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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY,
AUXILIARY TO THE
LONDON TRACT SOCIETY.

Presented at their Annual Meeting, Jan. 24, 1842.

“Who hath despised the day of small things?”

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MONTREAL AUXILIARY RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Montreal Auxiliary Religious Tract Society, was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, on Monday Evening, January 24, 1842. Capt. MAITLAND in the Chair. The meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. J. BORELAND. The Report was read by the Rev. J. GIRDWOOD.

Moved by the Rev. H. WILKES, seconded by J. MATHEWSON, Esq.
1. *Resolved*,—That the Report now read be adopted and published under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by Rev. J. BORELAND, seconded by JAMES FERRIER, Esq.
2. *Resolved*,—That the past success and gradual increase of the Society's operations demand our grateful thanksgivings to God, and pledge us to unremitting, arduous and enlarged efforts for its future prosperity.

Moved by Rev. J. J. CARRUTHERS, seconded by Rev. DR. DAVIES.
3. *Resolved*,—That as the truth circulated by this Society is eminently adapted to convert men from the error of their ways, it has strong claims on the liberality and prayers of every Christian.

Moved by Rev. R. COONEY, seconded by R. LATHAM, Esq.
4. *Resolved*,—That while the continued favor of the God of all grace to the Parent Society in London is a source of rejoicing, its liberal donations to this Auxiliary impose on us, as well as the Province generally, weighty obligations, and ought to be met by exertions on our part to aid its funds.

Moved by Mr. J. RATTRAY, seconded by JOHN TRY, Esq., and supported by the Rev. T. OSGOOD.
5. *Resolved*,—That the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee for the next year, with power to add to their number.

HENRY VENNOR, Esq. *Treasurer*.

Rev. JOHN GIRDWOOD, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Mr. JAMES MILNE, *Recording Secretary and Depositary*.

Committee.

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL, resident in this City.

Messrs. William Lunn,
James Ferrier,
John Mathewson,
James R. Orr,
J. C. Becket,
James Court,
William Learmont,
Henry Lyman,
John Bowles,
James Mills,
J. C. Beers,
Dr. Holmes,

Messrs. A. Adams,
John Gibson,
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William Hutchison,
Thomas Wilson,
Rollo Campbell,
Joseph Leeming,
A. F. Hamilton,
James L. Mathewson,
W. M. Ogden,
Capt. Maitland,
Lieut. Wright.

LAWs AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
MONTREAL RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

1. That this Society be denominated *The Montreal Religious Tract Society, Auxiliary to the Religious Tract Society in London*, and that the Tracts circulated by this Society be chiefly those published by the Parent Institution.

2. That a Subscriber of One Dollar per annum, or upwards, be a Member of this Society, and be entitled to receive Tracts, upon application for them *within the year*, to the amount of one half his annual subscription.

3. That one fourth of the funds of this Society, if practicable, be annually transmitted to the Parent Institution, in aid of its funds for circulating Religious Tracts throughout the world.

4. That the Tracts purchased by Subscribers, or others, of the Society, *be paid for on delivery*.

5. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of fifteen members, together with the Treasurer and Secretaries, who shall be chosen at an Annual General Meeting of this Society; and that three Members constitute a quorum.

6. That all resident Clergymen be members of the Committee, *ex-officio*.

7. That the Committee shall have power to add to their number; and shall appoint a Depositary, and a Collector or Collectors; and shall hold their meetings monthly, or oftener, as may be required.

8. That an Annual Public Meeting of this Society shall be held, when a Report of its proceedings, and the general state of its affairs, shall be presented to the Subscribers, and Officers and Committee chosen for the ensuing year.

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ANNUAL REPORT.



THE Committee meet you on this occasion with emotions of inexpressible delight to present their Sixth Report. Your Committees had, in the two last annual statements, to report a degree of prosperity exceeding that of preceding years; and now with unfeigned pleasure, and thankfulness to Almighty God, they inform you of the still more extended and successful operations of the Institution,—of its augmented income and increased expenditure since last Anniversary. And although only eleven months of the Society's transactions can be reviewed, in consequence of this Anniversary being held one month earlier than usual, yet, in each department there is found a gratifying increase. This abundant encouragement in our labour, ought to prepare us for more strenuous exertions in the cause of our blessed Redeemer.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

There have been received into the Depository during the past year, 67,964 Tracts, or 476,398 pages; bound Books, Children's Books, and other Publications 7977, making a total of 75,941. The entire value of these receipts is £255 19s. 1d. currency. This statement

includes a grant of Tracts valued at £30 sterling, which was sent by our truly liberal Parent, with her usual munificence. By this enlightened liberality, your Committee have had the pleasing task of supplying the ever increasing demand for the invaluable publications of the Parent Society, to a vast mass of mind in this Province. May we not indulge the hope, that much good will result from the diffusion of so much truth—that many will through this instrumentality be brought to that Saviour, whose atoning sacrifice is exhibited in *every tract* sent forth by this Society.

ISSUES.

Tracts 60,221 ; Books and other Publications 4915.
Total number issued 65,136. [For particulars see the table in the appendix.]

The total value of the issues from the Depository during the period comprehended by this report, is £337 16s. 5d. currency. Of this amount, there have been issued in gratuitous distribution, Tracts and Children's Books to the value of £65 7s. 2d., being £16 15s. 4d. more than in the preceding year. The particulars of the gratuitous distribution will be given in the appendix.

SALES.

The cash sales in eleven months exceed those of the twelve preceding months by the sum of £10 0s. 2d. ; and the payments received within the same period, amount to £48 15s. 3d. more than the former year. The free contributions have also increased beyond those of the previous year, by £19 17s. 6d.

As the gratuitous issues of Tracts have very greatly increased, as urgent demands for these "messengers of

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mercy" are multiplying daily, and as new channels will undoubtedly open, your Committee congratulate you, on the advancing state of the resources of this Auxiliary; and for themselves, would express devout gratitude to the giver of all good. They, moreover, cherish a hope, that the friends and benefactors of this Society will multiply, until its resources become commensurate with the wants of this Colony.

DEPOTS AND AGENTS.

From some of the Depôts in the country, returns have been received, which evince a demand in their respective localities, for the publications; while from others, the returns indicate very little demand. From the latter your Committee intend to withdraw the stock, because they are a heavy burden on the stock of your Depository, and keep the amount due by this Auxiliary to the Parent Society greater than is desirable.

Mr. JAMES HENDERSON still continues to sell the Books of the Society. He has received Books from the Depository since last report, to the value of £5 13s. 10d., and has paid the sum of £5 18s. 6d.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The Bytown Branch Society has been supplied with Publications to the value of £22 19s. 10d., in addition to the supplies of last year, and has paid since its commencement £20 10s.

To the L'Original Branch Society a few Books have been sent during the year, and it has remitted £17 19s. 1d. on account of the last year's supply. The first Anniversary of this branch was held on the 13th instant. Your Depository was present on that occasion, and

reports that a lively interest was taken in the operations of this, and the Parent Society.

Some correspondence has been entered into with the officers of the Whitby Tract Society, which, it is hoped, will lead to its renewed and increased usefulness.

BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS, WITH SCOTCH PSALMS AND PARAPHRASES.

Your Committee ordered another supply of these to the value of £20 9s. sterling, through Messrs. DENNISTOUN, BRYCE & Co. of Glasgow, who have kindly bought and forwarded them without charging any commission.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

We are still destitute of any information respecting the kindred institutions in Kingston and Quebec. It is hoped that they are prosperous and active.

MONTREAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIGIOUS TRACTS.

Your Committee have much pleasure in recording their testimony respecting the unabated zeal of this self-denying body of labourers in the wide field of Tract distribution,—and congratulate the Christian community, on their possessing such auxiliaries in this arduous and important undertaking. Notwithstanding the contumely with which they are treated, and the abuse they have to suffer in some quarters, Sabbath after Sabbath they persevere in this labour of love, sowing the seed of divine truth. May they be blessed in their own souls, and in the work of their hands.

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UPPER CANADA RELIGIOUS TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY.

This fellow-helper in Tract distribution affords indubitable indications of growing prosperity. The income obtained from all sources, during the year up to last May, is £565 12s. 2d.; being £176 19s. 1d. more than the preceding year. Its expenditure is £596 5s. The circulation exceeded the former year by 9624 publications. Books were sold to the number of 13,641; being an increase of 5831. Of Tracts there were sold 17,008, and gratuitously distributed 24,138, which makes a total of Tracts issued 41,146, and an increase of 3,793. Thus 54,787 religious publications have been scattered abroad, to which 3200 volumes sold to form libraries must be added, making altogether 57,987 publications. We trust that this institution will continue to enlarge, and long exist to aid in blessing the country.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

It is delightful to find from the twenty-seventh Report of this institution, that it secures a large share of public patronage. The increase in the item of donations is \$6,485. The amount received from sales, is \$9,670 less than the sales of the previous year, arising from an attempt to circulate extensively bound Books. The entire benevolent income is \$41,760, or £8,352 sterling; being £2,690 sterling more than the benevolent income of "*The Religious Tract Society*":—a fact which appeals powerfully to all the Auxiliaries and friends of our Parent Institution, to aid as much as possible its funds.

PARENT SOCIETY.

We are sorry to notice from the forty-second Report of this invaluable Society, a decrease in its funds and

issues. The total benevolent income, is £5,662 15s. 2d., being a decrease of £451 10s. 10d. The gratuitous issues amount to £7,817 11s. 10d., being £2,154 16s. 8d. more than the total amount of funds placed at the Society's disposal. The total receipts, including the proceeds of sales, are £58,966 12s. 6d., being £2,151 4s. 2d. less than the previous year, arising, partly, from the great reduction made in the prices of many of the Society's publications. The total issues for the year are 17,792,562 publications.

The number of Libraries granted during the year is 2,111, which required £6,902 10s. 2d. from the Society's funds. New publications have been issued to the number of 149. Among these are to be found several large and valuable works.

"The largest portion of decrease in the contributions of the year, is under the head of Auxiliary Societies; a fact which the Committee hope will induce their friends to make increased efforts on behalf of the Institution during the coming year, particularly when the reduction in the prices of the Society's works is remembered. They look with much satisfaction to the list of annual subscriptions, believing that the increase" (£21 5s. 3d.) "under that head is an encouraging evidence, that the Society is still felt to be an important instrument in supporting the great principles of the Reformation, in the numerous works it is sending forth."

There are many pleasing testimonies from various parts of the world, to the usefulness of this truly great and honored Institution.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

While this Auxiliary is prospering in many respects (for which may our ascriptions of praise ascend to "the Father of lights" from whom "every good and

perfect gift" descend to the attention of our to the solemn fact effected, seems inad fused through your discourage, but to This view of our wo cise of fervent suppl ence, that the seed produce an abundan

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perfect gift" descends) yet would we affectionately call the attention of our constituents and successors in office to the solemn fact, that the degree of spiritual good effected, seems inadequate to the quantity of truth diffused through your means. This is not introduced to discourage, but to stimulate all to renewed energy. This view of our work ought to induce in us, the exercise of fervent supplication for the Holy Spirit's influence, that the seed sown may receive a blessing, and produce an abundant harvest to the glory of God.

As Satan has his innumerable emissaries and allies well organized and active in every place; as the abettors of error and superstition are propagating delusion and death; as the devotees of vice are spreading pollution among society; and, as the partisans of a dark, cheerless and obscene infidelity are scattering their publications, and sending forth a periodical embodying their views, and urging the adoption of their iniquitous practices;—which periodical (incredible as it may seem) has reached a circulation of 65,385 copies, the annual value amounting to £85,000 10s. sterling, or £26,033 17s. 6d. more than the total proceeds of our Parent Society:—as these things exist, it becomes us, as the friends of truth, essential and saving truth, to unite with those at home and abroad, as "a chosen consecrated band," valiant for the truth, and to contend "earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

Believing the Tract Society to be opposed to every thing anti-Christian both in its principles and practice—to every thing exclusive, sectarian, and bigoted;—but knowing that it is catholic in its constitution, holy in its aims, and innocent in its instrumentality, let us rally round its standard, and sieze its weapons for the defence of "pure and undefiled religion." And if we thus maintain the truth, "God, even our own God, shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."

MONTREAL AUXILIARY TRACT SOCIETY in Account with HENRY VENNOR, Treasurer.

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To paid expense of Annual Meeting	£1 2 6	
To paid Campbell & Becket, printing Report, &c.	11 11 3	£0 10 4
To Remitted Tract Society Exchange £50		5 0 6
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To paid average per "Belvidere," on account of		32 6 11
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To remitted Dennistoun, Bryce & Co. Exchange		14 6 4
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To paid Bible Society 12 months' Rent and		3 5 4
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To paid Duties on Publications imported,		
Freight, Cartage and Wharfage	5 9 6	158 2 11
To paid Postages, Advertising, Insurances,		
Candles, Cases, and other petty charges...	13 17 10	
To Balance in Treasurer's hands	157 8 10	
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Montreal, January 24, 1842.

HENRY VENNOR, Treasurer.

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Stock Account.—Montreal Auxiliary Religious Tract Society.

To Amount due Parent Society£497 8 11 To Amount due Dublin Book and Tract Soc. 12 17 7 To Balance 280 6 8 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> £790 13 2	By Books and Tracts on hand, at cost prices, per Inventory.....£424 10 7 By Amount due by Agents, Br. Societies, &c. 208 13 9 By Cash in the hands of the Treasurer..... 157 8 10 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> £790 13 2
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JAMES MILNE, *Depositary.*

From this statement it will be perceived, that the Society has improved since last Report, by the sum of £105 7s. 3d.

HENRY VENNOR, *Treasurer.*

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Montreal, January 24, 1842.

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Statement of Publications received and issued by the Montreal Auxiliary Religious Tract Society, from the 24th February, 1841, to 20th January, 1842.

	ENGLISH.										FRENCH.					TOTAL.				
	Tracts and Sermons.	Hand Bills.	Broad Sheets.	3mo. gilt edge.	3mo. Chill. Books.	Select Sermons.	18mo. Sermons.	Rewards.	Bound Volumes.	6mo. Series.	Periodicals.	Children's Tracts.	Gaelic Tracts.	Tracts.	Bound Volumes.		Hand Bills.	3mo. Chill. Books.	Edinburgh Bibles.	Edinburgh Tracts.
On hand, February 24, 1841.	109616	4100	1644	2	20189	48	487	1075	41	243	2900	10738	7842	90	400	4836	105	27	20	164403
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Gratuitous Distribution by the Montreal Tract Society, from 24th February, 1841, to 20th January, 1842.

<i>To whom Distributed.</i>	<i>Fr.</i>	<i>Eng.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Montreal Association for the distribution of Tracts	2416	33824	36240
Emigrants, (Gælic 42)		3083	3125
Ministers in the country, Missionaries and Individuals..	741	3459	4200
To an Association in Hatley		1205	1205
Children's Books, Sundries.			242
Select Sermons (A Missionary)			7
Argenteuil Female Tract Society..		1125	1125
Total.....			46144

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR 1842.

collected by Mrs. Joseph Leeming and Miss Muir, in West Ward.

Amount.....£32 6s. 11d.

Hon. P. M'Gill	£1 5 0	John M'Lennan	£0 5 0
Henry Vennor.....	0 15 0	J. Gilmour.....	0 5 0
J. & J. Leeming.....	0 15 0	R. C.....	0 5 0
H. L. Routh.....	0 15 0	F. M'Culloch.....	0 5 0
William Laurie.....	0 10 0	James Hearle.....	0 5 0
R. H. Hamilton.....	0 10 0	Mrs. A. Murphy.....	0 5 0
Benjamin Lyman.....	0 10 0	H. Benson & Co.....	0 5 0
James Arthur.....	0 10 0	Benaiah Gibb.....	0 5 0
H. H. Robertson.....	0 10 0	R. Campbell.....	0 5 0
James Dougall.....	0 10 0	Thomas Wilson.....	0 5 0
Joseph M'Kay.....	0 10 0	Thomas Paton.....	0 5 0
R. H. Perkins.....	0 10 0	Mrs. W. M'Intosh ...	0 5 0
Dr. Holmes.....	0 10 0	William Workman ...	0 3 9
R. Latham.....	0 10 0	John Kershaw.....	0 3 9
James Cuthbertson ...	0 10 0	R. Graham.....	0 3 9
J. W. Dunscomb.....	0 10 0	H. Black.....	0 2 9
William Bradbury....	0 10 0	J. A. Perkins.....	0 2 9
Benjamin Holmes.....	0 10 0	F. Bethel.....	0 2 9
L. H. Anderson.....	0 7 6	Mr. Frost.....	0 2 6
J. Griffiths.....	0 5 6	T. J. Green.....	0 2 6
E. Atwater.....	0 5 6	E. & G. Wright.....	0 2 6
William Rodden.....	0 5 6	Mrs. Bellamy.....	0 2 6
C. Hodges.....	0 5 6	S. P. Tilton.....	0 2 6
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J. Greenshields, jun..	0 5 6	D. Ferguson.....	0 2 6
John Steel.....	0 5 0	N. S. Frost.....	0 2 6
Mrs. M'Kenzie.....	0 5 0	John Bruce.....	0 2 6
Dinning & Senior.....	0 5 0	J. H.....	0 2 6
Robert Armour.....	0 5 0	D. Stewart.....	0 2 6
Louis Blanchard.....	0 5 0	Mr. F.....	0 2 6
James Mills.....	0 5 0	A. B. Campbell.....	0 1 3
Ebenezer C. Tuttle...	0 5 0	H. May.....	0 1 3
John Holland.....	0 5 0	J. Ready.....	0 1 3
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Mrs. R. Corse
Mrs. Ward ...
A Friend

Collected by Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Milne, in the East Ward.

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Amount.....£14 6s. 4d.

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John Dougall.....£1 0 0	W. Gemmill.....£0 2 6
James R. Orr 0 15 0	J. Murray 0 2 6
Hon. George Moffatt.. 0 10 0	J. Keiller..... 0 2 6
Mrs. J. J. Day 0 10 0	W. Footner 0 2 6
J. M. Millar..... 0 6 3	James Smith..... 0 2 6
Campbell & Becket... 0 6 3	S. M'Conkey 0 2 6
J. Birks 0 5 6	Joseph Hethood 0 2 6
A. Hamilton 0 5 6	Edwin Atkinson 0 2 6
S. Tetu..... 0 5 6	Daniel Harmer..... 0 1 3
Ebenezer Muir 0 5 6	H. R..... 0 2 6
Hugh Kirkpatrick.... 0 5 0	C. Solomon 0 2 6
J. & W. Roy 0 5 0	E. Noxon..... 0 2 6
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W. J. Chandler..... 0 2 6	Cash from Sundries... 3 16 6

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Amount.....£3 5s. 4d.

Mrs. R. Corse.....£0 5 0	Mrs. Brush.....£0 2 6
Mrs. Ward 0 5 0	Mrs. Adams..... 0 2 1
A. Friend..... 0 5 0	Mrs. Dickinson..... 0 1 3
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Mrs. C. Campbell.... 0 3 0	Mrs. A. Galt 0 1 3
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Mrs. N. Hall..... 0 2 6	James Haldane..... 0 1 3
Mrs. C. Dorwin 0 2 6	A. Friend 0 1 3
Mrs. Janes 0 2 6	

Subscriptions and Donations received at the Depository.

Rev. M. Willoughby, Montreal.....	£2	10	0
Rev. W. Taylor, do.	0	10	0
R. Anderson, do.	0	10	0
J. Barnard, do.	0	10	0
J. M'Callum, do.	0	5	0
Lieut. Wright, do.	0	5	0
Rev. T. Osgood, do.	0	5	0
W. M. Ogden, do.	0	5	0
R. Craike, St. Luke	1	5	0
J. Hinton, Richmond.....	0	10	0
Carleton Place Female Tract Society.	1	15	0

Payments received during the year ending January 20, 1842.

James Henderson	£5	17	6
D. Cattnach	2	4	5
Rev. H. O. Crofts, Montreal.....	0	19	3
Rev. E. Lapelletrie, do.	1	1	5
James Milne, do.	0	5	0
St. Gabriel St. Church, do.	6	0	2
J. H. Maitland, do.	1	0	0
Rev. Dr. Black, do.	0	6	9
John Bain, do.	1	16	0
William Slack, do.	5	12	6
Mrs. Drake, do.	0	4	6
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Mrs. Ogden.....	0	9	6
Thomas Christie, Melbourne.....	5	2	6
J. W. Davies, Ann Prior.....	2	5	0
William Cantwell, Russelltown.....	1	5	0
Rev. A. Mann, Pakenham.....	7	19	10
Argenteuil Female Tract Society....	1	9	5
L'Original Branch Society	17	8	4
George Kerr, Perth.....	5	0	0
P. Hubbard, Stanstead.....	8	0	0
Rev. D. Connell.....	0	6	9
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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MONTREAL ASSOCIATION

FOR THE

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIGIOUS TRACTS..

THIS Association, by the providence of God, has completed the third year of its existence. And now, at the presentation of their Annual Report, the Distributors would acknowledge, with fervent gratitude to the author of all good, the greatly increased measure of success with which he has been pleased to crown their unobtrusive labours in this section of his vineyard.

The importance of Tracts, and of Tract distribution, may in part be inferred from the fact, that those persons,—who spending their Sabbaths in vain amusement or in dissipation, are seldom, if ever, to be found in God's house on his day,—are with others supplied with the word of life by the Distributors, (for each Tract is a sermon in itself); and who otherwise, were it not for the efforts of Tract Distributors, might proceed unchecked in their sinful career, until it issued in their temporal and everlasting ruin.

The silent but powerful appeals of these little monitors, have, in numberless instances, been the cause of sinners turning from the "error of their way," and of guiding their feet into the path of life. That day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed, will alone fully unfold the blessed effects attendant on the perusal of these little messages of mercy.

We deem it to be our duty, in giving an impartial report to the public, to make mention of the very great hostility which we have experienced during the past year from Roman Catholics in general. For a considerable time after the commencement of the labors of this Association, the Tracts were, in general, gratefully received by persons of all denominations—Catholics as well as Protestants,—but latterly there are very few Catholics who will take the Tracts, owing undoubtedly to the influence of their Priests, which has been exerted to the utmost against the distribution of Tracts amongst their people. Sermons have been preached against both Tracts and Distributors; the former have been denounced as most dangerous and heretical, and the latter as being any thing but Christians. This determined opposition, on the part of the Priests, has been very much against our success with that people. But we are assured that it is our duty to proceed in our labours, notwithstanding all the opposition that may be given, leaving consequences to Him who can bring good out of apparent evil; and who has written for our encouragement, “Cast thy bread upon the waters, and it shall be seen after many days.”

The following is a brief sketch of the doings of the Distributors:—

The Military stationed in the city, and their various Hospitals, together with the Montreal General Hospital, have been regularly supplied throughout the year. The Tracts have been received with gratitude, and read with attention in most cases; and evidence is not wanting to prove, that the efforts of the Distributors have not been unattended with success in this extensive and important district.

The Shipping and Emigrants have not been neglected; a much greater number of Tracts having been distributed amongst them the past season, than during any former year of the operations of this Association. And although immediate good, resulting from the perusal of the Tracts by Sailors and Emigrants, may not be witnessed, owing

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to the shortness of their stay amongst us, yet the Distributor in this department is cheered with the reflection, that those "who go down to the sea in ships, and who see the wonders of the Almighty in the great waters," are furnished in the Tracts, with very profitable employment for their leisure hours; and that those Tracts given to the emigrant, will be highly valued, and may be the means of effecting much good in these sections of the country where religious books are not always to be had.

The Jail has also been regularly visited and supplied: this formerly very uninviting field, now presents many encouraging features to the Distributors. When they commenced their labours there, and even until lately, they encountered much opposition. But as that opposition may now be said to have ceased, the Distributors proceed unmolested in their labours. A great change has been observed in the character and conduct of several of the prisoners, which has been traced to the influence which (under God) the reading of Tracts has exerted upon their minds.

The number of English Tracts distributed during the year is 32,283; French, 9,553; total, 41,836.

Besides this very large number of Tracts distributed, a number of Bibles and Testaments have been given to Emigrants and destitute persons who were desirous of having them. Children have been gathered into Sabbath schools, temperance pledges have been obtained, and the Distributors have endeavoured to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom in every suitable way, while engaged in the distribution of Tracts.

We will give but very few extracts from the monthly reports of the Distributors, because to give a lengthened report is not our object.

April.—"Since the commencement of my labours as a Tract Distributor, I have distributed 300 Tracts. I am highly interested in the work, notwithstanding the hostility which some manifest. There are, I am happy to say, but few who act thus. As far as I can learn, those who receive the Tracts are much interested in their perusal. I find that more Roman Catholics receive the Tracts than I expected."

June.—“Being asked by a Canadian boy for a tract, I refused him, suspecting that he intended to make a bad use of it. ‘O Sir!’ said he, ‘do give me one, and I will give you a copper for it.’ ‘If,’ said I, ‘you will tell me truly what you intend to do with the Tract, I will give you one for nothing.’ Hesitating some time, he replied, ‘my teacher Sir, will give me a medal for it.’ I asked his teacher’s name. ‘Father ——,’ said he, naming a Catholic Priest. As I had promised, I gave the boy a Tract, and he went off well pleased. This is another piece of Popish craft, but hold on fellow-labourers, for the Lord will give us the victory.”

December.—“Entering a Canadian house, while engaged in distributing, I saw the mother of the family engaged in the perusal of a French Bible. On my entering into conversation with her, she expressed herself to be anxious for instruction. She was very desirous that pious persons would visit her family more frequently, and thinks that were they to do so, they might be the means of guiding her household into the way of life. May the spirit of all grace bless this beginning of a brighter day in this family.”

It is very much to be regretted, that while some parts of the city are totally unsupplied with Tracts, and other parts but partially so, owing to the smallness of the number of Distributors, that Christians generally should manifest so little interest in this cause. We are confident that were they to consider their duty in this matter in its proper light, there would be no longer any reason to complain of the want of distributors, not a part of this extensive and populous city that would not be supplied. To the Christian, the distributing of Tracts is a pleasing and agreeable employment; and to such as are desirous of uniting with us in this truly Christian enterprise, we would say, that if their aim be the glory of God, and the salvation of their perishing fellow-creatures, their labours in this cause shall not be in vain.

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Secretary and Treasurer.

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Distributors.

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Thomas M'Watters,
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John Barr,
Robert Morton,
John Gibson,
John Birks,
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W. Hardie,
H. Osborne,
John Bowles,
Alexander Hamilton,
J. M'Callum,
J. A. Mathewson,
John Keller,
James Wilson,
W. Norton,

Capt. Maitland,
D. Savage,
M. Kerns,
D. T. Bishop,
James Noble,
William M'Bride,
William Peacock,
J. Jackson,
John Bowland,
William Patterson.

Mrs. Milne,
Miss Sawtell,
Miss Mary Anne Smith,
Miss Jane Smith,
Miss Elizabeth Mills,
Miss Clapperton,
Miss Rattray.

CONSTITUTION.

1. That this Institution be called *The Montreal Association for the Distribution of Religious Tracts*.

2. That this Association shall consist of all such pious persons, who may be disposed to unite their operations in carrying out the object of a general Tract distribution, according to the plan now proposed.

3. That all persons desirous of becoming Members of this Association in future, shall be received by a vote of the Society at any General or Monthly Meeting.

4. That it shall be the duty of the Members of this Association to distribute Tracts, to converse with those they visit on the important subject of personal religion, and to urge an attendance on public worship, as well as a regard to the other means of grace.

5. That the Members shall meet stately once a month for prayer in connection with the object in view, when each Member shall present a written report, and give a statement of such facts as may have occurred in the course of distribution.

6. That all monies contributed shall be received in aid of the funds of the Montreal Religious Tract Society.

7. That the Officers shall consist of a Chairman and Secretary, to be chosen annually by the members.

8. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and also the reports of the Distributors. He shall also take charge of all monies received by the Association, and account for the same.