50
John Edmond.....	50
Small sums.....	2 00
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	\$3 50

Collected by Miss Judith Stevenson
and Miss M Reid.

Robert Reid.....	50
William Ash.....	1 00
D Smith.....	50
Adam Stevenson.....	50
Mrs D Brown.....	50
Wm Copeland.....	50
Thos A Stevenson.....	50
Wm Maxwell.....	50
Mrs M Stevenson.....	50
Thos Stevenson, senr.....	80
A Strachan.....	50
Small sums.....	1 75
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	\$8 05

Collected by Miss Larmour and Miss
Annie Carman.

Levi Carman.....	1 00
Hugh Carman.....	1 00
Jas Reid.....	1 00
Small sums.....	2 75
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	\$5 75

Collected by Misses L Stearns and
M Earle.

David McLaren.....	2 00
John McLaren.....	1 00
D McPhail.....	1 00
J Ardies.....	1 00
Dr S K Falls.....	1 00
Mrs Wm Fairbairn.....	1 00
Jas Hammond.....	50
D McDonald.....	1 00
Geo Patterson.....	50
R M Earle.....	1 00
John Redmore.....	1 00
Wm Poole.....	50
Wm Hasty.....	50
Mrs Wm McKetrick.....	50
Geo Hall.....	50
Archd Kennedy.....	1 00
A Wells.....	50
Small sums.....	1 25
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	\$15 75

Total.....\$33 05

WATSON'S CORNERS.

Collected by Miss Elizabeth Cummings.
 Peter Cummings..... 1 00
 Jas Boyle..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 40
 \$2 90

Collected by Misses Shanks and Storey.
 James Reid..... 1 00
 David Ward..... 1 00
 Thos Hendry..... 50
 David McIntyre..... 50
 John Monroe..... 50
 Small sums..... 3 55
 \$7 05

Collected by Misses Curry and Baird.
 John Baird..... 1 00
 Wm Boyd..... 50
 Wm Baird..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 60
 \$3 60

Collected by Misses Barr and Rodgers.
 Small sums..... 2 14

Collected by Miss Browning.
 Small sums..... 50

Collected by Misses Craig and White.
 Jas Bailey..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 40
 \$1 90
 Collection at meeting..... 1 34
 In all.....\$18 93.

WELLINGTON.

Collected by Misses Chambers & Dunbar.
 Adam Chambers..... 1 00
 John Chambers..... 50
 Eliza Chambers..... 50
 Thomas Findlay..... 50
 Samuel Scobie..... 50
 John Grier..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 25
 \$4 75

Collected by Misses J Brownlee and S Jamieson.
 Hugh Brownlee..... 1 00
 Mrs Brownlee..... 1 00
 David Eastman..... 1 00
 T Pettypiece..... 50
 M Eastman..... 50
 J B Chambers..... 50
 Mrs Jas Lindsay..... 50
 Charles Lindsay..... 50
 J A Lindsay..... 50
 Mrs Leonard..... 50
 Wm Kerr..... 50
 John Kerr..... 50
 Small sums..... 2 00
 \$9 50

Collected by Misses M A Bell and M Jamieson.

John Jamieson..... 1 00
 Samuel Bell..... 50
 John Bell..... 50
 Samuel Potter..... 50
 David Jamieson..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 80
 \$4 80

Collected by Misses Kerfoot and Stevenson.

John Kerfoot..... 1 00
 R A Gibson..... 50
 John Stevenson..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 00
 \$3 00

Collected by Misses Pollock and Armstrong.

James McCallum..... 50
 James Jamieson..... 50
 Small sums..... 2 50
 \$3 50
 Collection..... 1 67
 In all.....\$27 22

WESTMEATH FRONT.

Collected by Miss Goddard.

H Sinton..... 1 00
 George A Fraser..... 1 00
 John Fraser..... 1 00
 George Fraser..... 1 00
 Rev H Fowler..... 1 00
 J K Watson..... 50
 Wm Sharp..... 50
 S Huntington..... 50
 John Goddard..... 50
 Small sums..... 1 50
 \$8 50

Collected by Miss C Fraser.

Thomas Fraser..... 1 00
 J C Robinson..... 1 00
 G Adams..... 1 00
 James McKenzie..... 1 00
 Mrs R Tucker..... 1 00
 A R Linton..... 1 00
 Mrs A Fraser..... 1 00
 C H Jackson..... 1 00
 F McEwen..... 50
 D McKenzie..... 50
 J Martin..... 50
 E McDonald..... 50
 N W Jackson..... 60
 Small sums..... 1 00
 \$11 60

Collected by Miss Lucy A Wright.

John Wright..... 1 00
 D McLeace..... 50
 Small sums..... 2 40
 \$3 90

Collected by Miss Mary Wright.

Small sums..... 90
 Total.....\$24 90

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 \$15 75

WHITE LAKE.

Collected by Misses Box and Paris.

Mrs John McIntyre.....	4 00
Rev G Bremner.....	1 00
J F McLachlin.....	50
Alexander Stirling.....	50
Mrs Campbell.....	50
John Box.....	50
William Paris.....	50
Small sums.....	1 85
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Collected by Misses Inglis & McLachlin.

Thomas McLachlin.....	1 00
Donald Campbell.....	50
J McLachlin.....	75
Small sums.....	75
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	\$3 00

Collected by Misses Bartlett & Robertson.

Donald Stewart.....	2 00
Mrs John Browne.....	2 00
Mrs Bartlett.....	50
Mrs D Robertson.....	50
Mrs A Stewart.....	50
Small sums.....	2 60
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	\$8 10

Collected by Misses McLachlin and Cameron.

John McLachlin.....	1 00
James McKay.....	1 00
Donald McLachlin.....	50
Mrs D McLachlin.....	50
Small sums.....	2 35
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	\$5 35

Collected by William Lindsay.

John Fisher.....	1 00
John McNee.....	1 00
William Lindsay.....	1 00
Duncan McNee.....	50
David Taylor.....	50
Andrew Taylor.....	50
Small sums.....	1 75
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	\$6 25

Total.....\$32 05

SHANTIES.

Per R. Stewart, jr.

Alpheus Colton.....	2 00
Wm Ewgley.....	50
Dunkin Sumstrom.....	50
Alexander Proulx.....	1 00
James Chambers.....	1 00
Thomas Steel.....	50
James Wilson.....	50
Wellington Hughes.....	50
George Scarf.....	50
David Moss.....	50
Isaac Manara.....	50
James Manara.....	50
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	\$8 50

Per A. Giroux.

R McGregor.....	4 00
R G Parnell.....	2 00
J R McKay.....	2 00
John McAlister.....	1 00
E A Le Sueur.....	2 00
John Smith.....	1 00
John McLarty.....	1 00
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	\$13 00

Per J Duclos.

Albrecht Albert.....	50
T Lalonde.....	1 00
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Per S Day.

Hugh Grant.....	5 00
Robt McClure.....	1 00
Malcolm McIntyre.....	1 00
John Kennedy.....	1 00
Philip Joubert.....	1 00
Daniel Ormond.....	2 00
J C McCormack.....	1 00
P McGillivray.....	1 00
Thos Mossgrove.....	1 00
John Blake.....	50
James Grier.....	50
Josh Campbell.....	50
Chas Sharp.....	50
Robert McIntyre.....	50
John Miller.....	50
David Walker.....	50
Geo Sanborn.....	50
Arch McFarlane.....	50
A friend.....	1 00
J A Flinn.....	1 00
Murdoc McKenzie.....	2 00
Saml Johnson.....	1 00
John Moore.....	1 00
Foster Armstrong, senr.....	1 00
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*(2nd Division.)*Collected by Messrs D Masson and
J Young.

1876-'77.

Rev Wm Armstrong.....	5 00
John Shepherd.....	1 00
Donald Masson.....	2 00
Jas Masson.....	1 00
Thos Young.....	50
Mrs Maxwell.....	1 00
Wm Somerville.....	1 00
John Holt.....	50
Isaac Moore.....	2 00
A McIntosh.....	2 00
Mrs Cunningham.....	50
Hugh Davis.....	50
Thos Langrell.....	1 00
J P Robertson.....	1 00
Geo Stockand.....	1 00
Mrs McFarland.....	50
Alex Taylor.....	1 00
Dr Sweetland.....	2 00
John Young, senr.....	1 00
John Stewart.....	1 00
Hugh Hinds.....	2 00
James Dunnet.....	50
Mrs. James Hadford.....	50
Mrs Inglis.....	50
Mrs Alexander Taylor.....	50
William Whillans.....	50
Andrew Main.....	2 00
Mrs Lindsay.....	1 00
Mrs H Grist.....	50
Mrs Jas Matthews.....	50
Mrs McGee.....	50
Mrs J R Armstrong.....	50
Mrs McRae.....	1 00
James Jarvis.....	1 00
Mrs Col Powell.....	50
W H Tracy.....	1 00
Mrs J Johnson.....	2 00
Miss Harmon.....	1 00
S Thomson.....	1 00
Samuel Evans.....	1 00
G Hawkins.....	50
Mrs Bower.....	50
Mrs G C Stewart.....	1 00
Mrs D Robertson.....	1 00
Mrs John Robertson.....	50
Mrs John Fletcher.....	55
Miss Jamieson.....	50
T Dowsley.....	50
Mrs McKavy.....	50
Mrs John Grist.....	1 00
Friend.....	1 00
Henry Cotton.....	1 00
Mrs Wm Ross.....	50
J W Sparling.....	2 00
Mrs John Donaldson.....	50
Small sums.....	4 00

\$59 05

WELLINGTON WARD.

(1st Division.)

1876-'77.

Collected by Messrs G E Elliott and
J Durie.

Allan, McKinnons & McMorrans....	10 00
G L Orme.....	2 00
S Howell.....	10 00
R J Mills.....	50
E Browne.....	1 00

Bate & Co.....	4 00
Wilson & Orr.....	1 00
J Smith.....	1 00
J Metcalfe.....	1 00
R Switzer.....	50
Hugh Stalker.....	2 00
T W Kenny & Sons.....	1 00
Robt Heney.....	50
Alex Russell.....	2 00
J Leslie.....	4 00
J T Bartram.....	50
Z Wilson.....	1 00
C W Bangs.....	1 00
G Holbrook.....	1 00
T F Nellis.....	1 00
J H Bell.....	1 00
A J Christie.....	2 00
T M Clark.....	2 00
W G B.....	50
W G.....	50
J Stewart.....	1 50
G W Baker.....	50
C C Ray.....	1 00
C Ross.....	1 00
H McCormick.....	1 00
R Bishop & Son.....	1 00
D McMartin.....	50
W C Wilson.....	50
W W Brown.....	1 00
Mrs Kenly.....	50
L N Nye.....	1 00
Mrs Miles.....	1 00
S Christie.....	50
G E Fowler.....	50
Geo Hay.....	10 00
H V Noel.....	5 00
Rd W Gill.....	2 00
P Robertson.....	2 00
A Drummond.....	4 00
R McCullough.....	1 00
Thos Kirby.....	3 00
F H Chrysler.....	2 00
Jas Blackburn.....	1 00
J H Woodman.....	1 00
N W Bethune.....	1 00
Wm W Stephen.....	1 00
J T Sutton.....	1 00
A Mortimer.....	1 00
John Nicholson.....	50
McL Stewart.....	5 00
J R Stitt.....	1 00
R C W MacCuaig.....	1 00
Wm Chalmers.....	2 00
J Durie.....	3 00
Geo Hutchinson.....	3 00
Mrs Slater.....	4 00
G P Drummond.....	1 00
G E Elliott.....	5 00
C V Noel.....	2 00

\$125 00

*(2nd Division.)*Collected by Messrs A P Bradley and
H Allan.

1875-'76.

Ed Hall.....	1 50
Mrs Montgomery.....	1 00
Mrs Acres.....	1 00
John Cowan.....	50
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H F McCarthy.....	1 00
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J H Langford.....	1 00
Jas Jackson.....	1 00
A G Forgie.....	1 00
John Lamb.....	2 00
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Rev D M Gordon.....	5 00
Robt Skead.....	1 00
A K Mills.....	1 00
W A Duncan.....	50
Archibald Lee.....	50
John Mason.....	50
George Raitt.....	1 00
John Shearer.....	1 00
W Stewart.....	50
Mrs S A Atkinson.....	1 00
Mrs G B Hume.....	50
Peter Harvey.....	1 00
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W Macfarlane.....	50
E Hall.....	1 50
John Cowan.....	1 00
James Dalglisch.....	1 00
I Cluff.....	50
Jas Brough.....	1 00
Butterworth & Co.....	50
J K Stewart.....	1 00
J H Langford.....	1 00
Jas Jackson.....	1 00
Robt Forgie.....	1 00
A G Forgie.....	1 00
John Lamb.....	2 00
H F MacCarthy.....	1 00
G Shearer.....	50
Mrs J Evans.....	1 00
G Sheldon.....	50
Friend.....	50
Rev Daniel M Gordon.....	10 00
Mrs McFarlane.....	50
Robt McFarlane.....	1 00
Peter Harvey.....	1 00
G B Hume.....	50
Jas Browne.....	50
Miss Allan.....	1 00
Wm Moore.....	4 00
A P Bradley.....	2 00
W Henderson.....	1 00
R Whyte.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 25
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1876-'77.

Ed Hall.....	1 50
Mrs Acres.....	1 00
James Dalglisch.....	1 00
Jas Brough.....	1 00
H F MacCarthy.....	1 00
Butterworth & Co.....	1 00
Jas Jackson.....	1 00
Rev Daniel M Gordon.....	10 00
Dr McRae.....	1 00
Alex Stewart.....	50
A A Cameron.....	1 00
Peter Harvey.....	1 00
R Whyte.....	1 00
Philip Thompson.....	5 00
J Skead.....	4 00
John Lamb.....	2 00
Wm Moore.....	2 00
A P Bradley.....	2 00
Catherine Allen.....	1 00
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(3rd Division.)

Collected by Messrs Jenkins and Falconer.
1875-6.

Dr Logan.....	1 00
Mrs Browne.....	50
W Cousens.....	1 00
Mrs Jenkins.....	50
Small sums.....	2 00
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1876-77.

Rev W J Hunter.....	4 00
Mrs J A Snow.....	1 00
Mrs D T Browne.....	50
Mrs S J Devlin.....	50
Mrs Robson.....	50
Dr Logan.....	1 00
J H Taylor.....	50
Mrs Gaulin.....	50
Mrs Baptee.....	1 00
Mr McFarlane.....	50
Mrs Brown.....	50
Mrs Waddell.....	50
Mrs Parsons.....	1 00
Mrs Adamson.....	50
Mrs Rowrie.....	50
A friend.....	50
Mr Pennock.....	1 00
Mrs Garrett.....	50
N Robertson.....	1 00
Mrs West.....	50
Mr Henry.....	2 00
Dr Rogers.....	1 00
Mrs McCuaig.....	1 00
Mr Dickie.....	1 00
Mr Juce.....	1 00
Mrs Pope.....	50
Jas Foster.....	50
Mrs Thompson.....	50
Mrs Crosby.....	1 00
Mr McAgy.....	2 00
Mr Hardie.....	1 00
Miss Doran.....	50
Mrs Grant.....	2 00
Mrs Davidson.....	50
Mrs Mary Goodwin.....	1 00
Prof Workman.....	1 00
A friend.....	50
Mrs May.....	1 00
Mrs Owen.....	50
Rev H M Collisson.....	4 00
Mrs Collisson.....	2 00
Miss Powers.....	50
Mrs Cope.....	50
Mr Cousens.....	1 00
Mr Scott.....	1 00
C Falconer.....	1 00
J Beckett.....	1 00
Small sums.....	2 75
J H Patterson.....	50
A friend.....	1 00
G F O Elwell.....	50
Jas Cowan.....	50
W Champness.....	50
T Borbridge.....	50
C Bryson.....	50
A J Stephens.....	1 00
W Shoolbred.....	1 00
Small sums.....	55
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(4th Division.)

Collected by Messrs Hardie and Garland.

1875-'76.

Messrs Garland, Mutchmor & Co...	5 00
Messrs Magee & Russell.....	5 00
Messrs Walker & McIntyre.....	5 00
Jas Mather.....	1 00
A S Woodburn.....	2 00
Mrs McLennan.....	1 00
Wm Hodgson.....	1 00
W J T.....	2 00
S Daniels.....	1 00
G Thompson.....	1 00
Dr O C Wood.....	5 00
Wm Palen.....	2 00
Mrs W Hutchinson.....	1 00
N McKinnon.....	1 00
J C Brennan.....	1 00
H N Bate.....	2 00
C Graburn.....	1 00
G R Nettle.....	1 00
T C Bate.....	1 00
J Hardie.....	2 00
Rev F W Farries.....	2 00
F Clemow.....	2 00
C G Bate.....	1 00
J M T Hannum.....	1 00
Thos Gallagher.....	1 00
John Graham.....	2 00
Mrs Barron.....	1 00
A friend.....	50
A Spittal.....	50
J C Kavanagh.....	50
Dr Shoemaker.....	50
J D Joynt.....	50
Mrs Carroll.....	50
Smaller sum.....	25

In all.....\$54 25

1876-'77.

Messrs Garland, Mutchmor & Co...	5 00
Dr Shoemaker.....	1 00
A Ferguson.....	3 00
A J McIntyre.....	3 00
A S Woodburn.....	3 00
L Bangs.....	1 00
W Allan.....	50
Chas S Rea.....	50
A friend.....	50
F Clemow.....	2 00
Miss Christie.....	1 00
Mrs McLennan.....	1 00
James Young.....	1 00
J C Brennan.....	1 00
Jas Mather.....	1 00
D S Eastwood.....	1 00
H H Horsey.....	1 00
W P Lett.....	1 00
H N Bate.....	2 00
C T Bate.....	1 00
G R Nettle.....	1 00
C Graburn.....	1 00
Thompson.....	1 00
Dr J A Grant.....	1 00
Revd F W Farries.....	3 00
Mrs Hutchinson.....	1 00
I S Duffy.....	1 00
Jas W Russell.....	2 00
Dr Wood.....	5 00
Mrs Joseph Brown.....	1 00
John Hardie.....	2 00

J M T Hanum.....	1 00
John Graham.....	1 00
W J Topley.....	1 00
Chas Magee.....	2 00
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(Division 5.)

Collected by Messrs Lamb and Parlow.

1875-'76.

Rev F Codd.....	1 00
A friend.....	50
W J.....	1 00
Mrs Scott.....	1 00
Mrs Lewis.....	50
T Taylor.....	1 00
A Christie.....	50
A friend.....	50
Small sums.....	50
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Collected by Messrs Parlow and W J Campbell.

1877.

John Moir.....	1 00
Rev F Codd.....	1 00
Mrs E Ross.....	50
Mrs T Traveller.....	50
Mrs Scott.....	1 00
Mr W J Campbell.....	1 00
Mr W Jamieson.....	1 00
Mrs T Taylor.....	1 00
Small sums.....	50
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VICTORIA WARD.

(1st Division.)

Collected by Messrs W Teakles and G R Blyth.

1876-'77.

A Gilmour.....	5 00
Mrs N S Blasdell.....	1 00
John Craig.....	1 00
D McAumond.....	1 00
Jno Blyth, junr.....	1 00
Jno Blyth, senr.....	1 00
F Hallandal.....	1 00
Mrs Wigmore.....	50
C King.....	1 00
E M Gillioray.....	2 00
C S McNutt.....	2 00
J Skinner & Co.....	1 00
Geo Stephen.....	1 00
A Masson.....	1 00
J B Abbott.....	1 00
F & J Grant.....	1 00
Mrs Henderson.....	50
E C M.....	1 00
Wm Cherry.....	50
Alexander Workman.....	2 00
Jas Clarke.....	1 00
J Robertson.....	1 00
James Taylor.....	1 00
B H Teakles.....	50
Geo R Blyth.....	2 00
Jas Cunningham.....	2 00
Mrs R S Cassels.....	2 00
Henry P Wright.....	1 00
John Manuel.....	1 00
R McGoffin.....	50
Small sums.....	75
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OTTAWA WARD.

Collected by Messrs H Meadows and
H Robinson
1876-'77.

H Meadows.....	1 00
Alfred Hill.....	50
W B Switzer.....	50
Mrs Hamilton.....	1 00
J MacKlin.....	50
H Robinson.....	1 30
W J Wills.....	1 00
John Kemp.....	50
Harris & Campbell.....	4 00
Richard Hudson.....	50
H W Randolph.....	50
J O Butler.....	50
Small sums.....	25
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BY-WARD.

Collected by Messrs Larmonth and
W A Duncan
1876-'77.

Thos J Seaton.....	1 00
John Keane.....	1 00
C S Shaw.....	50
A F Ulrich.....	1 00
Saml Johnston.....	50
Thos Story.....	1 00
J Boyden.....	1 00
A Brobery.....	50
W A Dewar.....	50
A friend.....	1 00
Jeremiah Gavin.....	50
Wm Howe.....	1 00
Mrs Cawest.....	1 00
W Northwood.....	50
A Mowat.....	1 00
T B Hudson.....	1 00
G B Hall & Co.....	1 00
Robt Elliott.....	1 00
T Hunton, Son & Larmonth.....	5 00
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ASHBURNHAM HILL.

Collected by Messrs S Day and J Lamb.
1876-'77.

Samuel Day.....	1 00
John Simms.....	50
R Thackeray.....	1 00
A C Smith.....	1 00
J A Hutton.....	50
Alex Campbell.....	1 00
Small sums.....	50
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RICHMOND ROAD AND
ROCHESTERVILLE.

Collected by Messrs Jas Rochester and
G King.

Jas Rochester.....	2 00
Dr Hill.....	2 00
Mrs Hill.....	2 00
J R Booth.....	2 00
Mrs Pattee.....	2 00

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A W Fisher.....	2 00
R E & J C Jamieson.....	1 00
Geo King.....	2 00
L Crannell.....	1 00
John Pennock.....	1 00
H P Hill.....	1 00
C H Pinhey.....	1 00
Mrs C H Pinhey.....	1 00
J H Pinhey.....	1 00
Joseph Foster.....	1 00
Joseph Evans.....	1 00
J G Howe.....	1 00
W C Cunningham.....	1 00
H B Merrill.....	1 00
Geo S Blaisdell.....	1 00
J Mather.....	1 00
Mrs Mather.....	1 00
Miss Low.....	1 00
J Bell.....	50
D A Martin.....	75
Mrs McKechney.....	50
W A Jamieson.....	50
Geo Franklin.....	50
Mr Fowler.....	50

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Collected by Messrs Henry and Jenkins.
1875-6.

A G Forrest.....	2 00
Mr Coffin.....	4 00
A W Russell.....	5 00
H E Steele.....	1 00
Andrew Russell.....	3 00
J B Cherriman.....	2 00
T Ross.....	2 00
F K Bennetts.....	2 00
C E Anderson.....	2 00
Wm Herbt Jones.....	2 00
G Powell.....	1 00
M G Dickieson.....	1 00
J S Dennis.....	2 00
B Chamberlin.....	1 00
A G Kingston.....	1 00
W Gliddon.....	1 00
J Johnston.....	50
F S Checkley.....	50
B Billings.....	50
Friend.....	50
Friend.....	50
Friend.....	50
C Ballantyne.....	50
R J Henry.....	50
C B Douglas.....	1 00
F P Austin.....	1 00
Wm M Goodeve.....	1 00
J Thorburn.....	2 00
L Vankoughnet.....	2 00
W A Himsworth.....	2 00
F H Himsworth.....	1 00
E A Meredith.....	2 00
A N McNeill.....	50
W H Griffin.....	1 00
Wm White.....	1 00
H G Hopkirk.....	1 00
Cash.....	1 00
W H S.....	1 00
C Sangster.....	1 00
A W MacLennan.....	1 00
A W Throop.....	1 00

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J Dewe.....	1 00
J C S.....	1 00
P Le Sueur.....	2 00
R J Shaw.....	1 00
C P Le Sueur.....	1 00
J H Spencer.....	1 00
W F Forsyth.....	1 00
W Bristow.....	1 00
J McDougall.....	1 00
D D McPherson.....	1 00
W H Harrington.....	50
E B Bell.....	1 00
R A Wicksteed.....	1 00
P E Buck.....	1 00
Albt Jones.....	50
Edmund Jones.....	50
C Falconer.....	1 00
T V Butler.....	1 50
C O Doucet.....	1 00
Geo Rance.....	50
J Hopkirk.....	1 00
J. Walsh.....	50
L W Travis.....	50
P D McIntyre.....	50
F W Radford.....	5 00
Oliver.....	50
J Henry.....	2 00
Henry D J Lane.....	50
Friend.....	1 00
W Powell.....	2 00
Friend.....	1 00
E V Johnson.....	2 00
W B Smellie.....	1 00
G Grant.....	1 00
J Nicholson.....	1 00
Jno Tilton.....	2 00
J W Harper.....	1 00
J Baine.....	1 00
H Bernard.....	2 00
J Johnson.....	3 00
Isaac Burpee.....	5 00
J Young.....	1 00
Jno Langton.....	2 00
T D Harrington.....	5 00
A Brunel.....	5 00
E Miall.....	2 00
R Nettle.....	1 00
F Measam.....	1 00
Alex Graham.....	1 00
Paul M Robins.....	1 00
Jno McNicol.....	1 00
C Rannsey.....	50
N Goddard.....	2 00
W A Geddes.....	1 00
J A Clayton.....	1 00
J A Torrance.....	1 00
R W Baxter.....	1 00
N W McLean.....	50
Wm C Bowles.....	2 00
Wm B Ross.....	1 00
S Fleming.....	5 00
T Vaux.....	4 00
A Mackenzie.....	3 00
Wm Buckingham.....	1 00
Small sums.....	1 50

\$116 75

Collected by Messrs R Bradley and
Bowles.
1876-'77.

W White.....	1 00
G H H.....	2 00
C Sangster.....	1 00
J Dewe.....	1 00

J C Stewart.....	1 00
James P Nutting.....	1 00
H Fairweather.....	50
E R Bell.....	50
W H McCuaig.....	50
R J Shaw.....	1 00
Chas W Jenkins.....	2 00
J H Spencer.....	1 00
W J Barrett.....	1 00
W F Forsyth.....	1 00
J McDougall.....	1 00
D D McPherson.....	1 00
W Ross.....	2 00
P E Bucke.....	1 00
R S W.....	1 00
W H Smithson.....	1 00
J E Hopkirk.....	1 00
D A Grant.....	1 00
J Macpherson.....	1 00
Henry J Lane.....	1 00
W R Wright.....	1 00
W Powell.....	1 00
C Stewart.....	1 00
S Fleming.....	1 00
Ch O Palmer.....	1 00
E V Johnson.....	2 00
J R Burpé.....	1 00
W B Smellie.....	1 00
H MacLeod.....	1 00
C P LeSueur.....	1 00
W E Morgan.....	2 00
J P Pim.....	1 00
Alex Middleton.....	1 00
E G Garden.....	1 00
H B Smith.....	1 00
T A Young.....	1 00
R B Crawley.....	1 00
R A Davy.....	1 00
Friend.....	1 00
F L Jones.....	1 00
Charles Walkem.....	1 00
G M Sherwood.....	1 00
P D McIntyre.....	50
W L Blair.....	50
H W Griffin.....	1 00
A J MacDermid.....	50
Geo Rance.....	50
James A McLaurin.....	50
Chas Doucet.....	1 00
A Dorion.....	1 00
H Lindsay.....	50
Wm C Bowles.....	2 00
R A Bradley.....	2 00
T Vaux.....	2 00
Small sum.....	25

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Collected by Messrs Johnson and
Larmonth.

1876-'77.

A Brunel.....	5 00
J Brunel.....	1 00
E Miall.....	2 00
F K Blatch.....	50
Mrs Blatch.....	50
Alex Graham.....	2 00
C E Chubbuck.....	50
Paul M Robins.....	1 00
F Measam.....	1 00
T C Bramley.....	2 00
N Godard.....	

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