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A proposal for commencing their meetings with prayer having been brought under the consideration of your Committee, the following Resolution was, after a lengthened discussion, passed on the 8th day of June, 1857:-
"That this Committee do open their meetings with prayer."
The question of adopting prayer at the commencement of the Annual Meetings of the Society, was subsequently entertained, and the Resolution now appended was passed on the 1st day of February, 1858 :-
"That in future the Annual Meetings of the Society do open with preyer, and that the Secretaries be instructed to take measures for carrying this Resolution into effect."
Subsequently it was resolved, -
"That the prayer on such occasions shall be offered by the Secretaries alternately."

LAWS AND REGULATIONS
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MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

I. The Society shall be denominated "THE MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY," the object of which shall be to co-operate with the Britiser and Foreign Bible Sooirty, in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, both at home and abroad.
II. Conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments circulated by this Society shall be without note or comment.
III. All persons subscribing two dollars or upwards, per annum, shall be members of this Society; or forty dollars at one time, shall be members for life.
IV. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, VicePresidents, Treasurer, two Secretaries, and a Committee consisting of not less than twenty members, with power to add to the number; five members of this Committee shall form a quorum.
V. 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 at least four dollars.
VI. The Committee shall have the power of nominating such persons as shall have rendered essential services to the Society as Honorary Governors for life.
VII. The Committee shall meet once every month, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.
VIII. 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.
IX. For the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent designs of the British and Formign Bible Socibty, 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 prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.
X. A general meeting of the Subscribers shall be held annually at Montreal, when the accounts shall be presented, -the proceedings of the past year stated, -a new Committee appointed,-and a Report agreed upon to be printed under the direction of the Committee, and circulated among the members.
XI. No alterations 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 Montreal Newspapers, one month previously.
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to be paid with all convenient speed after my decease, and the receipt of such Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall be a sufficient and valid discharge for the said legacy.

## THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

## MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, was held in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James Street, on Wednesday evening, January 26, 1859. There were about 3000 persons present. The Chair was taken at seven o'clock by A. F. Holmes, M.D., President. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer, by Rev. H. Wlikes, D.D. The Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and the Financial Statement by the Tredsurer.

Moved by the Rev. D. Fraser, A.M., seconded by Mr. Wenham:

1. Resolved, -That the Report, an abstract of which has now been reat, be adopted and printed, and that the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee of this Auxiliary for the ensting year:-(See next page.)
Moved by Rev. John Jeniins of Philadelphia, seconded by Rev. David
MARse, representing Quebec Bible Society:
2. Resolved,-That this meeting, calling to mind the Resolution passed at the Iast Anniversary in reference to the (then) frightful condition of India, desires to offer fervent praise to the Almighty Ruler of the Universe for the altered aspect of that great country ; and for his providential mercies during the past year, whereby the teeming multitudes of India, China and Japan, have become accessible to the preaching of the Gospel and the dissemination of the
Bible.
Moved by Rev. R. V. Rogers, representing the Kingston Bible Society, seconded by W.C. Bayners, A.M., and supported by the Rev. Justin Perkins, D.D., of Oroomiah, American Missionary to Persia :
3. Resolved,-That this meeting contemplates with gladness the amazing progress already made in spreading the Word of God; but looking upon the worid's wants, not only in Heathen and Mohamedan, but in Christian lands, it feels that only a commencement has been made in the great work, and that strenuous and continued efforts are required, with God's blessing, largely to increase the distribution of the Scriptures.

Moved by Rev. J. B. Howard, seconded by Mr. Davidson:
4. Resolved,-That this meeting feels bound to thank God for the constantly increasing success attending the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and kindred associations, and, specially, for the success which has attended the exertions of our own and other Auxiliary Societies of British America.

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The General Meeting of the Society is held annually on the fourth Wednesday in January.

## REPORT.

"Let us not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," may be our present motto. For while this 38 th Report, like many former ones, will not tell of extraordinary laborsinnor striking successes on a large scale, in the actual work of Bible distribution anywhere, it will nevertheless show, that faithful persevering labor, over a world-wide field, by a great number of unwearying workers, has received so much of the Divine blessing, as may well stimulate to exertion, and strengthen that faith, which sees the result and gracious reward of effort, not merely in the present first-fruits of blessing, but in the seed sown having promise of fruit, down to the time when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." The results of the past year afford no ground for doubt and discouragement, norgdo the brightened prospects of the immediate future teach other lessons than those of patient continuance in these labors, with trust and hope, without any fainting, till the time of triumph come.

In the review of Bible Society operations, both at home and abroad, which it is the du:y of your Committee now to submit, there will be shown the character, extent, and in some degree, the success also, of this work, which under God has been carried so far, but which has jet to be carried vastly farther. In doing this we desire to make devout acknowledgement of Him whose we are, and whom we ought to serve; and to put our confidence of success wholly in Him ; and we desire also to keep in view the great practical aim of bringing into sympathy with this blessed work, and into active co-operation, many more of the Lord's people in our midst.

We first of all report the work of our own Society, for the year 1858.

## OUR ISSUES

Are 5409 Bibles, 7061 Testaments, 32 portions, being a total number of 12502 copies- $\mathbf{1 3 5 7}$ more than last year, and bringing up the total since the formation of the Society to 228,652 copies.

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Numbers 1189 Bibles, and 733 Testaments, a total of 1922 copies, being 1134 copies more than last year, and exceeding any former year of the Society's history. The larger grants are 300 copies to the soldiers of the 100th Regiment on leaving our shores; 126 copies to the Canada Foreign Missionary Society for distribution on the Labrador coast; 119 to the City Missionaries, and 34 to the Montreal General Hospital. The Appendix will afford a still more detailed statement.

## DEPOSITORY-BIBLE HOUSE.

The business of the Society is still carried on by Mr. Milne, together with that of the Religious Book and Tract Society, and the Sunday School Union, in the Union Depository. The need of better suited and larger premises is much felt; and the joint Committee has been looking out for eligible premises, but so far without success. This matter is com_ mended to the incomififg Committee. If a three-years-lease of a well situated and commodious building can be got, it will do much to increase the business of the several Societies. Our May-Reporter contained an appeal on behalf of the Bible House project; and the following resolution has been adopted by the Committee,
"That in order to initiate a fund for the erection of a building for the use of the Society, and of such other kindred Societies as may co-operate, this Committee resolves to invite the friends of the Society to qualify as Life-Members, by payment of special subscriptions of Forty Dollars, as provided by clause 3rd. of the Constitution, and that it be left to the "Sub-Committee on the Bible House," to take such steps as it may deem best to give effect to this resolution.',
It is proposed to advance this matter now without further delay. So far two names have been given in as Life-Members.

## FUNDS.

Our Receipts are:-Cash sales at Depository, and remittances from Branches, $\$ 2812$, being $\$ 350$ more than last year; free contributions, *3538, being $\$ 392$ less than last year; special contributions to India Fund, $\$ 308$; contributions from Upper Canada Bible Society for French Colportage, $\$ 1023:$ total receipts, $\$ 7681$. The Treasurer's accounts will show how this money has been expended. In the work of colportage alone $\$ 1672$ have been laid out.

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## AGENCY.

Our Reporter, published in May last, contained some interesting extracts from the first quarterly report for the year, of the worthy Travelling Agent, Rev. James Green.

## We take the following from a later one :-

"Our branches are becoming more active and self-reliant every year, but I never have been so encouraged with this manifestation as on my recent tour. Formerly, with most of the branches at least, everything depended upon the agent. He must make the suggestions, plan all the business, and do all the speaking. It has been my humble province to labour hard from the beginning, to arrest this, believing that the branches would never be what they should be till they took a self-dependent stand. It has been an object hard to attain, but on my recent tour I had the pleasurable satisfaction of seeing it to a greater degree than ever before. To give you an idea of this, I may just mention that for the field I am now reporting, our branches were aided by ten ministers of the Church of England, fifteen of the Wesleyans, eight of the Congregationalists five of the Baptists, three of the Free Will Baptists, and three of the New Connexion Methodists. In all, forty-four Ministers have co-operated in this one tour. So general a co-operation I am sure must be to you, as it has been to me, very gratifying. There are but few Presbyterian Churches in this part of our field, and the Ministers were unfortunately absent at the time of my visit, or we should have had their assistance, as we have had in times past. Those I have named number forty-four, and besides them we have had the countenance and assistance of many influential laymen, whose;position and antecedents give them much weight in such a cause, and it would not be right in this connection to forget the services of the Sherbrooke Gazette, the Waterloo Advertiser, and the Granby Gazette, which have all done what they could to help, and I have been much indebted for their assistance. The meetings were never so well attended, and never was there so much zeal, and never more unanimity."

## Our Agent thus concludes his report for the year :-

"In summing up this epitomized report of a year's labours, which have cost more toil than appears in this paper, not only toil but embarrasment and anxiety too, for it has been a year of trial to many of the friends of the cause, I have only to add that I have travelled 3342 miles, addressed 186 public meetings, averaging in attendance from 50 to 350 persons, and taking the average at 100 , which is not a very high estimate, I have been privileged to preach the claims of this glorious cause to 18600 people. That part of the Society's income, paid directly to your agent, has reached the sum of $\$ 3054 \cdot 87$, which is $\$ 171.78$ more than the previous year; of this sum a little more than two thirds or a trifle over $\$ 2000$, is free contributions. I have been more than ever indebted to numerous ministers of all persuasions, to a multitude of faithfui women, and to diligent and energetic officers of our Branch Societies for invaluable help, and I now return them all my sincere and hearty thanks, and thanks also to a multitude of my self-denying hosts, who have received me into their homes and entertained me with a warm-hearted and generous hospitality. In parting with you at the end of another year, my prayer is that the God of the Bible will reward you all in this life a hundred fold, and in the world to come, make you partakers of the life which the book reveals.
The past is fraught with encouragement ; the future is bright with hope; let then the laborer and co-laborer strengthen each others hands, take new courage and work on till our beloved country shall be truly a land of Bibles, and God alone have all the glory."

Mr. Green's report, in full, will be found in the Appendix.

## COLPORTAGE.

Better than any words of ours, on the general subject of Colportage, are the following from the American Bible Society :-
"This exploration, as far as it has been carried, is important in another aspect. Its results have induced the belief that the actual destitution of the Scriptures is far greater even in this favored land than was supposed. In one of our oldest States, one of the " original thirteen," every country of which had been carefully supplied within a few years, the recent examination of one county, by way of experiment, has shown that about one-fifth of the whole number of families were destitute of Bibles I In another State the exploration of eight or ten contiguous counties, discovered that an average of nearly one-third of the families visited were without any part of the Scriptures I In some counties, supplied during the year, nearly one-half of the number of families were destititute. In the territories matters are still worse. In Kansas a Sabbath School was organized in one settlement, andffor upwards of forty members, only two Testaments and four or five Bibles could be found. Let none suppose that these are isolated cases. This is the delusion which, more then all else, hinders this great work of re-supply. If the facts, not conjectures, which attest its pressing necessity, could be fully realized, we should witness a determination, an enthnsiasm, before which all thgir difficulties would be as nothing.
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We have employed, during all or part of the year, Messrs. Purkis Campbell, Stamp and Trenholme, English speaking Colporteurs, and Messrs. Pierre Piché, Antoine Lebard, and Alexis Cadier, French.

Colporteur Purkis has labored throughout the year. The parts visited were the townships of Chatham, North Gore, and Mille Isle, in Canada East, and Roxborough, Edwardsburgh, Augusta, Oxford, and Wolford, and part of Montague, Canada West.

Our "Reporter" of May last contained some extracts from his journals We now give others:-
Near the same place I met with a man of some standing in society, who objected to every one taking the Bible and judging for himself, he said that if he read the Bible as he did any other book, he should understand it to mean just what it said, but he did not take it that way, but trusted to the interpretation of the Chureh, and the difference between us was, that he believed in the infallibility of the Church, and I in that of the Bible. I told him I thought mine the best foundation, as it was not so liable to change, and asked him to give me some proof of the infallibility of his Church, he said he would prove it from my Bible. I told him that he had no right to claim any proof that could be obtained from a book, the authority of which he had impugned, but, nevertheless, I should be happy to hear what the Bible had to say on the subject. Upon this he discovered that the day was advancing, and that he must be going, as he had to leave home on business.

A slow but useful work:-
To one who never has been engaged in such a work, I think it must appear like a slow process, to take from a month and a half to-two months to visit a township, and it cannt be done very well in less; for, although, in calling from house to house, one may find many with whom, from various reasons, he will not remain long, yet there are many others whose circumstances appear to demand a little more attention. Sometimes I meet with a family in affliction, with whom to sympathise, at another a young convert who has but recently taken up the cross, to whom a few words of advice may prove serviceable, while there are others who hold and profess doctrines so opposed to that glorious scheme of redemption revealed to us in God's Holy Word, that it becomes a duty to contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints. In such a work one needs that wisdom which cometh from above, that, while prudently avoiding controversy on points of difference between evangelical denominations, no quarter may be given to soul-destroying error.

## Interesting instances of supply:-

I called at a farmer's a few days ago, his wife, after looking at the books and enquiring the price, said she thought she would take a Bible, it being a thing they had never done yet. I thought it was quite time they had, for she had two danghters/standing by her side as tall as herself, with five or six younger sons and daughters of various sizes. I was pleased with the eagerness of the young people to possess a Biblé.

On the same day I sold a good sized Bible to a man who had belonged to the Church of Rome, but the Priest had undertaken to carry things with rather too high a hand, which rather disgusted him. If it should lead him to search the Scriptures with a desire to know the will of God, there is reason to hope it will be made a blessing to his soul.
A mother at first refused ; but her daughter, 12 years of age, anxious to have a copy, the woman said she would take it, and paid me for it. You would have been pleased to have seen the delight of the child when she found that the treasure was hers. She clasped it to her breast, and then kissed it inside and out, and then ragain clasping it to her breast, exclaimed, 'that is mine!' And I am sure you would be pleased to witness the manifestations of joy in some of the out-of-the-way places, where a stranger is never seen, when I have called and supplied them with a copy of the Word of Life.
Patient continuance in this work demanded :-
I have been employed this month in the North Gore and Mille Isle, both very mountainous, so much so, that in many parts it was very difficult travelling, the snow being very deep and drifted. There is quite a large population for such a place, some of them living in parts difficult for a stranger to reach.
You spoke in your letter, which had reached here before my return, about my extending or changing my field of labour, the fact is, I am extending it every day ; for although I have been employed fonthe last 29 months on a comparatively small space, yet among the thousands visited by mé, I think not more than 40 families have received a second call, and these are not included in the numbers reported as visited in each month, that is, if the first and second visit are both in the same year.

## A wakened interest in Divine things:-

I have great pleasure in stating that in my journeys of late, I have found a much more extensive religious element at work in society in general, and not unfrequently have I had persons, of different ages and in different ranks, under deep conviction, speak to me with a candor, quite remarkable, of their hopes and fears. God is evidently blessing the land with showers of Divine Grace, and would do so in much greater abundance if His Church was but fully alive to its obligations.

## A reply to those who think their neighbours supplied:-

I met with a case in point last week, when speaking to a farmer, who appeared to live in very comfortable circumstances, who said he did not want a Bible, as he had two or three, and thought there could not be many without them; but on calling at a house nearly opposite him, I found a widow without one, and unable to purchase, I accordingly gave her a copy, for which she was very thankful. At the next house I found another widow upwards of 80 years of age, whose husband had, in his day, possessed a large property, but had been reduced to poverty by strong drink. She had only about half of a Testament, and that of rather a small print, and very much worn. Her joy was great when I presented her, in the name of the Bible Society, with a copy of the Word of
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Although there are few Roman Catholics who will purchase the Scriptures, yet there are some who wish to know the contents of the books against which they have heard so much. And I have been able to sell a few copies, both in English, Gaelic, and French.

A Swearer rebuked-his child converted:-
"A short time ago I met a man on the road, and enquired of him whether he wanted a Bible. But such was his propensity for swearing, that we had not spoken many words before the oaths began to fall from his lips, for which I felt it my duty to reprove him. He appeared humbled and acknowledged it to be a bad practice. I exhorted him to seek deliverance not only from the sin of swearing, but from the power and dominion of $\sin$ in the heart, by looking to Jesus who came to give repentance unto Israel, and remission of sin. He promised to try to do so, but it was hard work at his age, (this should be a warning against procrastinatign,) he then spoke of his little girl, who had made a profession of religion, and said there was a great change in her, he therefore believed the work to be genuine. I afterward saw her, and believe she was entitled to all her father said of her. They were poor and were destitute of an entire copy of the Scriptures, she was anxious to possess a Bible, and as she was not able to purchase, I gave her one, for which she was very thankful.

Mr. Purkis travelled 2263 miles, visited 1762 families, and sold 1022 copies during the year.

Rev. John Campbell has labored during the year mostly in the Eastern Townships, where, as your Committee believe, he has done a useful work. Our May Reporter contained some interesting extracts from his earlier reports. In those now before us as well as in previous ones, such statements as the following often occcur:
"From the kind welcome everywhere afforded your agent, he has had emcouragement to continue with unabating zeal in this good work of faith and usefulness."

Need of the Colportage work:-
"It would be almost impossible for any one to conceive of the amount of destitution as to spiritual matters. In some places there is much lack of means of grace, and others, when the means are within their reach, the people do not avail themselyes of these opportunities. I frequently endeavour to think of the best plan to get the people interested in the things which belong to their souls' salvation. The more therefore I know, the more I am convinced of the utility of the system of Colportage, because the Colporteur has a better chance of getting at the people, than though he should go as a minister, and unless some method of this nature be continued, many of the people will settle down in utter carelessness, and indifference."

## Again :-

I visited settlements where a more Godless race could not be found. There was one neighhourhood, in relation to which a pious man said to me and to a friend of mine, who was accompanying me one day,-You need not go there with the view of selling books; as I had set my face to the work, I told my friend we would go on and see, the result was, that I found a few families destitute, supplied them, and on the following Lord's Day my friend took me back to the same locality, where we held a meeting in the School-house, in which no religious meeting had ever been held before that day ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
"In some of the localities I visited, worldliness, wretchedness, and spiritual destitution were prevailing among the people, many caring not for the Bible. I may state one instance, I fear of too many who are living in the same manner. This family has been for twenty years with one copy of the Bible, during that time, and it has few marks of being read. They were poor and had no money to purchase any more, though a larger printed Bible would be desirable, yet they cannot procure one for want of means, and especially because they have no heart for spiritual things. I found this week four families who had neither Bible nor Testament. These with others might live and die without a Bible, were it not for such Agency. My impression is, that unless you continue your Agency for many years to come, in order to direct the attention of sinners to the reading of the Bible, the greater part of the rising generation will become the plague of Society, and the curse of the land."
"I was frequently grateful to Providence for the opportunity afforded me to speak a word now and again to these who are dying for the lack of knowledge. I could not really describe to you, the state of many people in the different places I have visited during this month. The Colportage system is one of the best means calculated to impart knowledge, and a word in season, may produce impressions which may through God's blessing end in the conversion of souls I hope therefore, should I discontinue to be your agent at the end of my present engagement, that you will be led to select one who will be a suitable labourer in the most arduous, but a blessed and useful work."

## Hardships of the work:-

"The next day I borrowed a saddle to visit five families, who were in backward places ; in finding the roads so bad my old man would be apt to rebel, but the thought that the Saviour comes to seek and to save that which was lost, made me proceed quietly in the path of duty ; and I found wretched families in every sense of the term. It would be a first rate place to teach some ungrateful people, who are better circumstanced. I gave three Testaments, and sold two Testaments. In returning, my horse lost his feet coming through a swamp, and I was thrown off him into the mud, where I was almost buried alive, but fortunately my horse stood still till I got up, by rolling myself quickly out of his way. The kind lady with whom I lodged the night before, had all my clothes washed. This took place in the forenoon, and I was ready to proceed on duty in the afternoon. In considering the accident, I was grateful to Providence, that I was not lost, as I could not extricate myself, had my horse not

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Mr. Campbell's sales reach 1565 con ies, and families visited averaging two months not reported 3004.

Mr. Giles Stamp has been in the service of the Society seven months, and has sold 1316 copies, but his reports do not enable us to state the number of families visited.

He says:-
"I find that many Roman Catholics are beginning to read the Bible. I met a poor Roman Catholic who had got his hand mangled in a saw-mill, he felt bad, I conversed with him about the importance of his Soul's Salvation until he became much effected, I asked him to buy a Bible, he said he had not the means, he tried to borrow it, but failed. I told him that if he would promise to read it through that I would give him one, he received it thankfully, and while the tears af gratitude ran down his cheeks, he heaped all the blessings upon me in return for my kindness. A young lady in Brockville, whose mother was a Catholic, came up to me, and on finding out what my business was, said that she had heard so much about the Protestant Bible, that if she had the money she would buy one, and compare it with their Catholic one. Her brother would read one, while she read the other, and in this way they would be able to tell the difference.

Frengh Canadian Coliportage.-Under this head we notice the labors of Mr. E. H. Trenholm, a medical student of MeGill College, who, with a willing heart, offered himself for three months service in colportage, and who, a resident of the Eastern Townships, bordering on some of the French Counties on the south side of the St. Lawrence, and familiar with the French language, was qualified, as well as willing, to labor in those parts mainly peopled by French Canadians.

During Mr. Trenholm's 3 month's service he travelled 1650 miles, visited 315 Efiglish families and 1650 French, sold 374 copies, 239 of them being French.
Our Colporteur reports :-
"The first two weeks of my time was spent for the most part in Kingsey and Durham. I then went through Wickham and Grantham, and the River David and the Indian Village of St. Francis, at the mounth of St. Francis River, and from thence on to La Bai and Nicolet, and up through Grantham out to Shipton, Walton, Ham, Weedon, Dudswell, and thence through Owester, Warwick, Arthabaska, Sommerset, Stanfold and out to Ireland the District round there and on through Leeds St. Giles, St. Nicholas, to Point Levi, and from thence up through St. Marys, after having travelled some distance on to north side of the Etchemen and the Chaudiere as far as the village of St. Francis, and from thence through to the townships of Broughton, Fring, Lambton Forsyth \&c. to Win-
slow, and from thence on through Bury and Eaton to Lennoxville, and through Sherbrooke, down to Kingsey, and after two days more travelling round Danville, neighbourhod, and part of Windsor. I finished on the 25th of October 1858, As you can see my field of labor was extended, and to have thoroughly worked so large a district, would have required a much longer period of time than my services were engaged for. I confined myself in general to the main roads, for I thought that by doing so, I would be able to accomplish more than if I spent my time in districts where the travelling was bad.

With a few exceptions, I was very politely and civily received. These exceptions, and particular case of kindness, hospitality and happy reception of the word are mentioned as they occurred in my journals.

## We extract largely from Mr. Trenholme's interesting journal :

Stopped in the evening at Mr. where I was very kindly asked to stop over-night with them. I turned in, and found him a very nice sort of a man, and one who could read and had a longing desire to read the Word for himself. I brought in some French Testaments, and he took one and read almost incessantly for two hours. He was really delighted with what he read, and frequently broke forth with expressions of delight, saying how nice and how good it was. A kind Providence directed him to the middle chapters of Luke's Gospel, which is both interesting and instructive, as, "Jesus came into the world to seek and save that which was lost." His wife, when she saw him so delighted with what he was reading, asked him if it was a Catholic book, and expressed a fear that perhaps the Priest would not be willing for them to have it. He answered, that whether the book was Catholic or not it was good, and he liked it; for, he said, it would teach no one to do wrong, and that it was the text book of all preachers; and that, whether the Priest liked it or not, he would keep it, and would give up such a good book as that, and which he liked so well, to no one. He is a very intelligent man, and I trust the word sown will produce a good effect. Many of the neighbours came in this evening to see my books, and they sat round and he read to them all the time they were in the house. They were very much pleased with what they heard, and some told me they thought they would buy of me in the morning. Sold two copies in the morning.

Stopped at noon at a French house, where there was a young girl in the house, and who wished to get a Testament. She told me her father would soon be in to dinner, and asked me to wait till he came. I did so after having taken care of my horse, and when he came I asked him if he wished to buy a French "Evangile." He said No, that he had quite enongh of such books. I remained, however, sitting in the house whilst my horse was feeding, and he asked me to take something to eat; and whilst I was doing so, a young girl from one of the neighbouring houses came in, and the man asked to show one of my books to her as she could read well. I of course readily consented, and she began to read about our Saviour's crucifixion, \&c.; was very much interested and delighted herself, as well as those who heard her. After she had read some time they looked at the table of contents, and when they found it had not the

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Mass in it, neither the "Vepre," (evening prayers), their desire to buy somewhat diminished ; but after some conversation, and I had told them that surely they read other French books besides the Mass-book, and that as they liked it so much, and as it was a good book too, they had better take one,-after some time they bought two for themselves, and I lent one French Testament to the girl that came in, who seemed to be the most delighted of them all to get one.

Had quite a conversation with a young French lad who works for Mr. Smith. He wishes to read the Testament, but has some fear lest he should take a wrong meaning out of it; he has been taught by the priests that it is not proper for any but the educated to read and think for themselves. I endeavoured to show that as each was accountable to God, so each ought to employ the abilities which God has given him in searching after truth, and especially the Testament, for it is in accordance with the words, "Search the Scriptures," \&c. ; and that if he only sought instruction of God in a proper way, he would be guided in the right path. After some conversation on several other points, he said he would buy a Testament, and I went gnd got him one. I have strong hope he is in a proper condition to receive the truth, which I pray may make a lasting impression on his heart.

Stopped in the evening at two brothers of the name of Boudreau, where I was kindly received for the night, \&c. During the evening's conversation I told them I was a book-seller, and showed them some of my books. One of $t_{\text {hem looked at my book and read the approbation, \&c., and said he thought it }}$ was good; but the cover, he said, looked like one he got last year, and that a school-master who had looked it over said it was not good, and had torn all the inside from the cover. I asked him to shew it to me, and he did so, and found it to be one of the same kind as I have. He told me he liked it himself, but as a man of good learning had told him it was against his faith and not good, he had allowed him to destroy it. Lent one French Testament.

It is plain that the main impediment to the circulation of the Scriptures amongst the French Canadians is the priesthood:-

All whom I visited or spoke to (with the exception of the priest in the village) used me very civilly and politely. The priest was very wrathy, and gave vent to the ebullitions of passion. He said he would have nothing to do with such Bibles and Testaments as I carried, as they were the production of old Martin, \&c.; and that all who carried, and disseminated, and had anything to do with them, the devil would carry away. He said I might sell them to Protestants, but that he would defend his parish against such books. The priest also said he would confiscate all such books he found in the parish; and, pointing to a little portmanteau I had full of books, he said he had already more than three times that number in the vestry which had been" confiscated.

Have been able to do but little this afternoon, as the people through whom I have travelled have been warned by their priests not to have anything to do with any one who came along selling or distributing books. I felt certain they had word of my coming, or they would not be so much on their guard.

I find nearly all the French round here on the look-out in regard to books,
as there was a French Colporteur round these parts about a year ago, and the priests have warned them against taking them; and have invariably found, that the thicker the population and the nearer the priest, the less could I do.

Priests not all equally hostile :-
I called on the priest and asked him if he wished to buy a Testament. He took one and looked at it, and said it was good. He is a very social and gentlemanly fellow, and was very polite and civil to me.
Visited the Roman Catholic Priest of L—, and had quite a conversation with him. Showed him my book, and he said he did not want to buy. Asked him if he would not recommend the people to buy. He said, after looking over them, that perhaps they were good, but as the Cardinal Di Nouiles was at one time almost a heretic, he would not like to recommend them, lest his permission had been given whilst he was in that condition. He said that he would say nothing, one way nor the other, but that the people might do just as they pleased.

Another impediment:-
Visiting on my way thirty or forty French and one American family, found, out of the whole number of the French, not more than two or three that could read.
Visiting this forenoon some sixteen or seventeen French families, found nearly all incapable to read, and those who could read afraid to buy or borrow.

Found every French family, with two exceptions, unable to read French.:
Encouraging circumstances:-
I found some things to cheer me, although I did not sell much; for I found several families where I called in possession of the Bible, and who have had them for some time, although they are Roman Catholics. Those that had them seemed to be more liberal-minded than the generality of their race; and I have strong hopes that the word will produce a good effect among them.

This has been a day of almost unparalleled success, as I have sold seven French Testaments ; and on only one day previous have I sold so many. Felt very thankful and much encouraged after the discouragements of last week on account of no sales.

## Again :-

Sold seven French Testaments. Feel very thankful that so much success has attended my labours this afternoon.
I have found a good many French Canadian families who had the Testament.
Pierre Piché labored 195 days, and sold 69 copies; Antoine Lebard four months, and sold 49 copies; Alexis Cadier 80 days, and sold 30 copies. The success of these French Canadian brethren, was therefore much more limited than that of Mr. Trenholme. We believe they labored diligently and did their best, and we can only account for their comparative failure on two grounds, first, the fact that they went througn
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parts of the country where such labors being more frequent and better known, the priests had more effectually closed the door against them; and secondly, because the people there, coming less into contact with their Protestant fellow countrymen, have less of even elementary education, and less of mental awakenment. There are at present only two of these laborers at work. There is much difficulty in getting and keeping suitable colporteurs.

We have noticed in another place the generous aid of the Upper Canada Bible Society, on behalf of French Canadian Colportage, and the Parent Society has this year granted $£ 50$ sterling for the same object.

We have corresponded with the Parent Committee with a view of obtaining Colporteurs from France, but without success.
It is thus obvious that the impediments to the circulation of the Bible among our French Canadian fellow-subjects are, the difficulty of getting suitable laborers; the inability of many of the p ople to read; but, chiefly, the hostility of the priesthood; and, in this last respect, Canada may be classed with Italy and Spain.

## OUR BRANCH SOCIETIES AND DEPOSITORIES.

These now number 142, five having been added during the year Most of them are healthful and effective. As the success of anything, as a whole, depends upon the fitness and proper working of its parts, so our success as an Auxiliary depends upon the well-working of our Branches. As the stem can have little of beauty or fruitfulness without its branches, so we would be nothing worthy our name without these our auxiliaries which are at once the channels by which we receive and distribute influences for good.

We assure our country friends we feel such to be our dependance upon them. To them we say, "Brethren, be ye not weary in well-doing."

We make special mention as usual of a few of our Branches, so few however, that it is difficult to determine which are most deserving of it. The selection is that of our general agent, leaving out two named last year.

The Montreal Ladies' Association.-The collections of our city helpers have come short of those of last year, which is the more to be regretted, as some of, the collectors have made strenuous efforts to do better than ever before; but, as it arises from the fact that one or two districts have not yet been fully visited, further sums may come in for acknowledgment in the printed lists, and bring up the amount to equal at all events that of any previous year. The sum collected and paid to
our Treasurer is, $\$ 498.2$. The ladies of the association have supplied many persons whom they had found destitute of the Bible. [Subsequent collections make the amount $\$ 572 \cdot 22$.]
Victoria Branch.-This branch is formed by the union of the Ottawa District Branch, one of the oldest and most efficient in the Province, and the East and West Hawksbury Branch. In this case it has been proved that "Union is strength," for the first act of the United Society was to vote $\$ 200$ to the "India Fund" of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The nsual supplies of scriptures have been sent to its depository, and $\$ 181.66$, received on account. [This fruitful Branch has contributed another $\$ 200$ to the "India Fund."]

St. Andrews Branch.-It has been our privilege to speak of this active branch in former reports with approbation, and its operations in 1858 have fully sustained its character, for activity and liberality; the amount of free contributions remitted to our Treasurer is $\$ 111,25$. Its last annual report has been received and will be foun 1 in the appendix. - Lancaster Branch-Gives evidence of a renewed interest in the cause, by sending the handsome sum of $\$ 56.50$ in free contributions.

Granby Branch-Continues active and vigorous, has shewn its love of the Bible Cause by a contribution to our funds of $\$ 49.47$.
Lanark Branch.-This old and steady friend of the Bible has maintained its zeal for the spread of the book of books, by sending us $\$ 33.14$ in free contributions; and one church connected with it has sent, through this Auxiliary, \$65, a donation to the British and Foreign Bible Society.
Lacolle Branch.-It is with pleasure we note the untiring energy of this branch; its contributions from year to year are liberal, and are promptly remitted. We have this year to acknowledge the receipt of $\$ 42.78$ for 1857 , and $\$ 58.37$ for 1858.
Clarenee and Lochaber Branches.-These were formerly one organization, which long and faithfully labored with us; the former, or senior society, has this year paid $\$ 20$ for scriptures sent, and $\$ 21.63$ to the free fund; its younger sister, who is yet in her first year, has got a supply of Bibles, and remitted as a first-fruits $\$ 19.50$; surely "two are better than one."
Cornwall Branoh-Has done well since its formation, has paid up its account and got a supply of 72 Bibles and 48 New Testaments.

Danville Branch.-There is the genuine spirit in this long-tried fellow worker in the good cause. Besides its usual remittances for books the very liberal sum of $\$ 61$ has been remitted to this Auxiliary in con-
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Martintown Branch.-There is much stability in this branch; its benevolence is steady. $\$ 32.38$ free contributions were paid to your Agent, and $\$ 25^{2}: 78$ for Bible supplies.

Huntingdon Branch.-This vigorous and healthy fellow-labourer has sent us satisfactory aid, in the shape of $\$ 61.81$ in contributions; has been supplied with 55 Bibles and 79 Testaments, and remitted $\$ 25.78$ on account.

Escott Branoh-Is but of recent formation, it has entered on its work with energy, and raised funds-chiefly by the praiseworthy efforts of the ladies ; we have received 28.64 , free contributions. Its first annual report will be found in the appendix.

St. Louis de Gonzague.-The branch has done well ever since its establishment; shews great diligence in the collection of funds. This Auxiliary has participated in the fruits of its labors to the extent of $\$ 19.85$.

Nortn-West Glengary Branch. - One of the oldest of our branches, and one of the best; always ready to contribute, and to send forth the word of life, both in its own neighbourhood and to more distant places. $\$ 37.82$ have been send to the free fund.

Three Rivers Branch.-Ever since it, was organized this branch has manifested a cormmendable zeal; $\$ 40.20$ were paid to Mr . Green on his last visit for the free fund, and it owes nothing. Your Committee had pleasure in making to it a grant of scriptures in French.

Other branches are well deserving of special notice, did our space permit ; for instance, Eaton, Stanstead, Melbourne, Winchester, Brome, BelJamyville,Cowansville, Charlottenburgh,Durham, Brockville, Prescott, Magog, Ormand, Georgeville, Williamstown, Pakenham, Ramsay, and indeed many others also-some of which have been noticed in previous reports, and others of which we hope to notice hereafter.

## BRITISH AMERICAN AUXILIARIES.

The 18th Report of the Upper Canada Bible Society, states that the pecuniary embarrassment of the last year had been felts The home receipts are $£ 4500$ being $£ 687$ less than last year. The issues are 24,741 , showing a decrease of 7,768 , and making a grand total of 327,057 copies of the sacred volume circulated by this Society, since the commencement of its operations. There are 204 Branches, and two Agents, and it is felt that a third is now needed in order to the proper working of the field. There have this year been 5 Colporteurs employed.
Our good friends put before their branches a special appeal to aid the Montreal Auxiliary in the effort of Colportage among the French

Canadians, and it is with much interest and gratitude that we acknowledge the receipt from them of $£ 25514 \mathrm{~s} .7 \mathrm{~d}$. for this object. We give place here to a list of the branches of our Sister Society, which contributed the amount, and to an extract from the letter of the corresponding Secretary of the Society conveying it to us.
" Agreeably to my intimations to you, and to redeem the pledge of our Society, as to our assistance from our respective branches in behalf of Colportage among the French Canadians, I have now much pleasure in sending you a draft for $£ 255$ 14s. 7d., which it is fervently hoped may, with God's blessing, prove instrumental in enlightening and cheering with the waters of Life, some of those interesting though benighted people. I may add that we are not without hope of adding to the amount now sent."

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Rev. Mr. Green represented our Society at the Toronto meeting in May last.
Our friends of the Kingston Auxiliary "find that prosperity attends them, and the blessing of the master still rests upon their work."
The issues for the year are 5297 copies. The home income is $£ 36019 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d. There are 14 Branches and 4 Depots. There have been two Colporteurs in the field, during the year; one sustained by the Ladies' Association, and the other party by the Auxiliary, and partly by the Tract Society.
Rev. Mr. Kemp represented our Society at the Kingston meeting last week, and we now welcome the Rev. R. V. Rogers, their representative to our meeting.
The Quebec Auxiliary has this year issued 1899 copies, making a total of 17,286 since its formation.
The home income of the year is $£ 250$. Seven new branches have been formed, making altogether 23. A distribution of 216 copies of French Scriptures has been effected under circumstances, upon the whole, of a favorable nature. There, as with us, the main impediment to the circulation of the scriptures among the Canadian people is their priesthood.

Rev. David Marsh is present this evening, representing our Quebec friends, and Rev. Dr. Taylor has accepted the nomination of our Committee to attend the Quebee meeting next week.

From the Auxiliaries of the Lower Provinces, and that of Ottawa, we have no reports.

## THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,

In reviewing its 42 nd year, realizes that " the word of the Lord is not bound." The number of new auxiliaries recognized during the year is 89 , being an increase of 24 over the year before, and a total of some 3200 . Of its Record 30,000 copies, monthly, are published.

The total receipts for the year amount to $\$ 390,759,449$. This is less than the year before by $\$ 51,046,18$; but it is worthy of remark that the diminution is altogether in donations and legacies. The returns for sales have considerably increased.

There are employed 35 agents; three only of whom are employed in foreign countries, one in the Levant and two in South America.

The issues of the year are 712,045 , making a total, since the formation of the Society, of $12,804,014$. This was more than was expleted, considering the pecuniary pressure which had pervaded the entire

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country, but was 58,012 , volumes less than the previous year-being an advance, however, of 43,820 over the year before that. There is, therefore, an actual gain of efficiency and interest.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

In labors and in successes, more abundant than any other, stands this honored institution. All the varied races of mankind are the objects of its efforts, and its memorials are found in every land. But better than words of ours are those ${ }^{y}$ which introduce its 54th Report.
"Let meditation wander through the memories of other days, at well as range over the realities of the present, and resting for a momenon the summit of that eminent position now attained, let the survey by made, as well of the "goodness and mercy" which have followed, as of the "goodness and mercy" which now follow the labours of the Society in every land. How largely has the blessing of God ever been experienced! How richly is that blessing now bestowed! How suitable is the Psalmist's descriptive language "He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth, His word runneth very swiftly." How appropriate is the Psalmist's ardent aspiration-"Oh ! that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"
Funds.-The total income for the year has been $£ 152,574$ 3s, 6 d .$£ 13,824$ more than last year. The expenditure has now attained the unprecedented sum of $£ 153,1774 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~d}$.

Issues.-The Scriptures circulated have been one million six hundred and two thousand one hundred and eighty-seven copies- 84,329 more than last year.

The Total Issues of the Society now form an aggregate of Thirtythree Millions Nine Hundred and Eighty-three Thousand Ninge Hundred and Forty-six Copies.

The Home work of the Society, in all its departments, seems to be carried on with striking success. Under this head we give one extract.
"The labours of a Female Colporteur, as involving a new principle of action, may claim a brief notice. A poor woman residing in one of the worst localities in London, and brought to a knowledge of the truth by reading the Scriptures, has been diligently employed in visiting abodes of vice and misery, which the lady collector would scarcely venture to enter. Success has been obtained, not merely as regards the sale of the Sacred Volume, but also as regards the reformation which has taken place in the feelings, the habits, and the character of many of the poor who have been visited. The extent to which the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people has been promoted, must be learned from the
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Of France, always first noticed, the Report says:-
"Much as this country has hitherto occupied attention, the labours of your Society have become invested with a deeper interest than in former years. The Colporteurs, recognised as fulfilling their clearly defined mission of Scripture distribution, and carrying the Sacred Volume, impressed with the Government stamp, have again traversed the land. Again therg has been multiplied evidence afforded of the blessing which has attended the perusal of the Scriptures; and though the circulation of 85,836 copies is not quite equal to the circulation of the previous year, yet the spiritual results surpass those attained at any former period."

Again says the report:-
We can, at the very least, put down at $4,400,000$ the number of copies of the Scriptures which the Society has bestowed on this country; and it may be added that, without a doubt, the religious progress made in the land may be attributed to the precious seed thus liberally scattered."
"Successful results attend the efforts made among the military, and the staff of Colporteurs is often recruited from the ranks of the army. The account of the labours of a veteran among the destitute classes in general, and among his former military comrades in particular, is thus graphically given:-
"Holwegg is an excellent Christian, and one of the most successful sellers whom we have in our employ. He has barely been two years in our service, and during this period he has disposed of upwards of 4,000 copies of the Scriptures, chiefly in the suburbs of Paris beyond the barriers. His activity is very far from being concentrated upon the military, it is exercised quite as much in favour of the labouring population among whom he lives. He is incessantly going up and down the stairs of the lofty houses to be found in the quarters beyond the walls of the south portion of the city. On the ground floor he will frequently seat himself on the heaps of old rags or shreds of papers which have been collected by the rag-gatherers in the gutters of Paris,-and whilst thus inhaling an atmosphere which would turn the stomach of many persons, he opens his Bible, and endeavours to show to the people who surround him, and who are so utterly destitute of the good things and enjoyments of tis life, that with it they can be put in possession of what is really great and beautiful, and of what is alone capable of making man happy. On the first floor he meets with trades which are not only more pleasant, but likewise more lucrative ; there also he opens his Bible, and from it draws other appeals and other instructions admirably suited to the class of persons he is addressing. The higher he mounts from one story to another, the nearer does the condition of
the lodgers, as it respects indigence and poverty, approach to that of the tenants of the ground floor ; and the higher he gets, the more earnestly does he bring forward from the Bible those consoling declarations which are so applicable to those who are styled the outcasts of the earth.
"But when Hollwegg enters the barracks, of which there are many in and near Paris, he adopts a much more brief and curt style of address,-uses the picturesque style of language common with soldiers,-and the passages of Scripture which he then selects are perfectly.well adapted to his auditors. It must be admitted that in the comparisons which he institutes, he is less bold than was the case withethe celebrated Pautrat: he does not, as was usual with the latter, carry on duels to the death with Satan, or mortal combats with the bad passions of the heart. By the sobriety of his images, strongly as they are tinged, and couched as they are in military phrases, he is probably less impressive, and certainly less amusing than was Pautrat; but what I greatly prefer in him is, that he knows how to touch the tender chords of the hearts of even the most veteran moustache.
"At the present moment Hollwegg is still in the camp of the Imperial Guard at Chalons, and I have no doubt that, in a short time, I shall have some interesting particulars to communicate to you respecting this temporary mission which I have confided to himi Before leaving our friend, I must give you the history of a small glass of cognac which was recently narrated to me by him.
"Last month he was on the place of exercise of a regiment encamped in the neighbourhood of Paris, where the soldiers were engaged in firing at a target. During a moment of repose Hollwegg went up to a group of men who were surrounding the Cantinière. A grenadier, who by his jovial speeches had already produced much hilarity among his comrades, stepped up to our Colporteur, who was well known to all, and offered to prove to him in a sermon, divided into three heads after his own fashion, that a small glass of cognac had been made by God for the benefit of the soldier, in the same manner that He had made the Bible for simpletons and old women. The grenadier gesticulated a great deal, and exhausted his vocabulary of sprightly or profane expressions. Hollwegg waited with impatience for the moment when he could begin. Just as he was about to do so, a grey headed and grey moustached officer whom no one had perceived, put his hand on the shoulder of the grenadier, and drawing from his pocket a small sized Bible, the condition of which from use it was a most pleasant sight to behold, -he said, inta serious tone of voice,-'Indeed, sir, you astonish and grieve me. Look at this book, and call to mind the Crimea. Would you, when before Sebastopol, and when bombs and bullets were falling around is like hail, would you then have exchanged those comforting words which this book more than once addressed to us, for a small glass of cognac? Tell me, would you have done so ? The soldier hung down his head, and held his tongue. Hollwegg, after having shaken hands with the officer, availed himself of this occurrence to speak to the soldiers with earnestness about the Gospel."

On another occasion, the Colporteur is befriended and assisted by a Captain of Artil ery, who, after buying a Bible, addresses a number of fellow officers with him in the Café.
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The conversion of two soldiers acquires especial interest from the desire, in each case expressed, of enlisting in the band of Colporteurs, when the period of military service has been completed, but we cannot detail these cases. Often is the message of mercy carried by the Colporteur, instrumental in ministering " consolation in Christ" to the sick and dying readers of the Sacred Volume. One illustrative fact may be given :-
"On the road a Colporteur was accosted by a female with the words, 'Aht I know you; you are a friend of one of my friends.' 'And who is that?' 'Of poor Madeleine, who lives down in yonder village.' 'Ah,yes, that is true, but how is she?' 'Alas! she is on the point of death; but although this is the case, she seems very singular, and one might almost declare that she is quite pleased she is about to die.' 'Do you know the cause of this?' 'Certainly I do ; it is owing to a little book which you sold her-the book of the living God.' ' Does she then read it?' 'From morning to night; and as she suffers too much to admit of her sleeping for any length of time, it may also be said from gnight till morning.' 'And does she tell you anything of what she has been reading?' 'Certainly she does, and not only to me, but to all the village: and were we to believe her, we should all become the people of God, of the same stamp as herself.' 'But do pray tell me, is it true, as is asserted in the village, that it was you who crammed her head with these things?' \{ It was I who first read the Bible to her, but the Lord has done the most in the matter.' 'But are there any who listen to what Madeleine says?' 'Yes, there are not a few who do sof and were you to return to the village just now, you would meet with much porteur.
While the Scriptures are usually colported from place to place, the sales are sometimes effected in the public market. M, de Pressensé alludes to interesting circumstances connected with this mode of operation.

## An old Colporteur writes:-

"While mentioning these sales in the market-place, I may state that one of our friends writes, that he had, during the past month, met with a very gratifying adventure. From early morning he had, on repeated occasions, had his stall surrounded by a goodly number of persons, several of whom provided themselves with a Bible or a New Testament. While sitting down, and resting both his throat and his legs, a man habited in a blouse, and whom he had observed in each of the groups which had successively gathered around him, came, and sitting down at his side, exclaimed, 'You are a noble and courageous comrade, and spare no pains in carrying on your work,-now/you must rest, and I will take your place.' And, sure enough, the man at once began to cry out with a stentorian voice, 'Who wants the word of God? Buy the word of God.' These words gathered fresh crowds around the stall: but the most interesting part of the narrative is this: As soon as the man in question saw so many persons flocking towards him, he opened a Bible, and read one or two chapters; after which he related how his heart had been touched by the reading of similar words on the part of a Colporteur of books of the same stamp as the one whose place he had taken, and he warmly urged his auditors to imitate his own example. So popular and so persuasive a species of eloquence on the part of this spontaneous Bible-seller, was crowned with very good success."

The representative of Rome and the representative of the Society appear, in the following sketch, in close and animated discussion :-
" The following incident occurred in one of the most out-of-the-way parts, in every respect, of ancient Brittany. It is our Colporteur himself who speaks.
"'This leads me to speak of a little adventure which happened to me a few days ago. I was in a village talking with some ten females, when a man came up to us, who, after he had listened to me for a few minutes, interrupted me, and proceeded to deliver a religious discourse, which he evidently recited from memory, and which had certainly been put together by some clever Jesuit. This concluded, he began to laud his merchandise, contained in a wallet exactly like mine. This merchandise comprised mass books, scapularies, and chaplets. He specially recommended the copies of a portrait of the Virgin, at the same time exhibiting the original of the Portrait, which he affirmed had been found in the crevice of a rock, where it had been deposited 1700 years ago by an angel $l_{1}$ The whole was certified at the foot of his portrait by the signatures of sundry Canons and Curés. He then recounted the miraculous cures which had been performed by the repetition of a certain number of Ave Marias on the bended knee before the copies of the portrait, which acquired this virtue simply by placing them on the original portrait; after which, in order to give increased weight to his story, he boldly quoted passages, as he said, from the Sacred Scriptures. At this point I stopped him, and inquired from which of the Gospels he had quoted those passages. At first he regarded me with some embarrassment, but very quickly recovering his assurance, and regarding me with an air of disdain, he exclaimed, in a very confident manner.-"Young man, they are contained in the 17 th Chapter after Epiphany." "The name of the Gospel if you please."
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That saerifices are sometimes made by the poor to obtain the Scriptures, is exemplified in the case of a widow, whose conduct indicates that she was "rich in faith and an heir of the kingdom:"-

Observing her cast a glance of peeuliar ardour upon the Bible which I held in my hand, I said to her, 'Would you like to have it in your possession?' 'Alas !' she replied, 'that is for the rich, and I am too poor.' 'It is not dear, I assure you-only three francs.' 'Impossible!' 'Quite true.' (It was one of Ostervald's large Bibles, very nicely bound.) 'It is indeed for nothing; it is inconceivable; .... but .... but ... three francs: that is the support of my little ones for nearly five days. What shall I do? 0 my God, what shall I do? After reflecting for a considerable time, she exclaimed, ${ }^{4}$ I don't care; God will help me. He sends me the whole of His word: I ought not to refuse it. Two nights more work, and my little ones will not suffer by it.....and we shall all be the richer.'"

The spontaneous application for Scriptures now mentioned must be regarded as most encouraging. The following is a specimen of the letters which are addressed to a Parish Colporteur :-
"Sir,-We have been pleased to learn that you take Bibles to those who are desirous of purchasing copies. There are 26 men in our workshop, and nearly all of us wish to have a copy. But in order that we may be able conveniently to speak to you, and whilst we are all together, come to us at ten $0^{\prime}$ clock, which is the hour for lunch. Without promising you that all will buy, you will do well to bring 26 Bibles with you if possible. Who knows what may be the result if you read to us some of those beautiful passages which you are so skilful in finding out! Who knows if even the most indifferent may not be touched!I remain, \&e."

Sometimes the Colporteur is angrily repelled by the open blasphemer; and, as in the instance now adduced, the blasphemer sometimes

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 man :-"One of our most pions Colporteurs, whose sphere of labour is in the Department of the Marne, paid a visit in the beginning of December to a village where he had not been for a whole year. The recollection of a sad scene which had taken place between himself and a young man, who had shown himself, to be as shameless a blasphemer as it was possible for any one to be, came very vividly to his mind as he approached the honse, out of the door of which he had been most brutally thrust. For a moment he hesitated, whilst asking himself the question whether he ought to pass the honse or agair attempt to enter. At length he decided on going in. A young woman, in deep mourning, asked him What he wanted. 'Does not this house belong to so and so ? 'Alas!' exelaimed the young woman, bursting into tears, 'he now no longer lives here,-he is up yonder,' pointing to the skies. 'Let us then hope that he is with his Saviour.' 'Of that I am fully convinced,' was the reply. 'Only look,' she continued, taking up a small-sized Bible which was lying on the table beside her, 'what he asked me to read to him before closing his eyes for ever.' She then opened the 11th chapter of the Gospel by St. John, and asked our friend to read the 25 th verse. 'God be praised,' exclaimed the Colporteur,-' if he really believed what is there written, he is saved; and if you participate in that belief this assurance ought to comfort you, for I see that you were elosely related to him.' 'I am his widow,' replied the female, scarcely able to speak for her tears. 'Yes, I do indeed believe what he believed, and I am happy in the thought that it was he, whom I loved so much, who was the means of bringing me to know and serve my Saviour.'
"In the course of conversion our friend ascertained that the serious exhortations which he had addressed to the blasphemer, and who put a stop to him by thrusting him out of the door, had constantly recurred to his mind, and on each occasion only tended to increase the trouble of his conscience. At night $h_{e}$ frequently started up in his sleep, and seemingly in spite of himself, exelaimed aloud: 'Could that man possibly be right? If so, I shall go to hell!' His wife at last begged him to tell her what it was that troubled him so much. She had in fact begun to imagine that he had been guilty of some great crime, which he dare not confess. To ease her mind on this point he told her all about the visit of the Colporteur, and what he had said. As soon as she became acquainted with the matter, she entreated her busband to procure the volume which had been so strongly recommended to him. This he accordingly did, and it wa nat long before the Lord opened his mind to understand the Scriptures. Being seized with an illness which wholly confined him to the house, he deroted the last six months of his life to reading the Word of God, and to prayer. It was during this period that his efforts to teach his wife were greatly so blessed, that she very soon participated his convictions."

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"In one of his last rounds in a central department, the Colporteur who labours there was able to ascertain that in many places, and more generally than he would have dared to hope, the people were occupying themselves, with increasing interest, in questions of religion. He saw with extreme delight that many have at length taken out of their cupboards the Bibles which had for years been buried there.
"While proceeding along one of the highways he was stopped by a man, who clasped his two hands between his own, and squeezing them tightly, saying'Welcome, Colporteur of the Bible! may God render to you a hundred-fold the good which by you, or by one of your comrades, has been done to me: for I do not recognise your countenance. Here is my history : it is short but good. It is a long time, a very long time, since I thought I was committing a theft in buying the book which you sell. I read it-it wearied me-I did not understand a word-I threw it aside. Many years after, pecuniary losses, misfortunes of all kinds, fell upon me from every side: I was so exasperated by them as to determine upon taking away my own life. All at once my eyes fell upon the book, and urged as it were in spite of myself, I opened it-I read it, and this time everything it had said to me seemed clear as the day. It reproved me-it scolded me, as I would not have allowed any body to do, but instead of being angry with it, I said to it-'It is you that are right ; I am punished because of the evil that I have done. Then I fell upon my knees: I asked for grace and mercy, and all that I read afterwards was grace and mercy. It is to me, indeed, that Jesus Christ has said-" Come unto me, ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I have been to him ; I have found the rest of my soul. Welcome once more ! Welcome, from my heart, Colporteur of the Bible, you are a messenger of peace."
Belaium-At the commencement of the year now under review, the encroachments of the Church of Rome upon the laws and liberties of Charitable Bequests, caused the dark cloud of a threatened revolution so to overshadow the land, that the peaceful labours of the Society seemed likely to be superseded by the tumultuous strife of a civil war. But in the providential arrangements of that God who doeth what He will "both among the armies of heaven and the inhabitants of earth," the kingdom of Belgium has remained tranquil, and your Agent, who commenced the year with anxiety, is permitted to terminate it with thankfulness. The issues have exceeded those of the previous year, and amount to 8,028 volumes, which must be regarded as satisfactory, when it is remembered that religious liberty, though insured by the constitution of the Belgium monarchy, is violated by the hostility of the Romish Church. Your Committee regret that, in rendering a faithful açcount of the labours of the year, they are compelled once more to chronicle the undiminished opposition of the priests of Rome to the Colporteurs of the Society. They deplore the fact, but to omit the mention of this opposi-
tion would be to omit the record of the most prominent feature, of the work in Belginm. Three Colporteurs have been engaged. One has laboured in Flanders, another in Brussels, Brabant, and Hainault; and a third in Liège, Limbourg, and Namur. In reference to all it may be affirmed, that great has been the opposition they have encountered, and little has been the sympathy received.
The Agent says:-
"I cannot remember without thankfulness the happy and peaceful termination of the events, which, in May last, threatened the country with bloodshed-and confusion ; and had it not been for the wise policy of King Leopold in enforcing the withdrawal of the famous 'Loi sur la charité,' it is the general opinion that a revolution would have ensued. Surely the Lord judged among the nations. He stilleth the noise of the sea, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
"In my last report I mentioned the strong anti-papal feeling which had displayed itself on several occosions, and in various quarters-that a growing aversion to Romanism is rapidly increasing among the educated classes; but, alas, to the greater number the cross of Christ and his Godhead are, as formerly, a stumbling block and a rock of offence. Pantheism, Deism, and a sort of Unitarianism are the quicksands into which multitudes sink on leaving the sevenhilled city. If the spiritual condition of the masses, verging between superstition and infidelity, is truly lementable, there are not wanting proofs that the Divine seed which has been sown is growing and fructifying. The work of evangilization is continued with renewed energy and success in the Walloon provinces, and the great want felt is that of a greater number of labourers; but what is now peculiarly interesting is the work among the Flemish population. Notwithstanding the violent opposition encountered in many parts of Flanders, it is evident that a spirit of inquiry is gradually arising among the bigoted people.

A quotation from a book recently published by the Bishop of Burges' will show that the animosity of Rome remains unchanged:-
"For some years past, instead of converting infidels to the Christian faith, Bible Societies have organized a contemptible system of proselytism among Catholic populations. Self-styled and most liberally paid, Ministers of the Gospel, are engaged in scattering money with open hand among poor Catholics, for the purpose of obtaining their more or less doubtful adhesion to their improvised Churches, and the right of instructing their children in the dogmas of religious reform. In this manner a veritable trafflc of consciences has been set on foota traffic which is contrary to every Christian notion, and unheard of in the annals of the Church. For lack of other means this new race of Apostles carry on a new species of simony,-simony in its true sense. In return for the money which they pay, they invite Roman Catholics to surrender their faith, their con-sciences-gifts which they have received from God. They say to the faithful, 'What do you wish me to give you in return for your renouncing the promises
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of your baptism, the obligations of your entire life? How much do you require in order that your children may become Protestants?' We are assured that in connection with this traffic of consciences, there are price-currents, well known tariffs. The apostacy of a family, according to the number of persons composing it, is valued by these Protestant Ministers at from five to fifteen hundred francs, ready money down. Has one, I would ask, ever before heard of such a sacrilegious traffic? Can these Ministers, who will hear of nothing but the Bible, point out to us one single passage in the Bible which authorises such abominable sales and purchases? The only examples which they can cite in support of this traffic of consciences, relate to the Pharisees and Scribes, who paid thirty pieces of silver to Judas, in order that he might deliver his Divine Master into their hands."

Holland.-The new law on education, by which it has been enacted that the Scriptures be banished from the parish schools, was not unreasonably viewed with alarm by the promoters of Bible dissemination ; but while, as a government measure, this enactment must be deplored, it is gratifying to perceive that many parents are more anxious to procure the Word of God for their children, now that the "law of the Lord" has ceased to be the basis of the instruction imparted in the schools. Free schools, affording a Scriptural education, have been erected, and your Committee have readily granted to these schools and others 2,590 copies of the Sacred Volume to assist those who recognise the "fear of the Lord" as "the beginning of wisdom." Issues from the depot amount to 23,233 copies, and, partly in consequence of the exclusion of the Bible from the schools, this number exceeds by 2,585 copies, the issues af the prefious year.

Germany.- "The rapid extension of the Society's operations in this central portion of Europe, has been such as to attract the attention of your Committee throughout the year; and, though in some measure informe by the intelligence periodically transmitted, yet the final announcement of results is as much a subject of wonder as of praise. Germany has received from the Society's three great centres of action at Berlin, Cologne and Frankfort, inclusive of the copies supplied for distribution in the Prussian Army, 296,607 copies of the Scriptures, and the circulation exceeds that of the previous year by 101,245 copies. When it is remembered that the Church of Rome systematically opposes the distribution of the Word of God, and that the Latheran Church generally opposes the distribution without the Apocrypha, may not the language of the Psalmist be adopted, "This is the Lord's doing, and is marvellous in our eyes."

The lights and shadows of a Colporteur's life become visible to the eye that scans his journal. A glimpse is afforded:-
"I found myself where several persons were assembled. The first, and then five others, purchased a Bible; the rest bought Testaments. Now the first person began to speak, and turning to the 20th of Exodus, said, 'My dear friends, do we hear this second commandment from our Priests? I tell you what, we are kept in the dark.' I searcely knew what to say, so amazed was I at hearing such language. After this, I entered a village in which several copies had previously been circulated, and an excitement created. Some had shown the books to the Priest, and he had sounded an alarm. Many people would not allow me to enter their houses; one shut the door in my face, but some bought a copy, and others followed their example. Saturday I was there again. Now women and schoolboys followed me, but notwithstanding all this, I sold more copies. One girl came wading through the river to procure a copy. Yes, in such circumstances one requires courage, but the Lord gives courage and strength to those that call upon his name.

## A Colporteur relates the comfort ministered by a few words which once

 fell from the Saviour's lips, and which were read from the sample sheet to one in distress :-"In a house which I visited last week, death had taken away the head of the family and the eldest son, Deep grief reigned there. While unpacking my books, I had taken out one of my sample sheets, and read aloud from it the passage 'Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest,' and added a few words on this passage of Scripture. Sighs and sobs were heard. The woman arose, and asked me if I would allow her to cut that passage out of the sample sheet. I replied, ' you may not only have that passage, but the whole sheet.' It was received with the greatest thankfulness. Afterwards the mourner bought a copy of the Bible, and I left the house. But often have the moments spent in that house of mourning been recalled to my memory Such experiences, in which one visibly sees the power of God's Word, sweeten many a bitter hour during the arduous labour of Colportage."
The Christian spirit which animates the Colporteur is manifested in a dark day of domestic anxiety :-
"There are the strongest grounds for believing that the Colporteurs, as a body, not only work faithfully, but with a deep and humble sense of the sacredness of their Mission; and for believing, moreover, that the Book which they circulate is also the Book in which they have found Him who is their Rock of refuge, and their strong defence. They all have difficulties to contend with. In the past year some of them have had to undergo manifold trials, insult, consaid, 'like and domestic affliction. One, on being rudely repulsed, stood, he would make him a beggar,' but consoled himself with praying that the Lord accordingly. Another tells how at the foot of the cross, and found consolation but, by the goodness of God, it speedily year 1858 broke in darkly upon him, "The active and prayerful co-opdily became bright and clear. be too highly valued. I feel no hesitation in these faithful men of God cannot
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The work goes on in Denmark and Norway but without striking success.
As to Sweden the report says:-The large circulation of Scriptures announced last year, so far from having satisfied, has only stimulated and increased the demand. The religious communities have derived new vigour from the possession of those Scriptures which are the charter of the "faith once delivered to the saints," and the energy acquired has been employed in conveying to others "words whereby they may be saved." The different elements of Society have been beneficially combined in harmonious action, and an improvement in the moral atmosphere has been effected. The Bible has formed a centre of attraction to all classes, "from the baron to the peasant, from the general to the soldier, and from the bishop to the village schoolmaster." Hence has resulted, during the past year, a circulation of 86,562 copies of the Word of God.

Russia.-The circulation of the Scriptures by your Society in Russia, is not proportionate to the area of the Empire and the necessities of the people. Recounting once more the operations of the Society in different portions of the globe, your Committee are again constrained to express their regret that Russia occupies so brief a space in their Report. May $t^{\text {the day speedily arrive, when, as in the time of our fathers, the Word of }}$ the Lord shall have " free course, and be glorified" among the many races subject to the Russian sceptre !

Spain.-This country still remains an almost inaccessible region to the friends of Bible distribution. The onward movement for the dissemi. nation of the Scriptures is forbidden at the very portals of the land, and the Committee although long desirous of sustaining such movement, are constrained to pause until the "tyranny" of Rome's despotic influence "be overpast." The Society, like the great Apostle of the Gentiles, is impelled by a holy influence towards a "journey into Spain," but instead of hoping, like the Apostle, to be "brought on the way thitherward" by the Church at Rome, it is debarred from the expedition by the Church of Rome. Such a change in the position of a Church, arising too, as may safely be asserted, from no longer "holding forth the Word of Life" to its members, must not only be regretted as an impediment to the circulation of Divine Truth, but must be remembered as an inducement to "stand fast" in "the oracles of God."

Sardinta.-This kingdom continues to be a most promising, but a most anxious field of labour. The opposition has been decided, the success not less decided. The strong arm of authority has more than once arrested the progress of the Colporteur in his mission, yet liberty has been restored, and the "things that have happened" have been "for the furtherance of the Gospel." The servants of the Society have often been "perplexed, but not in dispair"; and their faithful labours amid the debilitating heat of summer and the chilling blasts of winter, have effected a circulation of 13,647 copies of the Scriptures, a number exceeding by 2,000 the unprecedented distribution of the previous year.

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There the surge of the political sea, consequent upon the strife of nations, is less boisterous ; the waves of popular excitement are less agitated and, in this season of calm, the Divine word, like the "plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel," has been let down into the deeper waters of the Mahommedan soul. In many an individual instance the Moslem has made the important inquiry of Pilate, "What is truth ?" and, instead of passing away, like Pilate, unanswered, he has pursued the inquiry in the pages of the Book of Truth. The Missionaries of the different stations transmit evidence of the spirit of inquiry, not only in positive language and illustrative facts, but in orders for increased supplies of the Holy Scriptures. Constantinople has become what the store-house of Egypt was to the famished nations. Hence, through the instrumentality of your Society, issues the Word of Life to the inhabitants of a land concerning which we may say there is a famine, but "not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." In confirmation of what has been asserted, it may be desirable to glance, for a moment, at the Issues from the Depott at Constantinople. which, inclusive of 2,761 copies circulated by Colportage in Bulgaria, are no less than 25,280 in the aggregate for the past, and no less than 7,768 in excess of. the previous year. - Passing from these statistics to the graphic descriptions of spiritual life called into existence by the presence of the Divine Spirit with the student of the Divine Word, the following examples are given :-

> "The Scriptures are foremost in this blessed work, for where they do not at once convince, they undermine and shake the tottering faith of the Turks, so as to constrain them to seek the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. It is very clear that had we efficient persons to colport the Turkish Scriptures, the promulgation'of them would be much greater than at present; but the very fact of offering them to Turks at this infant state of their spiritual regeneration, is not
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"This has been observed even by persons indifferent to the cause of true religion, so much so that they have expressed their fears of a simultaneous bursting forth of adopted Christian views amongst a considerable number of Mussulmans.

That liberty of conscience, so important in the present state of the Mahommedan mind, is to a considerable extent guaranteed by recent reforms, may be inferred by the subjoined extracts from correspondence:-
"The sale of Turkish Scriptures continues as heretofore, perhaps a little slacker, in consequence of our lacking proper persons to colport them. Strange to say an old man, who goes about selling these Scriptures, anticipates a much brisker sale of them at the approaching Ramazan, or Turkish religious fast, which, as you are well aware, lasts a month. Two or three circumstances have of late come to our knowledge which more and more confirm the cheering fact that liberty of conscience is actually intended for the Turks also, and that the Scriptures will consequently continue to have free circulation amongst them. At a recent assembling of the great Council, one of the Pachas composing it asked, whether the article of liberty of conscience in the Hatti-i-humaioun was understood to mean that a Turk, if he pleased, might embrace Christianity with impunity. Several Pachas present immediately set the question at rest, by answering, without the least hesitation, in the affirmative.
"On auother occasion a Turk in Candia, who had been married to a Greek woman, died, leaving a boy, of whom the Mother took charge. The Turk's relatives insisted on having the child to bring up in the Mahommedan faith, but the mother strenuously opposed their doing so. The case was brought to Constantinople, and submitted to the judgement of the Sheik-el-Islam, who gave sentence-Tbat the mother was to bring up the child, and, when of age, he could adopt the religion which his conscience might dictate to him. These are most pleasing and extraordinary facts, and unlooked for at such an early period of the issuing of the Sultan's edict concerning liberty of conscience."
"There would be no end were I to enumerate the places whither the Word of God finds its way in this country. Suffice it to say that it is circulated in all directions, and is gladly received throughout this vast Empire. However, it may be sàtisfactory for you to know that the 4,107 copies of the Scriptures which were furnished from this Depôt to the American Missionaries the last six months of last year were forwarded, in the firstinstance, to Rodosto, Adrianople, Adabazar, Broossa, Yozgat, Marsevan, Tocat, Khoornous, Diarbekefr, Kharpoot, Sivas, Antioch, Aleppo, and Arabkir, and from thence they are distributed to numerous other stations.
"The land which, a few years back, universally rejected the good seed is now" gladly receiving it; and who can say that it will not produce an abundant harvest for the honour and praise and glory of Him who alone gives the increase. The numerous commities that are springing up around us, composed of Armenians, Greeks, Turks, Jews, \&c., who assemble together to read the Word of God, and to worship their heavenly Father in spirit and in truth, are ample testimonies that the good seed has not been sown in vain, and the patient perseverance of Bible Societies and Protestant Missionaries in continuing, to carry on their work of love and faith in spite of all difficulties and discouragements, testifies that God, though He will be entreated, is not entreated in vain, for in His own good time He gladdens the hearts of those who work and faint not.
Let us now turn to hear a voice from India:- w
The spiritual darkuess and moral degradation of India have, of necessity, by the events of the past year, been forced upon the attention of British Christians. Long have the different sections of the Church felt a conviction, that the heathen population of a mighty Eastern empire had no ordinary claim for spiritual instruction upon that Western nation, so privileged in the possession of the oracles of God, which there exercises such potent authority and dominion. But a century, carrying in its course millions of the idolatrous natives of India to the tomb, has been suffered to pass away, and at the close $\cdot$ of that century the Christian Church most be aroused to a sense of the spiritual condition of India by a voice of Di ine judgment, whi $h$ is heard by a listening world. Where is the Christian that did not feel, in those dark days of painful sispense, when tidings from India were received with a tremulons and almost breathless anxiety, that the anguish them present resulted from the neglect of the past? May it not be truly said, that the intelligence which at one season reached our shores from day to day, seemed to assert and repeat the demand of our God, "Give an account of thy stewardship"; and did not these words seem to be echoed even from the national conscience? Let us then record our thankfulness, that in the midst of judgment God remembered mercy ; and that, while the the solemn call to consider our account as stewards has been heard, the words have not yet been added, "that thou mayest be no longer steward."
The Conmmittee have opened a Special Fund for India. Such a fund must be recognised as absolutely necessary, when it is considered that, independent of losses connected with, and additional efforts consequent upon, the Mutiny, a large proportion of the Society's benevolent income has, of late years, been expended in that Dependency. The Committee have ever responded to the appeals made for assistance in promoting

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Scripture distribution in India, and have supported with prompt vigour the Missionary Agencies of the Christian Church; but the total copies circulated form an aggregate not greatly exceeding $2,500,000$ in number, and these are chiefly portions of the Scriptures.

Be it then our endeavour this day to mark our gratitude for recent exhibitions of long-suffering mercy from God, by a mone earnest and diligent maprovement of the still permitted future. Let us remember that "Moses and the Prophets," together with Gospels and Epistles, when applied by the Holy Ghost to the hearts of those who received these oracles of God in apostolic times, overthrew the heathenism of the old world. Let us nemember that the same Scriptures, "read and understood of the people," overturned the Papal power in our land in the days of the Reformation. Let us remember that the same Divine Spirit can, as in the days of our fathers, employ the same divingly inspined Word; and then let us not fear, with a holy Christian courage, to venture, like the stripling son of Jesse, to approach, in the " name of the Lord of Hosts," that Goliath of heathemism, which in India hath so long defied the armies of the living God.

Wherefore does the Christian Church hesitate and falter? Is the power of the Divine Word, accompanied by the Divine Spirit, aeknowledged as regards the past, and denied as regards the future! Such a thought ought not to be entertained by a generation priwiledged to mark the comduct of those departed servants of Christ in India, who have rendered a no less devoted obedience to the precepts of their God than to the commands of their Queen, and who have left their names as much the glory of the Universal Church as of the British Empire.

The Calcutta Committee say :-
"Whatever may be thought respecting the influences by which the Sepoys have been moved to rebellion, or the best measures for re-establishing and maintaining stable authority, so as in all things to homour Jehovah, and promote among the millions of this vast empire His cause of truth, justice, and dove-surely it has been made indubitably evident that India does need, most urgently, to be brought under the elevating power of the Gospel of God, Surely, the blinding, hardening, and utterdy debasing tendency both of heathenism and Mahommedanism, has been viyidly developed and irrefnagably demonstrated. Let their real nature be judged ky their effects, and be deeply pondered by those whom the Bible has enlightened. It may be, we were apt foumerly to regard them with little of that abhorrence with which they are always wiewed by the Most High-as offering an open and defiant insult to His Godhead, His purity, and goodness, and therefore as productive in their votaries of every vile affection. Reoent events serve to disclose something of their hideous and revolting character, and of the malignity

With which Satan inflames his slaves against that Name which is above every name. Surely, the dark places of the earth are proved to be full of the habitations of horrid cruelty ; of a truth, the people sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
"There is hope also that the immense extent, as well as the brutalizing influence of this darkness will now become better understood. Certainly, the geography of this country has been forced in an unexpected manner on the attention of Christendom, and Great Britain is compelled to acquire an acquaintance with mighty provinces under her sway, inhabited by millions of her subjects, for whose spiritual benefit nothing whatever has been attempted.
"The present is undeniably a critical period in the history of India. Now, if ever, must the disciples of the Saviour awake to earnest efforts for her evangelization. What louder call can be addressed to us to consider our ways and fulfil our weighty trust? God has chastised us sore, but mercifully He has refrainied from making a full end. If after this awful warning we still slumber in our stewardship, will He not take the vineyard from us and let it to other husbandmen? Not as an antecedent, but at once as an aid and concomitant to Christian education and Missionary labours, and as a follower in their train, the Bible Society must prepare to pour out in all requisite abundance its priceless treasure. As teachers are multiplied, openings for the inspired volume will multiply. Wherever schools are planted, there will arise a demand for the Scriptures. Wherever preachers of the Cross go, they will carry copies of the oracles of truth. Wherever a reading popalation arises, we must supplyt them with the best of all reading-that which by the Grace of the Holy Spirit will make them wise unto Salvation."

The extent to which caste prejudices and practices may be affected by the failure of the recent mutiny, is considered by the Rev. A. Stern-berg:-
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"As the force of Hinduism is concentrated in caste, and the combined influences of European and Christian legislation, education, and evangelization, made themselves more and more felt in the undermining of caste, the Hindu mind has all along been under the impression that caste must ultimately go altogether, if nothing is done effectually to remove those European influences. Indolence, however, and the want of organisation, has hitherto prevented the natives from any step in this matter. At last the portion of high-caste" men in the army have taken a step, with the determination of extirpating the whole race of European caste-destroyers ; and thus, as they imagined, most effectually to save caste. This attempt has failed, and consequently caste has received a more severe shock than ever before. 'It is of no use,' said a Police Burkandaz to a group of villagers, 'to resist the English-either fight for caste and die, or give it up voluntarily ' ('jat do nahin to Farke maro'); and this must be the conviction of all those who really believed their caste in danger, and the number of these is very numerous, especially in the interior of our districts.
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would come to an end about the present time ; now that the fallacy of this prophecy has become apparent, it must turn out in our favour. 'If the English, said a respectable tradesman in Moozufferpore to our catechist in the month of September, 'are not driven out by January next, then my Guru, my Shaster, my Bràhma are all liars.'
'Why does not Government,' said a Zemindar Bràhmin to his brother, who is a convert, 'why does not Government at once abolish caste altogether: how gladly would I become a Christian.' This case is not a solitary one; for many who are convinced of the truth of Christianity feel not strong enough to break caste themselves, and would be glad if all were required to take this step in company.
"These expressions show on the part of the natives what Missionaries hope from the mutinies. The judgments of the Lord are to prepare the way for His mercy. And looking upon them in this light, we can take courage."

## As to China the report says:-

The Committee are thankful to announce, as regards this densely peopled Empire, that the adverse circumstances of war have not so materially interfered with the dissemination of the Scriptures as might have been anticipated. The Colporteurs have been enabled to extend their journies into the interior of the country, and though not seldom considered as identical with the promoters of rebellion, yet there is reason to believe that, as in other lands, these lahourers are increasingly esteemed as the simple dispensers of the Book of Truth.
The importance of, and facilities for, Colportage operations in the city and suburbs of Shanghae, are thus sketched by the Rev. W. Muirhead:-
"You will be interested to know that Bible printing and Bible distribution are diligently prosecuted in this place. The two presses are kept in constant operation. Thenew machine has not yet come to hand, but it will be put in order an-arrival. Numerous towns and cities in the interior have been largely visited, and many copies of the Word of God have been distributed. We find however, that the city and suburbs of Shanghae are by far the most advantageous fields for Bible circulation, as they are immense emporiums of trade, native and foreign, and thousands from all parts of the Empire are continually going and coming. Among these we have excellent opportunities for dissiminating the Holy Book. Though engaged in this work day after day, there seems to be no limit to the possible extent of such efforts. Hundreds of respectable persons meet us in the way, and, in an interesting and intelligent manner ask for copies of the Heavenly Book, as we call it, by whom in many instances, they will be taken far and wide, and we hope and pray that in some cases, at least, their perusal will be blessed. The Colporteurs are occupied sometimes alone, and at other times with as Missionary Brother, in the same good work. The details of their journeys, though not containing any specific account of actual conversion or deep impression by means of their labours, are all to the effect of their having a wide and open field wherever they go, and of there being manifold opportunities for circulating the Holy Scriptures."

In a later communication, Mr. Muirhead describes the willing reeeption of the Scriptares by all classes of the community :-
"The distribution of the New Testament is carried on effectively in this neighbourhood. Several interesting journies have been lately made by Missionary brethren. One of these I undertook, in company with Dr. Hobson, now located at this place. We were absent eight days, and in the course of on journey distributed 2,000 copies of the New Testament. We proceeded to the distance of 100 miles from Shanghae, visiting different towns and cities on our way, and enjoyed many excellent opportunities for circulating the Word of Life. At one time we gave copies to intelligent-looking men on board the numerous boats we met; at another we went from shop to shop, exhorting the inmates to read carefully the book that was put into their hands. Again, we were oftem called upon by many respectable persons, who begged us to give them a volume for their own perusal or that of their friends ; and as we walked along the road we presented copies to parties who were passing, and who invariably accepted the gift in a thankful manner. At one place we visited there were 5,000 atudents gathered together from a wide extent of country, it being the time of the annual examinations there. We moved freely amongst them, and distributed the remainder of our books, taking advantage of the opportunity to proclaim unto them the Gospel of salvation. As their numbers and anxiety to receive the Holy Word were alike great, on our return home I sent one of yourColporteurs to the place with a supply of New Testaments, similar to what we had taken at the commencement of our journey, and the students gladly received them at his hands. May the seed thus sown, in many instances at least, be blessed by the Holy Spirit ! Shortly after, Mr. Edkins and otherbrethren went to Soochow, and distributed amongst the immense population there, and, in the surrounding country, 2,000 copies of the New Testament.
"The above-mentioned Colporteur has gone to a large city on the other side of the Yang-tse-kiang, which has been only once, and then slightly, visited. That part of the country is densely peopled, and all around their are hundreds of towns and villages.
In Australia, the Islands of the South Seas, South Africa, and the West Indies, the work goes steadily on.

South America, New Granada.-Though the retrospect of the year does not afford that realization of the expectations of success once entertained by your Agent, yet his labours have been marked by most satisfactory results. Notwithstanding the potent influenee of the Church of Rome, an earnest desire has been mavifested for the Book of Ged; and, in order to fulfil that desire, arrangements have been made for the supply of Scriptures in all the important towns of the Republic. Colporterage operations have been attempted, and though not without success, yet the expense of travelling has rendered it preferable to establish depôts in the various towns. But the circulation of the Scriptures is not alone to be
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announced. The printing and publication of those Scriptures, never, as far as the Committee are aware, previously accomplished on the South American Continent, can now be reported in connection with the labours of the Society. An edition of 5,000 New Testaments has been issued in Bogota, and, as evidence that an increased supply, it may be mentioned that in a single day 110 copies of the Word of Life were sold in that city, while 200 copies found purchasers within a fortnight in Pamplona.

A "golden hour" is now mentioned, in which nearly one copy was sold in every minute, while in a special instance the "good seed of the Word" brings forth nearly three hundred fold.
"Our house has oftentimes been besieged by purchasers of books. We have sold during this same hour in which I am writing, fifty-six books, - my wife sitting at the receipt of custom, and saying gentle words to the buyers ; and frequentls I have gone on friendly visits to natives in their own houses with my pockets full of hooks, and returned empty, having sold them all. I sold a copy out of my own pocket to a gentleman inghis own house: he was greatly delighted with it, and I left him, delighted myself with his pleasure in his purchase. To my aatonishment for nearly a fortnight afterwards, our house stood!with its door open to admit the purchasers of copies of this same kind of book, who came day by day and hour by hour to buy. It was owing to that one book, sold in my young friend's hoôse, that nearly three hundred copies were sold. He had shown it, and salked of it to his servants! they talked about it to other servants,-the said servants tald their masters, who sent their children,-till, one day, the book finding its way to two public scheols, our circle of purchasers was still more widened ; and the circle has gone on widening every day, as the circles widen round a pebble dropped in a calm, wide lake, where they producie one another till they touch the banks they cannot pass. What other influences that one book may have set in motion we may never know; to know it perhaps would inflate us with pride, and we might forget to give the glory to Him who rewards with peace all who are willing to do His commandments; and therefore are we kept in ignorance of ${ }^{\text {the }}$ the good of which we may have been the instruments, that we may be kept humble and content, if God thinks fit, to be nothing but "feet" to carry the glad tidings of His love and mercy across every sea, and over every mountain in the world."
"From all places where our books have been sold, most remarkable effects have been produced. And, sure I.am, that in a few months greater things than those I now know will be seen. In Anabaluns a work has begun.
"From Casanare, one of the mest remote provinces in New Granada, a ery has come to Bogota for moze help, and saying, too, that they must invite Protastant Missionaries to succour them if others refuse to go. Fyom the Pacific coast tidings of an unusual kind arrived a day or two ago, and, yesterday, from that part of the goast, on the very coast on which Drake was buried-Drake the dread of all Spaniards,-came a large order for copies of the New Testament now printing here. And thus and thus the "day is breakiug. South America I repeat, is stretching out its hands for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

The position of your Agent is peculiar and difficult. Papal bigotry as intolerant as that of Europe, is co-existent with the expression of opinion through a free press. As a consequence of this state of society, the distribution of the Scriptures is sometimes prominently mentioned in the newspapers of the day. An article, entitled "Bogota edition of the New Testament," recently appeared in the "Bogota Times." Its perusal will afford grounds for estimating the views of the community in
reference to the Society's labours:-
> "We call the attention of the readers of the "Times" to an advertisement in another part, announcing the publication of the New Testament, printed by the only from the erias. An edition of such a Book is worthy of special notice, if of them, ever printed in Southe irst copy of the Holy Scriptures, or any part Granada, and which marks its America-a fact which gives honour to New dom of its opinions. In offering thess in the liberty of the press and the freeto state, briefly, a few questions, and the for sale to our countrymen we desire they have presented themselves to the manner we have answered them, as For example : Is this Book worthy of as, during its progress through the press. injurious to the commonwealth? are any of read? does it contain any doctrine with private or public morality? are any of its facts or statements at variance sedition, or any other evil thing? ios it encourage idleness, selfishness, strife, common sense? have the people a right to anything in the book revolting to Many millions of copies of the same hit to possess it and judge for themselves? world; it has been translated and have been circulated in every nation of the languages, and read by people representing in one hundred and seventy-two Has this Book, disseminated in such ang six hundred millions of our race. worse ? has it caused humanity to den vast numbers, made the world better or In one word, has it, in rehearsing the song of the has it promoted its progress? in the highest, and peace and good-will of the Angels, brought 'Glory to God ong men," or has it not? simple and touching biography thus:-The Book is worthy of reading for its plain, outspoken teaching, his co the Founder of the Christian religion; for his self-denying humanity-loving liforing words, his wonderful parables, and his tion they make of God's love to ; for the acts of his Apostles, and the revelathe whole Volume, which is God's ; and for the pure spirit which runs through mankind. The book contains love to us, begetting our love to him and all enjoines obedience to the civil nothing injurious to the State, but everywhere and all to God. None of its facts or, children to parents, servants to masters, but, on the contrary, rebuke the immoral servant, and offer the sublimest rew unjust king, as well as the poorest well-doing, seek for glory, honowrerds to all who, by patient continuance in idleness, selfishness, strife, sedition, and immortality. It neither encourages 'if any man will not work, neither nor any other evil thing, but says plainly, Nisions, and, if it be possihle, live pet him eat;' 'avoid them which causes di-
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We have copiously extracted from the Report of the Parent Society, feeling sure that they who have not the original document will be glad to find so much of it reproduced here. We wish that it could be in the hands of all our friends, who could then analyze its facts and figures for themselves. If no other part of this report is read, by all means let that part be which is taken from the 54th report of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

## CONCLUSION.

Summing up the circulation of Bibles during the year 1858 by the Bible Societies, we have noticed, we find it to amount to nearly $2 \frac{1}{2}$ million copies. Reckoning those issued by other Societies and private publishers, the total may be nearly 4 millions. We look upon this as a great

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achievement, and, in itself considered, so it is ; and we congratulate ourselves upon the success which it has pleased God to vouchsafe to this enterprise ; bat it admits of question whether our emotions should not be more those of shame and self-reproach than of gratulation. If we analyze this success, we find it in the home field of British America, 40 Bibles supplied, in the year 1858, to every 1000 of the population; in the United States, 40 to the 1000 ; in France, 4 to the 1000 ; in Germany, 12 to the 1000 ; in Russia, Spain, and Italy, together, half a Bible to the 1000 ; in Turkey, 1 to the 1000; in India, 1 to the 1000; and in Chins, $\frac{1}{8}$ of a Bible to the 1000 : in all the world together, 4 to the 1000. Now is this anything for the Church to plume herself upon? Estimating the aotual growth of population, this is not supplying the year's increase of the world's people, and, so to speak, leaving without a copy every soul that was in it when the year 1858 began. Thus the world outgrows our efforts.
We surely cannot eonsider this satisfactory. It would be like barely paying the interest of a debt, to say nothing of the primcipal, and then going on without adequate apprehension of the erashing weight of the obligation yet undischarged. Or if engaged in an effort to stay the current of our own St. Lawrence rolling onward to the ocean, as well might we imagine we had done a great deal when we had intercepted and kept back from addition to it, the rain-fall of a single day. Sos nevertheless, it is that the millions of this world are rolling onward to eternity, while the chureh of the Redeemer supplies itself, and then sends out and gives the Word of Life, the instrument of rescue, to one in a thousand as they pass. "Curse ye Meroz," said the angel of the Lord, "curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord, against the mighty," are words which may well tingle in our ears. To the winds, then ye Charch of Christ, to the winds with the delusive and dangerous notion that there is yet any adequate discharge of this duty; to your knees in confession of shortcoming; to the fields, already white to the harvest, to do your Master's bidding! The Lord be pleased to show Mis claims and the claims of this perishing world upon us, and to give us a solemn sense of our responsibility !

And now bearing with us the words of our motto, which the Book itself supplies, let us turn our face to the field and to the work before us. Not one of the countries hitherto open has been closed against us; some, it is true, may be partially olosed; but within one jear India and China-numbering half of the world's people-mave been signally
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Let then the Church put herself on her war footing and send out men, not by ones and twos, but by battallions and brigades, bearing Bibles by millions ; and she must do this, ere she can achieve worthy conquests for the Captain of her Salvation. Surely it behoves us to betake ourselves to God in prayer for His interposition, that His people may be aroused. Everywhere laborers are needed; and looking at the vastness of the work to be done, the certainty of its accomplishment, and the Lord's people as the instrumental doers of it, we need to take care lest we be cut down as cumberers of the ground, or rebuked as unprofitable servants ; and with new purpose to give ourselves to the work and to entreat all around us to take their lot and at their post in their day do their duty, and to shout aloud the words, "Speak unto the children of lsrael that they go forward,"-yea, not to the leaders only, but to the multitudes of the people of the Lord's host, that they go forwardto this work.
P.S.-At the first meeting of the Committee after the Annual Meeting, $£ 250$ was voted as a free contribution to the British and Foreiga Bible Society.
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## To the Secretary,

I began my labors for the current year on the 28 th of December 1857. Ily firstappointment for public meetings was at Rawdon on the 30th; I left the city in the morning of that day and I met with a detention in crossing the ice on the Back river, having to wait till a bridge was built to enable me and a number of others to reach the North shore. About the time I got off, the snow began to fall very fast which made the travelling very hard before I reached the place of my destination, and ultimately belated me. When I got within about 4 miles I learned that no appointment had been made. On account of the absence of one of the ministers my intended visit was not made public, so I put up for the night, it being after dark and my beast very tired. Mr. Irwin and family entertained me with much comfort and generosity. On the 31st the snow had become so deep that $I$ was all the forenoon going up to the village, 3 miles. Of course it was impossible to reach Kilkenny, a distance of 25 miles, the place of my appointment for this day. I do not regard the proverb which says "a bad beginning makes good ending." I bewail the beginning, and pray that God in his kind Providence will grant me a better ending. On the first day of the new year I started again, the snow continuing to fall and the roads all filled up, I made out the first two miles in two hours and reached St. Julien, a distance of 6 miles or so by dark, and finding the road in some use among the Freuch people it being new year's day, I made out to get to St. Lin, a distance of 8 miles further by nine o'clock, at which place I put up, 6 miles short of the place of my appointment. Early on the morning of the 2nd I started again, but I had only gone about three miles when I came again to the Old Country Settlement and found the road utterly out of use, and had to begin another course of plunging in the snow. I made out six miles to New Glasgow by noon, and found myself two days before the mail, of course there had been no gathering the night before and no disappointment, as they had no expectation that any one would or could come, I was now 22 miles from St. Thérèse, the place of my next appointment, and after dinner, which I took with the family of our secretary Mr . John Murray, I began another toil to make out as much of the distance as I could. At 8 o'clock I reached St. Janvers and put up at a tavern, but not to rest, my bedroom was over the bar-room when the landlord was serving and drinking with a number of customers who stamped, bawled, laughed and cursed alternately, until a late hour of the night, and of course sleep was out of the question; between three and four o'clock in the morning, just as I had banished from my mind all sorts of fancies about robbers and murders, and was beginning to dose a little, the noise below begun again, and I took my poor
tired beast and departed, wondering how any man, by any misapplications of tired beast and departed, wondering how any man, by any misapplications of terms whateter, could call such infamous grog holes, "travellers rest."

I was in time for my appointmentat $S t$. Thérèse, but we had a small meeting on account of the roads, I spoke on the cause of my mission to the few present, and took up a collection of $\$ 4,00$ and found a few hours quietude and peace under the hospitable roof of J. Morris, Esq. How sweet and refreshing thefpeace and quiet of a well-arranged domestic circle, in contrast with the scenes which had gone before. Like the calm clear morning after a stormy night.

The cause at St. Eustache is improving, Mr. James Marshall and the friends here had adopted more energetic measures, and by the aid of the ladies they had associated with them in the task, had more than doubled the contribution of last year. The meeting held in the Presbyterian Church was well attended considering it was a dark night and the roads still very bad, I shared the generous hospitality of Mr. Rogers.

On the 4th I took dinner with Mr. James Gentle, a fast and revered friend of the cause, and went up to Grand Frenière, where I was pleased with the state of the cause, and charmed with the beginning of this week in contrast with the last. Mr. Wm. Inglis had already been round twith the subscription book and had obtained more than double what was contributed last year, and at night we had a well attended, interesting meeting, and I had now a fair prospect of doing something for the society, and not be wholly employed with breaking out roads. On the 5 th $I$ started for Belle Riviere, but missed my way and did not discover my mistake till I came to the Ottawa, half way up to St. Andrews, I did not deem it prudent to turn back, for any hopes I had of effeeting much good, as there are but very few speaking the English language in the place, and I rather looked upon it as a direction of Providence that the worn out nature of man and beast might have a day's rest, and be reeruited in strength, I stopped all night with Mr. Hibbard, an old servant of the society, and we had a cheerful and I trust a profitable time talking over the affairs of various posts of the field of his former and my present labours.

The 6th was appointed for the anniversary at St. Andrews, but when the time came it was a fearfully stormy night, and the Committee postponed the meeting, and I engaged to visit them at some future time, if spared to doso. The Branch had been fully up to its wont, a contribution of $\$ 60$ had already been remitted, and judging from the very encouraging report made before the Committee the year had been one of activity and cheering encouragements.

The anniversary of the Lachute Branch was held in the Presbyterian Churcb on the 7th, Rev. Jas. Henry, the President, in the chair. The report was read by the worthy Secretary Mr. John Meikle, and though it complained that some of the collectors had failed in their duty, it exhibited an encouraging income of funds as compared with the last year, and they made a free contribution of $\$ 15$. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Messrs Heary and Dewart, and though not large, it was an interestiug one, one with which all parties seemed pleased. This Branch will yet, with the blessing of God, employ its true position. As usual I shared the kind hospitality of the Rev. Mr. Henry and his family, and before leaving I spent a pleasant hour and dined with the Rev. W. Dewart.

On the 8th I gave an address in the North of Chatham, to a goodly number of people in the Baptist Chapel, I had the assistance of the Minister, the Rev. Mr. King, and we took up a small collection, I was quite unwell with a bad cold, and Mr . McArthur and his family, with whom I stopped, not only bore with my infirmities but cured me of my illness, for which Iowe them a debt of gratitude. I had been at this place but once before, and that many years ago, but this time I promised to visit them again if spared till next year, and I am not without hopes something may be done more systematically and more effectively.

On Sabbath the 10th I preached for the Rev. Mr. Mair in Chatham and Grenville, had an encouraging congregation at both places, and the collection was
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On Monday the 11th the rain poured down in torrents and I tarryed with Benjamin Wales and family till noon, and then started for L'Orignal, where was held the anniversary of the Ottawa District Branch. This Branch and the

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East \& West Hawkesbury Branch, after a separation of three or four years, I found had amalgamated under a new name, viz the "Victoria Branch," and as such had but one meeting. Mr. Higginson, the new President, was in the chair, and he opened the meeting with a few very timely and appropriate remarks. The meeting was then addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Johnson, Hammond, Currie, Caldwell and your Agent. We had an excellent time, and the Branch had had another prosperous year. They paid me $\$ 337,46$, part on account, and the balance for the Indian fund.

The day following I went out to East Hawkesbury and met a good congregation of friends working in connection with the Victoria branch, to whom I apoke for a time on the Bible mission, and from whom I received $£ 99 \mathrm{~s} 9 \mathrm{~d}$ included in the above. On the 13th we had a good meeting at Petite Nation, where I took up a collection of $\$ 7,00$. I shared the kind hospitality of Steven Tucker, Esq. On the 14th I went on to Cumberland, where we had a small meeting in the Town Hall. Sickness was very prevalent in this neighborhood amongst the little ones and doubtless kept many at home, collection $\$ 5,00$. W. H. Dunning showed me kind hospitality. On the following morning I called upon the Rev. M. Lindsay, who has always given the cause favorable countenance. He gave me $\$ 2.00$ his own subscription, as he had been detained from the meeting by very serious illness in his family.

I went on to Buckingham, a place I had never visited before, I found a very thriving village and a stirring generous hearted people. We held a meeting in the school room and organised a new branch under very encouraging auspices, and one I think which cannot fail to work well under the guidance and control of the able and efficient office-bearers placed over it.

From Buckinghan I returned to Clarence where we have an old and efficient Branch The Anniversary meeting held in the Baptist Chapel was a very numerous and spirited one. I had the asssistance of the Rev. J.Edwards, whose pathetic and appropriate remarks were a great help to the cause. The collections to be taken up immediately after the meeting, and I have no doubt svill be as good as usual and probably better. On the evening of the 17th January I had the pleasure of meeting a full house at Thurso in Lochaber, for the purpose of organising a new Branch. This Township had formerly been connected with Clarence, but the Ottawa separates the two townships, and on account of the difficulty of crossing at times, and in consideration of the great numbers of people' now in Lochaber, it was deemed best to have a separate Branch there. The friends present fully participating in this view, entered heartily into the project, and accordingly a new Branch was formed. The meeting was characterised by zest and unanimity, and I think the Branch will work well. Able and interesting officers have been placed over it, and to say the least the prospect is encouraging.
On the 18th I met a good congregation at Riceville in South Plantagenet, $\mathrm{Pe}-$ ter McLaren, Esq., was called to the chair, and I had the valuable assistance of the Rev. D. Robinson and O. W. Philips who both spoke ably in support of the cause, I had the pleasure of seeing another branch organised and placed under the care of officers whose position and devotion to the cause bid us hope for success.

On the 19th I attended the anniversary of the efficient and interesting branch at North-west Glengarry. We met in the Congregational Chapel, which was we 1 filled, and the Rev. D. Gordon, Free Church Minister, ably discharged the duies of tbe chair, and the Rev. Mr. Rainboth, Baptist Minister, gave an able, earnes. and solemn address.: The meeting was harmonious and cheerful, and in every sense one of the right sort. The contribution taken up at the meeting was
about $\$ 36$ and the friends thought thatamount would be doubled before the collectors who were appointed at the meeting had finished their work.

On Wednesday the 20th I assisted at the organisation of a new Branch at Locheil. We met in the Free Church, and the Rev. D. Cameron spoke to the people in Gaelic after I had spoken in English. The Rev. Mr. McDonald, Kirk Minister, was appointed President, and the Rev. Mr. Cameron, Free Church Minister, Secretary. We had thus the lovely sight to behold of "Brethren who agree," and one could not avoid the impression that it is not less lovely now than formerly, and it will not be less salutary and beneficial in its influence around.

On the 21 st I attended the anniversary of the old and useful Branch at Breadalbane, I had the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Cameron Baptist Minister, at a full and spirited meeting. This is one of the oldest Branches in Canada, and it maintains its former usefulness. They paid me over six pounds of a free contribution, and I found shelter under the hospitable roof of John Stewart, Esq.
Dalhousie Mills. This Branch has put forth an exertion worthy of all praise The President, Rev. Mr. Anderson, takes allively interest in the cause and imparts his spirit to many around him. They made a free contribution of near nine pounds, and the worthy and pains taking Depositary, Geo. Munro, Esq., paid me four dollars and fifty cents on account. The annual meeting was held in the new free church, a neat and commodious brick structure newly put up; a monument of zeal and an ornament of the village. The night was intensely cold and the meeting was not large, but pleasant and harmonious.

On Sabbath the 24th I preached in the Scotch Church, at Cote St. George in the morning, and took up a collection of three dollars and thirteen cents \& and in the evening again at Coteau Landing where I took up a collection of four dollars and forty-seven cents. The congregation at both places tolerably good. This was the last appointment of a month's tour, a tour which I had begun with fear and anxiety, on account of the general cry of "hard times," but one which God blessed and prospered in a large and encouraging measure. The meetings were generally very well attended, four new Branches organised, and ty cents, the greater part of which was free contributiong, a much larger sum than the same Branches gave last year, thus proving that people do not always give most when they have most. On the night of the 25th, after a hard day's drive in the storm, over bad roads and precarious ice, I reached the city in time ,
On the 8th of February I again left home to visit the Branches in the counties of Stormont, Dundas and Lanark, taking in a few on the St. Lawrence going and returning,

My first appointment was at River Laguerre. We had a good meeting, a stormy night, too few out, but ain excellent spirit pervaded, and preparation made for collecting. I found a comfortable resting place with my esteemed friend John
McDonald Esq.

Williamstown. On the 11th I attended the anniversary of this new Branch, and was much pleased with the attitude it assumed. The indefatigable officers, the Revd. Mr. Watson, A. M., the Rev. Mr. Ferguson, A. M., D. Campbell, D. McLennan and M. Dixon, Esq. had all gone to work nobly, had sold a great many scriptures, and by the aid of the ladies whom they had associated with them in the work, had also collected a very creditable fund. They paid $\$ 20$ free contribution and $\$ 25$ on account. We had an excellent meeting in the Church of Scotland, and stirring addresses from the Rev. Mr. Watson, A. M., and the Rev.
Mr. Ferguson, A. M.

Martintown. The anniversary of this Branch was held in the Congregational church on the 12 th . We had a full meeting, Mr. Christie presiding, and I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. McKillican, an able and tried friend of the cause. Some attempts were made to have some resolutions passed at the previous anniversary rescinded, which some thought were not right, but the majority of the meeting thought otherwise, and the resolutions referred to were sustained. The Branch had done nobly, they paid me $\$ 25.78$ on account and $\$ 32.38$ free contributions, and I went home with Mr. Christie and found a comfortable shelter from the storm, where I enjoyed kind and christian hospitality till Sabbath morning.

Sabbath the 14 th was a cold and blustering day. In the morning I preached for the little Branch at Roxboro and received a free contribution of $\$ 7.60$. I spent an hour with my much valued friend Mr. D. McCallum, and then returned to preach in the evening at Martintown for the Rev. Mr. MoKillican.

Cornwall. The anniversary of this Branch was held in the free church on the 15th, but the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, who is also secretary of the Branch, caused something of a disappointment, as the business was not prepared for the meeting ; the Rev. Dr. Urquhart presided, who after his interesting speech called upon me to address the meeting. In complying with his request I spoke only a short time as there were but few present. On my return they paid me $\$ 76.20$ on account. From the zeal manifested at the previous anniversary, I had hoped they would be able to do something for the general cause, and I think they will in process of time.

On the 16th I went up to Aultsville, where I was cordially received by my warm hearted and excellent friend Wm. Croil and his good lady. We were joined in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Dobie, of the Scotch church, who accompanied us to the meeting, and advocated the claims of our noble institution with eloquence, characteristic zeal and energy. The meeting was an excellent one, though not so numerously attended as we could have wished, but a hearty and cordial response was made to all proposals for future efficiency. A collection of $\$ 2.00$ was taken up and collectors appointed to canvas the village, and when their labours were completed the worthy secretary, George Barnhart, Esq., paid $\$ 10.38$ free contribution.

The day following I passed on to North Williamsburgh, where I met with a hearty welcome from my old friend and acquaintance Mr. W. Gordon, but was sorry to find that the Branch had been comparatively inactive. We had a small meeting, but I officiated alone, and the receipts were quite small, only $\$ 4.58$. At Dixon's Corners also on the 18th the meeting was too small, but I was cheered with the zeal and activity of some of the friends, particularly Mr. Browse, Mr. Rose and Mr. Wood ; I received on account $\$ 12.17$ and $\$ 5.55$ free contributions.
Inkermann. On the 19th the anniversary of this new Branch had alsó been fixed upon for a tea meeting, and both were held together, we had a full house. The privilege of speaking first was awarded to me, but no collection was taken for the Society. The Branch had scarcely had time to get into working order only having been organized in June, but they paid me $\$ 16.33$ on account and $\$ 3.70$ free contribution, and they will doubtless improve.

We had a good meeting at South Gower on the 21st, though the day was cold, boisterous and forbidding. The new Branch was scarcely complete in its organization but they paid me $\$ 12.58$ free contribution. The Rev. Mr. Anderson, being fully acquainted with the movements of religious societies generally, gave a highly interesting and instructive address, and to his zeal and disinterested exertions our noble society is mainly indebted for the standing it has in this place.

I found the Branchat Kemptville, I am happy to say in a much better state than I had ever seen it before. The meeting was held in the Baptist Church, and I had again the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Anderson. I met the Committee the following day-all new and zealous men, and they gave me $\$ 24.82$ free contribution, and $\$ 2.30$ on purchase account.

Our excellent friends connected with the little Branch at Burritt's Rapids have been much disturbed by changes, and like others perplexed with hard times. We had a nice happy sort of meeting, but the sales had been very limited, and the free contribution was only $\$ 3.93$.

Merickville Branch held its annual meeting in the new and commodious Wesleyan Chapel, and we had quite a large congregation. The minister of the place, the Rev. Mr. Brewster gave a most excelleft and telling speech. J. Lonsdale, Esq., Chas. Holden, Esq., S. Langford, and others associated with them made an efficient staff of officers. Mrs. Lonsdale and Mrs. Holden had again diseharged the onerous duty of collecting with ability and encouraging success, and thus enabled the Branch to make a free contribution of $\$ 33.60$. The treasurer paid me. $\$ 12.21$ on purchase account. On the 25 th I attended the anniversary of the excellent little Branch at Wolford, in the Methodist Episcopal Chapel and the attendance was very good. R. Brown -McRae, P. Wikwire and H. H. Putman are steadfast in attendance to the noble cause. Miss Brown the collector had discharged her duty in a praise worthy manner, and a free contribution of $\$ 11.60$ was the result I lodged with my old friend and acquaintance, J. Lonsdale, Esq.
Smiths Falls. The anniversary of this important Branch was held in the United Presbyterian Church on the 25th of February. Our excellent President Mr. Bartlett in the chair, and a good congregation. The meeting was a good one. The speakers were the Rev. Mr. Aitken, the minister of the place, and the Rev, S. Mylne of the Scotch Church. Each commended our noble institution with much abibity. This constant and steadfast Branch is widening its sphere of usefulness. They paid their purchase account in full and made a free contribution of \$37.00. I enjoyed my customary hospitality with Mr. McDougall, and spent a pleasant hour, and dined with Mr. Bartlett and his lady the day following, and then took my departure feeling compensated for the toils and privations of my calling by friendship and christian kindliness.

Perth. The anniversary of the Perth auxiliary was held in the Music Hall on the 26 th. It was a good meeting enlivened and instructed by eloquent and very impressive speeches from the Rev, Mr. Bain of the Scotch Church, Rev. Mr. Cameron of the Baptist, and the Rev. Mr. Cooper of Woodstock. Rev. Mr. Duncan of the Free Presbyterian church was absent, and the Rev. Mr. Bell of the Scotch church, who had battled nobly and long in this excellent cause, had laid by his armour and gone to his rest since, my last visit.
"Friend after friend departs; "Who hath not lost a friend;
"There is no union here of hearts
"Which find not here an end.
"Were this frail world our only rest,
"Living or dying none were blest.

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"Where parting is unknown,
"A whole eternity of love
" Formed for the good alone;
"And faith beholds the dying here
" Translated to that happier sphere.

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But how different was it with the heathen poet who said "I went into the grave yard and wept to think of the numbers of my friends held captive by death, and I enquired, "Where are they ?" and the echo answered "where are they?" But how different with the Christian. Light and immortality have been brought to light by the Gospel and he can look up and say-
"Beyond this flight of time,
"Beyond this vale of death,
"There surely is some blessed clime
"Where life is not a breath;
" Nor life's affections transcient fire
"Whose sparks fly upwards to expire.
On Sabbath the 28th I preached three times. In the morning in the congregational chureh at Lanark village, in the afternoon I went out to Middleton where I met another good congregation, and returned to Lanark in the evening and preached in the Scotch church. The congregations at the village were both good, the friends of the cause display a laudable zeal. The Rev. Thos. Fraser and family are indefatigable in labours in the Church over which he presides. He paid me $\$ 65.00$ for the B. \& F. B. S. The Rev. H. Lancashire has also been very zealous in connection with the Branch. From this source I received \$22.92 on purchase account and $\$ 28.14$ free contribution. On the 1st of March I went up to Rossetta, another place connected with the Lanark Branch, over which the Rev. Mr. Black ably and industriously presides. We had a very interesting meeting, though the weather was stormy, boisterous and cold.

The Branch at Ramsay I found in a prosperous state, and it could not well be otherwise, supported as it is by the best influence in the Township. The Rev. Mr . McMorine at the head, and ably supported by the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, Mr Menzies, Mr. Yule, Mr. Leckie in the male ranks, and Miss W ylie and her staff of Lady colleetors have done nobly for the noble institution, $\$ 67.37$ was tendered as a free contribution. The anniversary was again held in the "Sons of Temperance Hall," and all confessed it was a meeting of the right sort, was instructive and pleasing calculated to promote good humor, and harmony, attachment to the cause and diligence in its work. The speakers were Rev Mr. McMorine and Rev. Mr. Montgomery.
The Branch at Pakenham is also in an excellent state. The Revds. Messrs. Watson and Hobbs, together with James Dunnett, and R. Brown, Esqrs., have evidently entered into the philantrophic and benevolent spirit of our unparallelled instition. They have improved in dilligence and increased rapidly in influence for a few years past. We had an excellent meeting in the United Presbyterian Ohurch, I had valuable assistance from the Rev. Mr. Watson, but I felt the want of the Rev. Mr. Hobbs. He was gone on private business, such as all married men undertake at least once in a life time. Mr. Dunnet, our excellent Treasurer, paid me $\$ 40.67$ free and $\$ 4.35$ on purchase acconnt.

The Branch at Carleton place had not been so active as formerly, our true and faithful friends, R. Bell, D. Campbell and P. McLaren, Esqrs., in the pressure of hard times and a multitude of other calls, seem to have stood back. The righteous, and he that works in a righteous cause should be bold as a lion. I found myself in the midst of tea and pic-nic preparations again, a large and cheerful company, most excellent singing conducted by a blind man who must have been the admiration of any one who loves harmonious sound, a collection of $\$ 4.30$ and cheerful, comfortable hospitality with my friend and brother D. Campbell, Esq., made up the sum total of my experience at this place. The day following I continued my course downwards, having to cross a portion of the field recently set off to Ottawa, I went down as far as Richmond and tarried over night with
my valued friend Joseph Hinton, Esq. This was a cold ride, the frost intense the wind blowing, and the snow driving all day in my face I was impressively reminded of the Scripture "Who can stand before His cold." I had to travel all day again on the 6th of March through North Gower and Osgood.
On the 7th of March, Sabbath, I preached twice, for the Ormond Branch in the morning and for the West Winchester Branch in the evening. At both places purchase account before I left on Monday morning. $\$ 12.85$ free and $\$ 15.60$ on

At West Winchester I had the assistance of the Presbyterian Minister, Rev, Mr. Thom. The Branch at Winchester is in a flourishing state, yearly growing in importance. Rev. Mr. Hurlbut and Rev. Mr. Thom did excellent service to the cause by their earnest and eloquent addresses. The staff of Lady collectors had $\$ 190$ weir duty in a laudable manner and the result was an increase of funds, customary hospitality with my repected friend, Thos. Christie, Esq., and his fay mily.

The anniversary of the noble Branch at Finch was this year held at Cockburn's village in the Orange Hall. It was not so mumerously attended as I could have wished, nevertheless it was an excellent meeting. The indefatigable industry displayed by the Ladies is in the highest degree commendable, $\$ 20.84$ by their exertions was collected and paid over as free contribution. George Munro, Esq. our excellent president over this Braneh, manages to keep it in life and activity, paid me $\$ 8.87$ on purchase account.

On the 10th I had the pleasure of attending the anniversary of the new Branch at East Osnabruck. Though it had met with some impediment, as is common when everything is new, it had nevertheless done a commendable year's work. pointed to collect had braise for determined perseverance, and the Ladies aprespectable sum of $\$ 0.0$ fuccessful, as their industry deserved, 1 was paid the we had an excellent amniversary meeting and $\$ 6.80$ on purchase account, and as many present as should haremeeting in the Wesleyan Chapel, but not quite in the Prsebyterian Church in been. On the 12 th the Lancaster Branch convened Rev. Thos. McPherson in the chair, and the with the Church of Scotland. The pointed address. The Branch, reorganised, laid a number of pave a short but ciency in future, and paid me $\$ 5.95$ on purchase account and a collection of
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This brought to a close a more prosperous and successful winter's work, than it had ever been my pleasure to witness before. Through the merey and blesswinter, visit all the Father, I had been enabled to labouruninterruptedly all the \$1484.88.

My usual spring tour was begun on the 22nd of May, I went as far as Dundee, where I should have crossed the St. Lawrence to Cornwall but the boat had Fort Covington. On Monday cross till Monday morning. I spent the Sabbath at appointment at the centre of Osnabruck crossed in the Fashion and reached my the Baptist Chapel, but was not well ack before night. The meeting was held in the Minister was absent. It was a very busy time and Purkis paid mel $\$ 9.00$ for the frontections had been taken up but partially. Mrs. concession. On the 25th I spent an hour pleasantly with Wm . Croil, Escond President of the Aultsville Branch, and Mr. George Barnart th. Croil, Esq., the \$10.38 free.
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The Branch at Iroquois is doing well. The anniversary was held in the Wesleyan Chapel on the 26th, Wm. Elliot,Esq., in the chair, and we had a fair attendance. The meeting was ably conducted and was very interesting. The President opened it with a very earnest and zealous appeal to his friends and neighbors to interest themselves in the work, and resolutions were severally moved or seconded by the following gentlemen: C. Mills, Dr. Worthington, D. Rose, Geo. Browse. They paid me $\$ 5.67$ on account and $\$ 24,63$ free.

John A. Carman, Esq., pledged himself to take a share in the Bible house and his name will stand at the head of the list. The first subscriber to the Bible house.

The anniversary of the Port Elgin Branch fell upon a bad night. The active members were nearly all away from home which somewhat weakened the meeting, I was however cheered with the countenance and assistance of Wm. Elliot, Esq., and Mr. Daniel Rose who accompanied me from Matilda.

The anniversary of the Spencerville Branch was held in the Presbyterian church on Friday the 28th, and was tolerably well attended, Messrs. Robertson and Crone the active and zealous officers keep up the vigor of this Branch; and the persevering collectors, Misses Robertson and Crone, and Mrs. Snyder, are deserving of much praise. They never did so well as this year, $\$ 22.31$ free and $\$ 9.20$ on a ccount. On Saturday the 27 th I reached Bellamyville and met with my customary welcome from the family of Samuel Bellamy, Esq., J. B. Bellamy and H. B. Pardee, Esq., continue efficient in office as Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. Hill continues diligently to discharge the duty of Depositary. They paid me $\$ 19.05$ on purchase account and $\$ 10.00$ free contibution. On the 28th I preached in the free Presbyterian church, and in the evening of the same day I preached again in the Wesleyan church at Green Bush. The Branch at this place had not been quite so active as during the previous year, nevertheless some of the friends continue to cherish the highest regards for our world wide cause, Mr. Geo. Kerr in particular is commendably zealous, he paid me $\$ 12.15$ free contribution, not so much as the same item last year. Some of the collectors had moved away, and the work in consequence had not been so thoroughly done. We look for improvement next year. The Branch at Kitley is still in a comparatively inactive state, the receipt of three dollars and 87 cents and a small meeting, together with some steps taken to ensure improvement next year into which the officers appeared to enter with laudable zeal, was all I can report. When will our respected friends, D. Livingston and L. Lyman, Esqrs., and Mr. P. Filbourne and Mr. McLean, return to their former activity? "Ye did run well, what hath hindered you."

Charleston has improved a little, but did not come up to its former standard. A few friends, tried and true, hold on to the work, and their zeal makes us hopeful.
On the 1st of June the Farmersville Branch held its anniversary in the Episcopal Methodist church, J. Deming, Esq., occupied the chair very ably, the meeting was enlivened and instructed by addresses from the Rev. D. W. Aglesworth and Rev. C. W. Philips. All honor to the Ladies who had so nobly broken in upon long prevalent indifference and increased the funds of the Branch $\$ 20.00$ and thus enabled it to contribute that amount to the general cause.-An excellent beginning from which we trust they will go on increasing.
The Branches at Bastard, Beverly and Westport had not come up to former
years, but when the pressure of the times shall have passed away we hope to see them surpass their former standards, as there are a few friends at all these places stedfast and unshaken.

The new Branch at Newboro' had done well. The noble cause is much indebted to the Rev. Mr. Crawford and John Draffin, Esq., who paid me on purchase account $\$ 16.32$ and $\$ 10$ free contribution.

South Crosby fell short of the previous year in free contributions, but Mr. Pennock the depositary had been very active in his department and paid me $\$ 13.95$ ase account.

We had good meetings, and I experienced my usual pleasant time at Morton and the rear of Leeds. A. J. Judd, Esq., paid me $\$ 13.12$ on purchase account and Hiel Sliter, Esq., $\$ 3.25$, but I am sorry to say there had been a falling off in free contribution at both places, a circumstance attributable to the straitness of money matters, and I have no doubt but they will return to their former liberality with the reviral of trade and return of good times.

On Sabbath 13th day of Jume I preached at Gananoque for the Rev. Henry Gordon, but being communion day with them, not much allusion was made to the subject of my mission. In the evening of the same day I preached again in the front of Landsdown to a good congregation, attention and interest characterised the meeting, and as might he expected with such zeal and perseverance as are always manifest here, the cause I found progressing, becoming better known, and contributions to the Branch increasing, Mr. Philip Heaslip paid me $\$ 7.25$ on purchase account and $\$ 15.25$ free

The new Branch at Escott, which anniversary I had the pleasure of attending on the 15th, had come up nobly. The meeting was of the right sort, only it should have been larger. The able officers exhibited the right spirit, and the Lady collectors had done their work with a right good will, and the result was en-h couraging out of a limited field, and the cultivation had just begun they paid me
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Mallorytown had made a beginning, the credit of which must be placed to the zeal and perseverance of Mr. Purvis and one or two other friends on the spot. We had a most excellent meeting, one which was patronised by all the ministers in the place, was well attended by the people, and characterized by deep interest fervid appeals and lively good humor, and must tend to further the cause. A free contribution was afterwards sent down of $\$ 6.50$, collection $\$ 1.70=\$ 8.20$.

I had a pleasant reception at the Front of Yonge again. All was in readiness. The zeal of the old Branch has been completely renewed and is far more efficient now than formerly, because their staff is supplemented by an efficient corps of Lady collectors. They paid me the creditable sum of $\$ 38.49$. The anniversary was a good one, though not so numerously attended as I could have wished.

Brockville. This important Branch held its anniversary in the Wesleyan Chapel on the 17th of June, Sheriff Sherwood, Esq., in the chair. The speakers were the Rev. J. MeMurray, the secretary, who also read a very interesting report. The Rev. Mr. Gray, Rev. Mr. Smith, Rev. Dr. Schofield and Rev. Mr. Carto. A number of important resolutions were passed, and I was delighted with the earnestness, zeal and eloquence of the several speakers. Their funds were in a prosperous state and they paid me the purchase account in full and $\$ 25.00$ free
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tary, Wm. Hillyard, O. H. Peck, W. D. Dickinson, Esqrs., had worked admirably, The result was a large increase in funds and also in the numbers attending the meeting. They paid me $\$ 44.20$ in free contributions, but nothing on purchase account, but for this they had a good reason, they owed us nothing, I did not learn from the report what their sales had been, but I fear not quite so large as usual. We had an excellent anniversary. The worthy president was this year in restored health and able to fill the chair. The Rev. Mr. Aylesworth of the N. C. Methodist and Rev. Wm. Price of the Wesley ans both made admirable speeches, and we had also a neat and impressive speech from our own colporteur Mr. George Purkis.
My last appointments on this tour were at Summerstown and Charlottenburgh on Sabbath the 20th of June, I preached once at each place and was much pleased with things as I found them. Two young ladies at Summerstown had exerted themselves in a praiseworthy manner, and collected $\$ 11.84$ and the Branch at Charlottenburgh is equally deserving of praise, they paid me for India $\$ 6.62$ and afterward remitted me on purchase account $\$ 4.50$ and free contribution $\$ 5.83$. Though some sections passed through on this tour had felt the pressure of times very hard, and in these places there had of course been a falling oif, yet upon the whole this was not the case. I received for the society on this tour $\$ 558.34$.

My next appointment was at St. Andrews on the 14th of July to attend the anniversary of this long tried and useful Branch. We met in the United Presbyterian church, and the meeting though not so large as we could have wished, was nevertheless well attended. The venerable President, the Rev. Mr. Henderson, under whose pleasing sway we bave so often met, was hearty as ever in our noble cause. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Dempsey with accustomed point and zeal, and the Rev. Mr. Sim, who I regret to say, had to complain slightly of not knowing of the meeting in sufficient time to make preparation for it, an evil which must not be permitted to occur in time to come. On my way back I called at Cote St. Charles, but the letter I had sent had not been delivered, and the appointment in the Montreal Witness had been overlooked.

On the 18th I preached twice for the Franklin Branch, had good meetings and an interesting time, Wm. Cantwell, Esq., continues to lend his extensive influ ence to the good cause, and F. Broder, Esq., our worthy secretary, continues indefatigable in his labours to promote the object of our institution. The collection was over $\$ 5.00$, and about $\$ 16.00$ have been collected since.

On Sabbath 25th, by the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Sym, I had the privilege of preaching to the Presbyterians at Russeltown Flatts, and taking a collection for the society of $\$ 6.00$. In the afternoon of the same day I preached again for the English River Branch, in the Free Presbyterian church, and on the following day I received $\$ 12.12$ free contribution and $\$ 12.24$ on purchase account.

On Sabbath Aug. 1st, the Rev. Mr. Muir of South Georgetown generously gave up his pulpit for the benefit of the society and I had the privilege of speaking to a very large congregation; a collection of $\$ 13.84$. In the evening I shared. a like favor from the Rev. Mr. Milne in N. Georgetown, when I received a collection of $\$ 6.20$. On the 2nd I attended the anniversary of the Branch at St . Louis de Gonzague. I was ably assisted by the Rev. Mr. Paul and the Rev. Mr. McArthur, and fhough it was a very busy season we had a good congregation. Collection $\$ 1.85$, bue collectors will canvass the entire field before the end of the year, and we may confidently expect a favourable return.

The 3rd was the anniversary of the Ormstown Branch, we had an unfavourable day and rather a small meeting, still there was every indication of a good interest, $\$ 5.00$ was paid me on purchase account, and $\$ 6.00$ free, the balance of last year's effort, and' collectors were appointed, who we trust will cheer us with a favourable report before December.

The 8th was the anniversary of the Huntingdon Branch, an excellent time. By the favor of the Rev. Mr. Watson I preached in the morning at St. Michaels to a large and attentive congregation, and in the afternoon by a like favour from the Rev. Mr. Wallace to another large gathering at the "Marshall school house," and in the evening we had one of the best meetings I ever saw in the American Preshyterian Church. The worthy and respected President, F. Sheriff, Esq., M. D., was in the chair, and eloquent speeches were made by the Revds. Messrs. Wallace, Watson and Kernan. The arrangements for procuring funds were never more perfect and the collections during the day were \$17.42. Mr. Marshall our excellent Depositary and Secretary read a cheering report of the transaetions of the past year.

On the 29th of August I began my usual autumn work, and the first publio meeting I attended was the annniversary of the Three Rivers Branch. On the 1st of September, the day set apart for the celebration of the Atlantic Cable. The event, as it should, created a good deal of interest, and most of ourfriends were engaged in it, directly or indirectly, nevertheless we had a good meeting, and the Branch had had a year of more than ordinary prosperity, R. Lanigan, W. Lanigan, G. W. Lawler, Esqre., the officers, together with an influential committee exhibit a spirit of laudable zeal, and the noble institution prospers in their hands. They gave me $\$ 40.20$ free contribution. The Rev. Mr. Hansford and the Rev. Mr. Smith assisted at the meeting.
The Branches at Hemmingford and Lacolle are both doing well. We had good meetings, a good interest, and I have no doubt but we shall have good contributions too, but they were not taken up till after my visit.
The Branches at Clarenceville, Pike River, New London and Philipsburgh I found more than usually active, at the last place I received $\$ 8.75$ on purchase account. Great praise is due to the persevering and worthy secretary T. D. R. Nye, Esq., and the young ladies associated with the Branch as collectors. The public meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Wetheral, Rev. Mr. Slack and Rev. Mr. Sykes in forcible and impressive speeches ; and I have great pleasure in bearing similar testimony to the aid I received at Clarenceville from the Rev. Mr. Flanders, a long tried and faithful friend of the cause.

The anniversaries of the Pigeon Hill Branch, of the Stanbridge Branch, of the Bedford Branch, of the Upper Mills Branch and the FreleighsburghBranch were held successively on the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th of September. Ifdund the cause about as usual at all these various places. Good meetings, the friends interested and active ; and cheerful hospitality with Mr. T. R. Brill, Deacon Martindale, Mr. Burden, Mr. Briggs, A. Blynn and Mr. Smithr

On Sabbath morning the 12th, I preached for the Branch at Abbott's Corners in the Baptist Church, and had the able assistance of the Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Bedell, the day was wet and unfavourable, but the meeting was well attended. On the previous night the worthy Depositary paid me $\$ 8.58$ on purchase account, and before I left E. D. Tracy, Esq. paid me $\$ 9.95$ free contribution, the fruits of his industry and of the industry of the Lady collectors. In the afternoon I gave an address to the Dunham Branch in the Church of England, where I had the valuable assistance and countenance of the Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Scott, A. M. Collection $\$ 2.00$, but this is no criterion of the liberality of this excellent Branch, for before the year runs out the field will be thoroughly canvassed, and when the return is made, I have no doubt but we shall see a handsome tribute to our noble cause. The Rev. Mr. Gear took me out in the evening to a school house five miles distant where I had the pleasure of meeting a respectable and interested congregation, to whom I explained the spirit and object of our mission, and returned with him jaded and weary, but thanked God to find rest and refreshment
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In Farnham I had two meetings, one with the Branch at the Centre on the 13th, and with the Branch at the East on the 14th, both well attended. I enjoyet the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Davis and the Rev. Mr McKelvey, who both did good service to the cause. I had also the pleasure of meeting our Colporteur, the Rev. John Campbell at these places, who enlivened and interested the meetings by pleasing instances illustrative of his own work. They paid me $\$ 27.81$ on purchase account and $\$ 10.59$ free.
The anniversary at West Shefford was an improvement upon past years. The Rev. Mr. Whittan had kindly come all the way from Waterloo, 12 or 14 miles, to attend, and did excellent service to the cause by his pathetic and timely admonitions and entreaty to renewed diligence and zeal in the work. Our old and steadfast friend Capt. McKenny and H. Hay, Esq., have now a new and able coadjutor in Mr. Clerk, and the Branch upon the whole is gaining strength. The Ladies had collected $\$ 9.14$, an improvement upon past years.

The anniversary at Cowansville and West Brome failed. The circulars sent had never reached their destination and the appointment in the witness had been overlooked, but the Rev. Mr. Duff and the staff of Lady collectors have been zeallous since and have remitted $\$ 18.00$ free contribution. Our worthy depositart, P. Cowan, Esq., paid me $\$ 16$ on purchase account, and our warm hearted and zealous patron, L. S. Hungerford, Esq., paid me a small sum for sales at West Brome.

The anniversar at Sutton was a good one, I had able, cheerful and zealous assistance from the Rev. Mr. Montgomery. The Ladies so successful in collecting last year were appointed again, and the past gives us hope for the future, when the bnsiness is in such hands, backed by the energy and heartiness of our worthy Depositary. Purchase account $\$ 8.30$, collection $\$ 2.25$.

On Sabbath the 18th I preached twice for the Brome Branch, which I found in its usual good state. The sales it is true have not been so large for two or three years past as formerly, but this is owing to the extensive supplies sent out previously, and the increase of depositories round the locality. Free contributions $\$ 10.96$. In the evening I had the pleasure of meeting another large congregation at Knowlton, where I enjoyed the hearty co-operation of the Rev. D. Lindsay, by whose friendly exertions there had been raised $\$ 12.24$ which he paid me as a free contribution.

The Branch at Potton I found much revived. The Rev. Mr. Goding had infused into it new life and spirit. We had an excellent meeting and good addresses from him and Mr. Elkins, and a free contribution of $\$ 11.12$ for which we are mainly indebted to the exertions of the Ladies. Our industrious depositary has paid me $\$ 9.86$ on purchase account.

The New Branch at South Bolton had made a beginning. We had as good a meeting perhaps as could have been expected in so dark andowet a night, and it was much benefitted by the earnest eloquence of the Rev. Mr. Philips. They paid me $\$ 10.02$ and Mr. A. Sergent in another part of the town paid me $\$ 2.80$ on purchase account.
Georgeville anniversary was held on the 23 rd and was a decided improvement upon former years. The Rev. E. Mitchel, an old acquaintance and a much esteemed friend was my assistant at this place. The meeting though still not so large a one as Georgeville might raise was nevertheless one of the right sort. A.M. Bullock, Esq., the Depositary, paid me $\$ 19.42$ on purchase account, and Mr. Kerby Talbot who is deserving of all praise for his friendship and zealous exertions gave me $\$ 10.00$ free contribution. This is but a part however of what the Branch has done this year. Joseph Merriman, Esq., the President, has made a previous remittance.

We hada good anniversary at the Fitch Bay Branch on the 24th, Joseph Hall, Esq., presided ; and I had the happiness of meeting one whose friendship and support I had enjoyed in years gone by, but who I had not seen for three or four years, the Rev. Mr. Adams, and his evident sincerity, and earnestness of appeal did much to help in the good work. I enjoyed the usual generous hospitality tribution \$11.05.

The two following days I attended meetings at Brown's Hill and Beebe Plain, neither of which was quite as large as I had anticipated,' but I met many old friends, friends in Christ with whom I had taken sweet counsel in former days, not less sweet because they belong to every section of the Church of God. At the last place I received valuable assistance from a new man, only in his courso of preparation for the Ministry, Mr. J. Lorimer. Collections $\$ \$ .84$.

On the 25th B. F. Hubbard, Esq., the worthy Depositary of the Stanstead Branch paid me $\$ 25$ on purchase account, and on the 26 th I had the pleasure of addressing a large congregation in the Wesleyan Church, and was nobly assisted by the pastor Rev. Mr. Bakewell. This old and efficient Branch maintains the even tenor of its way, and the collections will be taken up in due time. In the afternoon I went down to Cassville, a new place. The meeting was in the Free-will Baptist Chapel, which was full, and I had the countenance of Rev. Messrs A. Moulton, P. Moulton, and J. Drew. The collection taken on the occasion was very creditable $\$ 5.85$. In the evening I had the pleasure of meeting a large assembly of the friends of the Hatley Branch, in the Wesleyan Chapel. The state of the Branch is about what it was in former years, its friends are true and stedfast and though it does not appear to be enlarging its border, it is satisfactory to see that it is not declining. Mrs Haseltine the collector, had faithfully discharged her duty and handed me $\$ 9.07$ free contribution, and Mr. Cook paid me $\$ 7,29$ on purchase account.

On Sabbath the 10th of October I preached at Barnston, Coaticook and Bar ford. The two first are my old places of pastoral labour, and it was very gratifying to meet two such large congregations of friends and acquaintances of former days. Here was a people with whom I had lived twelve years, with whom I had associated in prosperity and adversity, in sickness and health, at the marriage altar and the grave side. All the other services were given ug and we met as we had been wont to meet in days past, Baptists, Methodists, OOngregationalists and Episcopalians, a large assembly at each place. It was the pleasantest day of my tour, I had efficient help from the Rev. J. Campbell and the Rev. Joseph Chandler. Collectors were appointed at each place who will do their work in due time and forward the collections.

Compton. We had the best anniversary here we have had for some years. Dol. B. Pomroy, president, and the Rev. Mr. Forsyth made an able speech. A collection of $\$ 4.15$ was taken at the meeting, and the chairman in his own business like and characteristic manner declined to dismiss us till three of the Ladies volunteered to collect, which I am pleased to say was soon effected.

Eaton and Sawyerville. We had a meeting at each place in connection with the Eaton Branch, and as usual at this place, both were excellent. The Revds. Messrs. Sherrill, Gillies and Constable, all did efficient service to tice noble cause and the meetings were harmonious and interesting. They paid me $\$ 37.24$ free and $\$ 11.66$ on purchase account. On my return on the 14th I iad a small meeting at Lennoxville according to my custom for a few years past, ai which I have nothing in particular to note. It was rather better attended perhaps than formerly and the collection about the same $\$ 2.60$. This is in connection with Sherbrooke, and most of the friends will contribute through that channel I enjoyed comfortable hospitality with Chas. Brooks, Esq.

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The Branches at Brompton and Durham are both doing well. The officers are active and efficient. The Ladies industrious and persevering as ever, and the creditable work of past years fully maintained, we had good meetings at both places, and at the last place I had much valuable ministerial help. The Rev. Mr. Dunkerly presided, and Revds. Messrs. Tallman, Derrick and Thurston made eloquent and stirring speeches, which had evidently an excellent influence upon the meeting.

On Sabbath the 17th I preached thrice, viz ; at Trenholmville in the morning, at the "back of Kingsey" in the afternoon, and at Danville in the evening. The morning meeting was the anniversary of the Kingsey Branch, a good meeting, and I had the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Derrick again, who also went out with me to the afternoon appointment, when we met another well filled house. The anniversary of the Danville Branch was the best we ever had, Mr. Willey presided over a large meeting in a house delightfully lighted up and made enchanting with harmonious strains of sacred music hymning praises to Almighty God, after which came eloquent and impressive speeches from the Minister of the place where we met, the Rev. A. J. Parker, Rev. Mr. Derrick and Rev. Mr. McKillican. This branch is flourishing, and the friends will I have no doubt make handsome returns before this year expires.

Melbourne was the next Branch I visited. The meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, but was not so well attended as we could have wished. We were cheered however with the attendance of a goodly number of Ministerial brethren. The Rev. Professor Cleveland, A. M., occupied the chair, and made a speech characterized by fact and research, which told well upon the meeting. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Bate, the Minister of the place, who made an eloquent and powerful appeal. The Rev. Mr. Tallman and the Wesleyan French Missionary followed with timely and seasonable speeches. The collection was $\$ 4.63$ and collectors were appointed to canvass the field, with whose report we hope to be encouraged before the year expires.

Sherbrooke. This excellent Branch held its annual meeting in the Wesleyan Chapel on the 19th. J. S. Sanborne, Esq., was in the chair supported on either side by the Rev. J. Robertson, and the Rev. Mr. Brown, both of whom made good impressive speeches on the occasion. This Branch cannot but be useful and prosperous, backed and supported as it is by christian men of position and influence such as the worthy secretary, Wm. Brooks Esq., or the President J. S. Sanborne, Esq., and the vice-president, James Gordon, Esq., and Dr. Brooks, and J. S. Walton, Esqrs. The Sherbrooke Gazette has done the cause good service and is deserving of our thanks. They paid me $\$ 65,49$ on purchase account, and an instalment of free contribution \$15.13. The little Branch at Magog held its anniversary in the academy the day following. We had a good meeting and its old friends the officers continue faithful and true to the cause of God. Dr. Somer circulates a good number of Scriptures every year, and Mr. Johnson, though much afflicted relatively, finds time to befriend a noble cause, and we are greatly indebted to the friendly exertions of a few christian women who exert themselves nobly to keep up the funds. Free contribution $\$ 8.00$.

Frost Village. Here we had an excellent meeting but much too small for the place. I was ably and heartily assisted by the Revds. Messrs. D. Lindsay and Whittan, and L. S. Huntingdon, Esq. Collectors were appointed who I trust will make a favourable report before the year closes. On the 22nd we had another meeting at Waterloo for the purpose of organizing a new Branch, I was again assisted by the Gentlemen named above and the object of our meeting was attained. Dr. R. Parmelee was appointed President and Rev. Mr. Robinson Secretary and Treasurer, and the new Branch started under very favourable ause pices.

Granby Branch Tfound increasing in strength and vigor. H. Lyman, Esq., the diligent and careful depositary paid me $\$ 7.00$ on purchase account, and the Ladies had collected $\$ 49.47$ which was paid me as a free contribution,

The anniversary was held in the congregational church, Mr. Warren in the chair, supported by the Ministers of the place, Rev. Mr. Bucher, Rev. Mr. Thornloe, Rev. Mr. Pashe, who all joined heartily to help on the cause.

The little Branch at Abbotsford still merits the praise of the most honorable of Branches. We had an excellent meeting, and to their cre lit be it said, that even in hard times they had increased their liberality. They paid me $\$ 24.00$ free contribution, and Mr. Gillespie, the worthy treasurer, paid a small sum on purchase account.

In summing up this brief, this epitomized report of a year's labour which have cost much more toil than appears on this paper, not only toil but embarrassment and anxiety too, for it has been a year of trial to many of the friends of the cause. I have only to add that I have travelled 3342 miles, addressed 186 public meetings, ranging in attendance from 50 to 350 persons, and taking the average at 100 which is not a high estimate, I have been privileged to present the claims of this glorious cause to 18600 people. That part of the Society's income paid directly to your Agent, has reached the sum of $\$ 3054.87$ whioh is $\$ 71.78$ more than the previous year, of this sum a little more than two thirds or a trifle over $\$ 2000$ is free contributions, I have been more than ever indebled to numerous Ministers of all persuasions, to a multitude of faithful women, and to diligent and energetic officers of our Branch societies for invaluable help, and I now return them all my sincere and hearty thanks, and thanks also to a multitude of my self-denying hosts who have received me into their houses and entertained me with a warm-hearted and generous hospitality, in parting with you, at the end of another year my prayer is, that the God of the Bible will reward you all in this life a hundred fold and in the world to come make you partakers of the life which the book reveals.

The past is fraught with encouragement, the future is bright with hope. Let then the laborer and co-laborer strengthen each other's hands, take new courage, and work on, till our beloved country shall be truly a land of Bibles, and God alone have all the glory.

December 27th, 1858.

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO COLPORTEURS OF THE MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

1. Your duty in the service of this Society is, to visit every family within the district assigned to you, and to supply every family destitute of the Scriptures with a copy. Every family not possessing a whole Bible is to be considered destitute of a Bible.
2. When you find a family destitue, endeavour to sell a Bible; if they cannot or will not buy, give one of the cheap editions. If a considerable part of the price is paid, one of the higher priced copies may be granted.
3. Sell as many Bibles and Testaments as possible; but you are not to sell on credit to those who are not destitute, except in extreme cases ; and in deciding which are extreme cases, you must be careful to exercise a good judgment. Nothing short of the invoice price is ever to be taken in selling to families who are supplied.
4. Visit Roman Cathofics, and offer them also the Bible. If they will purchase, sell to them; but if not, lend a Bible to every family that will give their name and promise that the book shall be kept in safety as the property of the Bible Society, and returned when demanded.
5. Receive donations and subscriptions from all who offer so to aid this Society, and keep a careful accqunt of the same; but do not ask for money, for it is the duty of the Travelling Agent rather than of the Colporteur, to collect funds.
6. Wherever you go, seek the countenance and co-operation of Ministers of the Gospel, without distinction of denomination. The Society you act for is eminently Catholic ; it has on its Committee members of eight or nine sections of the visible church.
7. Whenever you go into the neighbourhood of Branch Societies, at once inform the Officers of such Branches of your being there, obtain their suggestions and advice, and let your work be done with their knowledge and sanction. Receive also the suggestions and advice of the Travelling Agent; and, when he comes into the country in which you are labouring, let him have fnll knowledge of your movements.
8. Whenever opportunity offers; converse with the people distinctly upon the interest of their souls, read the scriptures and pray with them, keeping before you the simple desire of God's glory and their salvation. When you can promote these objects by means of addresses to gatherings of the people, use such means.
9. You are expected to "redeem the time," being diligent in your work, staying no longer in one place than the wants of that place require.
10. Be careful to keep a good stock of Bibles with you. Write promptly to the Depositary for supplies, as you see you need them.
11. Keep a small blank book, iu which daily record your work, your success and every thing else of special interest, and send a report every month to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society.
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| Aultsville | February, | 1855.. | Wm. Croil | F. Barnha | John Henne. |
| Barnston: | September, | 1841. | Page Remick | H. Shorey | E. S. White. |
| Barford | July, | 1851. | Rev. S. Piper. | Rev. J, Chandle | Rev. J. Chandler. |
| Bastard. | July, | 1851. | Wm. Knowlton | J. Denney. | A. Chamberlain, M.D. |
| Brockville Breadalbã | July, | 1833. | Rev. J. McMurr | J. B. Hillyar | J. McKarras. |
| Breadalbán Brome . | February, | 1828. | John McIntosh, | J. MeLaurin | CoI. McLaurin. |
| Bellamyville | October, July, | 1842.. | Saptain Garlick | H. N. Jack | Thos. Chapman. J. B. Bellamy |
| Burritt's Rapids | February, | 1848. | J. Lane, | J. Mills.. | M. B. Wellamy. |
| Bedford, Beverly. | July, | 1852.. | N. Adams, | L. P. Rexford | L. P. Rexford. |
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| Brompton.. | September, <br> Depository, | 1857. | John Tayl | William Tay | F. K. Broek. |
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| Clarence.... | March, | 1843.. | H. Matthews ..... | R. Surtie | John Higginson. |
| Carleton Place | Mareh, | 1843.. | R. Bell | James Dunnet | D. Campbell |
| Clarencerihe | September, | 1842.. | Rev. Mr. Tompkins | Enoch Curtis | Robert Cochrane. |
| Comptor. | August, | 1851.. | Major B. Pomroy. | A. W. Kendrick | Jacob Gilson. |
| Charlo tenbe | July, | 1852.. | F. McLennan. | J. McNaughton | D. McLennan. |
| Cowanstille <br> Cotean Lanc | October, | 1842.. | A. Cowa | P. Cowan | E. T. Miles. |
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OFFICERS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS-Continu $d$.


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A. McGregor . . . . . . . . . William Coleman

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## COLLECTIONS BY THE LADIES BIBLE ASSOCIATION IN 1858.

DISTRICTS NOS. 1 AND 2.
Collected by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. James Ferrier, jun.-\$134.25.


Miss Frothingham
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Mrs. Davidson ...................................... $\$ 00$ Mrs. Cross 400 Inspeetor General Barry 400
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Collected by Mrs, Atwater and Miss Brush-



## DISTRICT ко. 18.

Collected by Miss R. Mathewson and Miss Latham-\$29.58.
Mrs, Notman. .....................................................................................
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DIBTRICT No. 15 .
Collected by Mrs, Reid and Mrs. Charles Childs-\$52.87.
Mrs. Christie
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DISTRICT NO. 30.
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 Mr. J. T. Barrett........................................................ 200 Mrs, Brewster ................................................................. 00 Mrs, Gordon..................................................... 200 Mrs. Empey 200
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Mrs, Allan ...
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Mrs. Bigelow
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Mrs, Learmont
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Mrs. Smith.
Mrs. Atwater
Mrs. Tuttle ...
Mrs, H. Lyman ............................................... 100

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Collected by Mrs, P. Redpath and Mrs, T. M. Tuylor- 178.


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## Collected by Mrs. MoLenhan and Miss Corse

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## District no. 38.

## Collected by Mrs, Coleman and Miss Atwater <br> - 850.00 .

Mr. B. McLennan ..... 250
Mr. J. McLennan.
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# REMITTANCES FROM BRANCH SOCIETIES, DEPOSITORIES, \&e., 

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John Reid........................................................................... 200 200
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C. M. McLean........................................................ 100

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DALHOUBIE MILEs' BEAWCH.
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Collected by Mrs. Morrison.

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Rev. J. Anderson ............................... 100
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Margaret B Butterfield...................... of 50
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Mr. A. MeGregor,

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R. Gravil

Mark Gafrett...................................................... 085
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Mrs, Moorhouse.
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PAERYHAM BRAYCH．
Colleeted by Mrs．Brooks．


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## Collected by Miss Jane Fraser．


Bums under 2s， $6 \mathrm{~d}, \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$
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Collected by Miss Elvira L. Hicock,
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BABTARD BRANCH,
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Mrs. J. Lang. .................................... 0 o 50
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| B. 8. Wales | 700 |
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| Melbourne Branch | 175 |
| Farmersville Branc | 00 |
| Aultsville Bran | 109 |
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By Miss McLennon, for Indin............ 662 Free contribution................................ 583

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Murchison.


## HUNTINGDON BRATCH,

| Huntingdon | 930 |
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| St. Michaels | 712 |
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RAMSAY BRANCH.
By Mrs, W G. Wylle and Mrs. Cole-
man, in the Village of Almont...... 2758

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## FARNHAM CENTRB BRANOF.

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WEST SHEPPORD.
By Miss Wells,

| Leonard Wells, Esq......................... 100 |
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W. H. Clark ............................................................. 125


Henry Hays........................................... 120
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## COWANSVILLB BRAECH. <br> By Miss J. P. Cowan.

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P. Cowan.............................................. 100

Rev. A. Duff........................................................... 180
Mrs. C. Brown,......................................................... 100
Rev, J. C, Davidson............................................. 100
Mrs, Davidson.......................................... 100
E. T. Miles................................................. 10

Miss Cowan........................................... 0
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| By Miss M. Haseltine. |  |
| By Miss A. Kilborne... |  |
| By Miss C. Merriman | 170 |
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## TATON AND BAWYBRVILKE.

By Mrs. E. Foss,

| T. 8. Morey | 00 |
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| Mrs. T. S. Morey. | 200 |
| Miss L.C. Foss. | 050 |
| Miss Poss. | 50 |
| Edwin Foss | 50 |
| J. Hodge | 050 |
| L. R. Hodge | 50 |
| Wm. Alger | 050 |
| Mrs. Alger | 050 |
| Miss Willey | 50 |
| E. M. Foss. | 050 |
| Mrs. Jordan | 050 |
| Sums under 2s.6d. | 150 |
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Horace Sherrill.....
Catherine Garnby
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Willie Lindsey
Augustine
Jane Hurd
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Laura Hurd
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For 1857 $\qquad$ 500
Collection for 1858............................ 280

## A Friend <br> By Miss M. A. E. Gold.

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Wm. Dickson.................................... 100
Mrs. Brown....................................... 100
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SHERBROOKE BRANCH.
Collection and contribution............... 1518
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Rev. G. B. Buoher............................. 200
Mrs. Miles................................................ 100
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Miss B. Withenber .............................. 050
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By Mrs. Thornloe and Mrs. Lyman and Mrs. James Kay Abbott................
Revd. Jas. Thornloe
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Revd. Mr. Jones................................ 100
H, Lyman. 100
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## DUNHAM BRANCH.

Collected by Miss Anna Tomkins and Miss Jane Sargeant.

Stevens Baker, Esq., ......................................... 100
Mr.
Moseph Baker,

A. H. Clement,...................................................... 50

Small sums,................................................... 270
Collected by Miss C. Brown and Miss
J. Guelor,
PIKB-RIVER BRANCH.
Collected by Mrs. L. A. H. Hogle.
P. Whitney
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Alfred Phelps,
J. B. Dunbar,
E. D. Fuller,
A. L. Taylor,

William Borden . if 50

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Collected by Miss Mart. 275
L. Taylor

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HUNTINGDON RRANCH,
Collected in the Village of Huntingdon and vicinity by Miss Morrison and Miss Mcadams.
Rev. Alexander Wallace, ...................... \$1 100
Rev. James Walsoin,.................... 100
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| Mr. MeKenzie, | 050 |
| J. Shanks, | 100 |
| Mrs. McAdams | 0.50 |
| Thomas Cockburn | 100 |
| W. W, Dalgliesh, | 100 |
| N. Ruston, | 100 |
| Mrs. Barret, | 050 |
| Andrew McCallum, | 100 |
| William Chalmers, | 050 |
| William Marshall, | 050 |
| George McNider, | 100 |
| John Knox, | 050 |
| Edward McGarvey, | 050 |
| Robert McIlvried, | 050 |
| Robert Fortune, | 050 |
| R. B. Somerville, | 050 |
| Small sums, | 400 |

Collected by Miss Elizabeth Orutchfield.
Archibald McEachern,............................... $\$ 100$
William Winter,................................... 100
Robert Allan,.................

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James W. Bryson, ................................ 100
James Gibson,............................... 10
William MeNaughton,............................... 100
hobert Clegg,................................. 100
Rev. S. E. Mardsley,.................... 100
Rev. Robert McArthur ............................ 100
William Cross,................................... 100
Small sums, ................................... 850
Collected by Miss C. Watson.
John Smilie, .................................... 100
Arthur Moore,............................................... 100

Peter McEwen, ................................. 100
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Collected by Miss Jane Tate.
Robert Lindsay, ............................... 100
John Tate,................................................ 10
John Angus,...................................... 10
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FOUR CORNERS OANABRUCK BRANCH.
Collected by Miss Margaret Tinkess.
Jehial Tinkess,
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Mrs. J. R. Wood, ..................................... 050

## Collected by Miss J. Prosser.


G. Myers and Son, .................................. 0 50

Barney Tinkes, .................................... 050
Richard Prosser, ................................. 0 50
Collected by Miss Nancy Mattice.
George G. Wesley, ........................... 050
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William S. Wood,................................................... 50
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James McGill
Ephraim Mattice, ........................... 050
Small sums,...................................... 042

## RAST OSNARRUCK.

Collected by Miss Mary Jane McEwan.
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John MoEwan.

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| Rev. |
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| $\substack{\mathrm{Mrs} \\ \hline \\ \hline}$ |

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COLLECTIONS AT STANBRIDGE BAST. Collected by Miss Ellen Briggs.
Miss Ellen Briggs............................ 100
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## SHEEFORD BRANCH.

## Collected by Mr. C. G. Jones.

## STANBRIDGE BRANCH.

Collected by Miss Mary A. Martindale.


Collected by Caroline Corey.
Iyman Johnson
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Colleeted by Miss Eleanor Van Vliet and Miss Sarah Outhet.

| Thomas Hodgson........................... 100 |  |
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| Mrs. H. Stephenson | 50 |
| David Hewson |  |
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| Mrs. Outhet. ....................................... $0 .$. |  |
| Ralph Moore | 100 |
| Ralph Featherston ............................ 100 |  |
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| Small sums. |  |
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| n HENRYSBURGH. |  |
| Collected by Miss S. Paine and Miss Winterbottom. |  |
| Mrs. Geo. Reddy............................... 050 Small sums..................................................... 305 |  |
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| masten street. <br> Collected by Miss M. Soutt and Miss M. Strasburgh. |  |
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| Mrs. J. Burrowdale........................... 0 . 50Mrs. Thomas Brisban.................... 100Mrs. J, B. MastenM.Mrs. Daniel MoCalium............................050Small sums.............................. 195 |  |
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| Collected by Miss H. Douglass and Miss E. Phillips. |  |
| Mary A. Odell. $\qquad$ Mary Marceau. 100 |  |
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ST. ANDRETT'S BRANCH.
Collected by F. M'Martin and E. S. Orr in the Village.
 P. V. Hibbard,................................. 10
 E. L. Hibbard, E. A. Hibbard, M. Burwash, jun. ............ N. Hyde,

Small sums, ms,... ,...................................................... 050

Collected by D. M'Gregor, south side River

ected by P MrMartin, north Rouge.
P. M'Martin
J. Smith, ..... 050
Christy Taylor, Small sums ..... 137

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| J. Wainwrigh | 400 |
| D. M'Guaig, | 100 |
| Small sums, | 100 |
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J. Gibson,.......................................... 150
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J. M'Connell...................................... 100

T, Jefferson, ..................................... 100
C. Dewar,.............................................................. 100
R.M'Gregor,........................................................ 000
G. W. Hoyle, ................................................ 0 o 50

Small sums, $\frac{237 \frac{1}{2}}{9871}$
Collected by J. Taylor, Isle aux Chat.
Mrs. Jackson,..................................... 0 . 50
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Collected by W. M'Faul and A. M'Laughlin. W Wrar Point Fortune.
A.M'Laughlin...................................................... 100
A. Lamb, .................................................... 100
A. St. Denis,....................................... 100

Angus M'Laughilin, ............................. 100
Angus M'Laughlin, ................................ 050
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Collected by J. Dewar, Carillon.
Hugh Robertson, .............................. 400
J. Dewar,................................................................................. 000

Small sums, ...................................................... 125
Collected by Miss Caroline Taylor, at Green
ush, ........................................ 1133
Collected by Miss Elizabeth Kerr.
George Kerr
Robert Powel,
Small sums, ............................................... 100
victoria branch.

## Collected by Robert Steele.




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| James Coward, | 050 |
| Small sums, | 217 |
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| Collected by Thomas Dandy.. | 2.35 |
| Colleeted by Colin Cameron. |  |
| Hard Times, | 200 |
| Hard Times. jun. | 100 |
| C. M. M. M'Bean, | 100 |
| Duncan M'Rae, | 050 |
| A Friend, | 050 |
| Small sums, | 0621 |

Collected by Miss Downing and Miss Charlton, Caledonia Flatts.


| James Cross, | 100 |
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| G. H. Cross, | 050 |
| Peter Sterlin | 075 |
| William Cross, | 050 |
| Henry Allen, | 050 |
| David Young, | 050 |
| Miss M'Alpine, | 025 |

Collected by Miss E. Smyth and Miss S. A Story, New Plautagenet.
Charles Laroque, .................................. 050
Peter Young
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Maleolm M'Arthur, ................................................................ 50
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## REPORT OF THE ST. ANDREWS BRANCH.

The time has again come when your Committee are expected to give an account of the condition and operations of the Branch Bible Society in this place; and they would begin by rendering thanks to the God of the Bible, who has been pleased to shield them from the inroads of death, and has enabled them to take part in the work of Bible distribution. We trust the part taken in this cause has not been a work forced upon unwilling hearts, and performed only at the bidding of custom, but a labor upon which they have entered from love to God, and a deep conviction of the necessity of the Bible to man.
If we confine our remarks to our labours the past year, there is certainly not much material out of which to frame a Report. It will be remembered that Mr. Purkis, at the request of the Branch, travelled through this part of the country and supplied whatever destitution he found. To collect funds has, therefore, been our chief business, and in connexion with this, to keep a suitable stock of Scriptures in our Depository, where any in want of Bibles can be supplied, either by sale or gift, as their circumstance may require. We are ready at all times to furnish the Scriptures to any Roman Catholics who are disposed to read for themselves the Word of God; and are always glad when any of them can be persuaded to accept the Bible either as a loan or gift. Three copies of the Scriptures have been issued from the Depository to persons of that persuasion the past year, and may God bless the precious truth thus gone forth to the hearts of those who have obtained it.

The issues from the Depository have not been as numerous the past year as formerly. This may be accounted for in part by the pecuniary embarrassment more or less felt everywhere ; but chiefly may it be ascribed to the large number of Bibles and Testaments sold so recently by the Colporteur, by whom the people have been so thoroughly supplied, that they will not require to purchase at the Depository for some time. Fifteen Bibles and twenty-five Testaments have been issued during the year, and one portion for the blind; in all, amounting to the sum $£ 5$.
Your Committee have met only three times during the past year. Once before the Annual Meeting, which, on account of storm and bad roads, was postponed from January till July, and twice since. The business of the Branch did not require their meeting oftener, and at all their meetings harmony and desire to advance the good work prevailed.
It is a gratifying fact that the Bible cause seems to take a deeper hold of the hearts of the people. Though the past has been a season of general embarrassment in financial matters, the people upon whom your Committee have called for contributions, have equalled, and in some instances exceeded their former liberality, so that the Branch has been able to make a free dohation of $£ 20$ to the funds of the Montreal Auxiliary. There has for several years been a growing interest in the cause of Bible distributien, and we pray God this interest may still increase and keep pace with the growing demands for the Scriptures. It is a fact worthy of notice, that the people upon whom your Committee call are, for the most part, willing to give to the Bible cause. And why should
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they not? How far they are indebted to the Bible for this ability to give, is a question well worthy their consideration. Its light and its lessons have been the means of restraining the vices which too frequently attract poverty and want to the home of those ignorant of its teachings, and saved them from the degrading superstitions which have left thousands to be plundered by a rapacious priesthood, whose cry is continually "Give, give"; have developed those features of character favorable to the accumulation of property, and all the comforts the things of this life can impart. In giving to this cause, we are only rendering to God a small portion of what he has given us ; and he intends we should give to make others blessed, as his word has blessed us.
Your Committee would take this opportunity to state their conviction of the necessity of vigorous efforts in the Bible cause at the present time. Since the early ages of Christianity, there has never perhaps been a period which has furnished a wider scope for Christian liberality in connexion with the spread of the Scriptures. Portions of the world previously shat against Gospel effort, are now Being opened, and God seems to be fulfilling his word in destroying both pagan and papal superstition by the spirit of his mouth and the brightness of his coming. Ohina, so long shut up from Christian effort, is now being opened, and her degraded millions may soon be reached with a book better than the writtings of Confucious and the superstitious legends of their false gods. Japan, a nation of which the Christian knew little beyond the idea of its existence, is now thrown open, and the Bible may enter. India, lately exhibiting scenes of carnage and horror seldom equalled in the history of modern revalutions, is now cleared of some of the obstructions which stood in the way of a wide dissemination of the Scriptures; the rulers and men of the world being at length taught the lesson they were so slow to learn, that it had to be written in suffering and blood, that the Gospel, instead of being the ruin, is the only means of salvation for India. Missionaries, in noiseless, bloodless toil, are opening ap other hostile lands and creating a desire for the word of God we must assist to supply.

The question is still before us how this increasing demand is to be met.Supplied it must be; and God has intended that the people who already possess his word shall do it. Were the followers of pagan idolatry, the victims of popery, and adherents of the false prophet, at once to abandon their delusions and shake themselves free from the servitude of ages, it is questionable how far this disenthrallment would be a boon, unless we are prepared to put the Bible into their hands. The history of humanity proves that openly avowed Atheism is worse than superstition, and produces a more deleterious effect upon morals We must be ready to build up before we pull down. Indeed, God has intended that, with the very instrument we build up his cause, we shall pull down whatever opposes its progress, and, that the Gospel which saves and exalts the soul, can alone destroy the influences which degrade it.
The work of giving the Bible to every nation, God has entrusted to his people, and it is impossible to get clear of the responsibility. The cry of the perishing reaches the ears of the Lord of Hosts, and He directs our attention to their miseries, and calls us to their deliverance. He commands us to give them the volume to which we owe both our political and religious freedom; because
it is able, through His blessing, to do for them what it has done for us. This course offers an opportunity which may enable all to do something for God; and, by assisting to give others his Word, we can most effectually express our own gratitude for the Heavenly gift. The Bible Cause furnishes a platform upon which all, who believe the Scriptures to be the only rule of faith and practice, can stand side by side in hearty co-operation, without the sacrifice of a single principle, or the surrender of one denominational feature. It is this union of all creeds which has formed the mighty institution now giving the Scriptures to the whole world.
In closing, your Committee would say that attention and energy on the part of those who manage the affairs of the Branch will, with the Divine blessing, secure its prosperity. The work is great, and the responsibility which rests on those who take the lead in it heavy. The Committee should not consider themselves merely discharging a duty imposed upon them by their fellow. creatures, but shoyld act as God's stewards, and sim at faithfulness in his sight. Even in our own favored land multitudes are yet destitute of the Scriptures, and determined to remain ignorant of their teachings; but when God may create a thirst for his Word among the dark votaries of Romanism, we do not know. Let us be at all times prepared to enter the doors God opens; and that he may make this Branch a means of educating his people in liberality, and giving to many his Holy Word, is the earnest prayer of

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE THREE RIVERS BRANCH FOR THE YEAR 1858.

On the return of the Agent of the Montreal Auxiliary Society, your Committee would beg to submit a Report of their proceedings.

Under the circumstances in which we are placed it is scarcely to be expected that our own immediate feeble efforts should be attended by any marked results, but we would ever look up to Him who alone can grant success, praying that He would quicken and bless our efforts in a cause which we feel to be to His glory.

The supply of Bibles in the Depository is nearly exhausted, some having been sold at a reduced rate, and others gratuitously distributed.

The Committee expect the stock to be shortly replenished.
They would advise that the sum of $\$ 4020$ cts. be remitted through the Agent to the Montreal Society, a sum small indeed, still slightly in increase of last year, a fact which, considering the present depressed state of commercial affairs, is a cause of great satisfaction and gratitude. They still retain ample funds to meet the current expenses of the Society.
Your Committee have met with their wonted regularity, and their intercourse has been genial.
They rejoice in believing that a spirit of greater zeal and deeper interest in the prosperity of the Society is being diffused among the community generally, which gives them a hope of more extended efforts.

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They cannot turn their attention to any portion of the wor ${ }^{\text {d }}$ without being persuaded that the peculiarity of the times demands greater exertions, and that a deep obligation is laid on every one calling himself a Christian to seek the wider diffusion of the Scriptures as the only rule of faith. With a firm trust in the overruling of Providence, let us all earnestly pray that the darkness of the powers of evil may be shortly and completely dissipated by the Gospel light. (True Copy.)
G. W. LAWLER,

Three Rivers, 1st Sept., 1858.
Sec. T. R. B. B. S.

## VICTORIA BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

office bearers for the year 1859.
Thomas Higginson, sen., President.

Neil Stewart,
Charles H. Tweed, $\}$ Vice Pres.

Rev. William Johnson, Cor. Secretary. Rev. Peter Currie, Recording Secretary, James P. Wells, Treas, and Depositary. Rev. James McNally, Colporteur. COMMITTEE.

Hugh Longh, T. H. Johnson W. McKillican, T. Steele, George Hutchison, J. W. Higginson, J. McGibbon, A. McNaughton, A. Oross, J. Proudfoot, W. Smith, R. Fletcher,

Anthony Philip,
J. Shields,
C. Cameron,
J. Everet,
A. D. Tweed,
T. G. Higginson, D. Buchan, E. O. Gates, J. Cross, H. Hughes, W. Hamilton, F. Cullogh,
N. Cheny,
N. D. McLeod,
J. Gamble,
P. Taylor,
Z. S. M. Hersey,
C. Johnson, sen., Wm. Dickson, P. McLaurin,
J. Frith,
M. Castleman, T. Dandy.

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In Accoount with J. P. Wells, Esq., Treasurer and Depositary, 1858. credit.

Jan. 7th.-By cash from Sales :-
Per Mrs. Kellie, 8 Bibles and 5 Testaments, $\ldots \boldsymbol{E} 1881$
Per Rev. J. NoNally,
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Per. J. P. Wells, Esq., 29 Bibles and 21 Testa- 316 61
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Jan. 7th,-By Cash from Subscriptions ;- 12146
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Per J. MeGibbon, ............................. 3163
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| Per Mr.McRae, 6s. 3d.; Hugh Lough, £8 17s. 6d. |
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1 J. P. WELLS,
Treasurer and Depositary.
Vankleek Hill, Jan. 8th, 1858.

## REPORT OF THE VICTORIA BRANCH.

At the Anniversary Meeting of the Victoria Branch of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, held at Vankleek Hill on the 7thidday of January, 1859. Thomas Higginson, President in the chair.
The meeting was duly opened by singing and prayer. In the absence of the Rev. Wm. Johnson, Secretary of the Society, the reading of the reports and the transaction of business were delayed until after the addresses should have been delivered. Appropriate addresses were then delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Elliott, Currie, Bayne and Green, agent of the Society.
On motion of the Rev. Mr. Currie, seconded by T. T. Higginson, it was resolved, that the Office-bearers of the last year be re-appointed for the ensuing year, with the addition of Chauncy Johnson, jun., as one of the Vice-Presidents.
On motion of the Rev. P. Currie, seconded by A. McNaughton, it was resolved that the thanks of the meeting be given to the ladies for their efficient aid as collectors during the past year.
On motion of Charles P. Treadwell, seeonded by T. T. Higginson, it was resolved, that the Montreal Auxiliary Society be requested to correct the report of last year, so that the sum of $£ 50$, voted by this branch for the India Bible Fund may appear to have been contributed for that purpose.

On motion of Rev. P. Gurrie, seconded by Hugh Lough, it was resolved that the sum of $£ 50$ be sent through the Montreal Auxiliary Society for the diffusion of the scriptures in India, and that the remainder of the funds be applied to the liquidation of other debts.

The President having been requested to leave the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Currie having been requested to occupy the same, it was moved by the Rev. J. McNally, seconded by Hugh Lough, that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to Thomas Higginson, President, for his able conduct in the chair.

After singing the doxology the meeting was dismissed.

> A. MoNAUGHTON, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE REV. JAMES MeNALLY, COLPORTEUR, TO THE OFFICE-BEARERS AND COMMITTEE OF THE V. B. B. S.

September 1st, 1858.-Went to the Township of Alfred, visited several families, also the "Canada House" at the Caledonia Springs and left some tracts in the latter place; lodged with Mr. Erit ; next day sold a French Testament to a French woman; gave a Bible to a dying man.

September 2nd.-Visited greater part of the Georgian Springs Settlement, called on a number of families, lectured in the evening and appointed two female collectors.

September 3rd.-The inclemency of the weather prevented travelling.
September 4th.-Visited James's Settlement, also Smith's Settlement, Iodged with Mr. Smith.

September 5th.-Held a meeting in "the kirk," attendance good.
September 6th.-Visited Bear Brook Settlement, roads almost impassable, visited numerous families, lodged with Mr. Priestly of Clarence.

September 7th.-Visited Johnson's Settlement, gave two New Testaments to poor people.

October 31st.-Went to Caledonia Flats, lectured in Town Hall, was ássisted by Rev. Mr. Woodcock, appointed two female collectors.

November 1st.-Visited that whole neighbourhood, sold some Bibles, gave one to a poor woman, and distributed Tracts.

November 15th.-Went to Mr. J. Cross', appointed two female collectors, gave a French Bible to a person who promised to read it.
December 12th.-Went on a Collecting tour; received from Messrs Cross \& Smith £1; proceeded to Alfred, received from Messrs. Hughes \& Darlington 11s. 3d.; went to Smith's Settlement, received from Messrs. Smith \& Storey $\boldsymbol{£}_{2}$ 6s. $10 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.; thence to Fleteher's Settlement, received nothing.
December 13th.-Went to Caladonia Flats, received from Messrs. Downing \& Charlton £1 3s. 012 d. ; thence to L'Original, received from Miss Maria Johnson £65s. Od. ; thence to Longueuil, received from Misses. McNally\&Dixon $£ 30$ 7ld d. Summary of work:-


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Received on sales and subscriptions, ... $\mathbf{x} 16 \quad 63$
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Total on sales and subscriptions, .....
In submitting this brief report I may mention that, considering the pressure of the times, and the abundant supply of the holy scriptures, with which the community is blessed, I did not think it prudent to occupy much time in making protracted tours, and consequently have been more concise and limited than heretofore.

> JAMES MCNALLY,
> Colporteur.

## REPORT, OF THE ESCOTT BRANCH.

We are now to submit the first report of the Escott Branch of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, being the first we have but little to record.
As far as our labours have extended in the distribution of the scriptures they are limited in success, owing to the general diffusion of the scriptures in this place. But we believe that the little effects produced, though now in germ, will ripen in due time, and the hagvest will be great. As God has said His word shall not return unto him void, for we have?confidence in him that if we labour diligently we will crown our labours with abundant success.

We now proceed to state the principal transactions of the past year, as a basis for future improvement.
Our depository is under the charge of Mr. Andrew Todd, whose attention to the duties of his office we here acknowledge.
The issue for the past year of Bibles and Testaments amounts to the sum of $£ 3$; free contributions from different settlements within the limits of the branch to the Montreal Bible Society, £7 10s. 9d. currency.
We have marked out a district comprising nearly two townships, extending to, but not intruding upon any other Branch Society, we then divided this district into smaller ones, such as sehool sections, in which we have held public meetings as far as was convenient, for the purpose of advocating the cause and claims of the Bible, for giving informtion of the workings of the Bible Society generally, for taking up a subscription and appointing collectors in the various sections of our district; also for advançing the sale of Bibles and Testaments at this depository. We have held five public meetings, assisted in part by the Rev. John Simpson, Minister of the Methodist New Connection, and the Rev. George Carr, Minister of the Wesleyan Methodists.
In all cases we have met with the cordial approbation of the people, which is a satisfactory evidence that they are not strangers to the word of God, and several have testified the same by contributing their several subscriptions to the support of the Society.

At the first meeting, held at the Sixth Concession of Lansdown, Miss Grier and Miss Austin were appointed to be collectors in that settlement, and have collected the sum of 11 s .3 d . currency.

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At a meeting held in Taylor's Settlement, Miss Webster and Miss White that were appointed at the first annual meeting collected in that settlement, the former $£ 2$ and the latter 16 s .3 d .
At a meeting held in the Selton Chapel, Miss Stewart was appointed in that settlement and collected the sum of 13s. 9d. At a meeting held at Landow's School-house, Miss Armstrong was appointed to be a collector in that settlement and has collected the sum of 18 s .6 d . currency.
At a meeting held in Hutchinsontown, Mrs. Todd and Miss Redmond, that were appointed at the last annual meeting, when the Society was organized, have collected in this settlement, the former the sum of $£ 112 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. , and the latter the sum of 18 s .9 d . These several subscriptions appear to be small, but when we consider the hard times and financial depression in Canada, we hope and trust that the time is not far distant when the inhabitants of this district will be more able and willing to contribute more largely to the support of the gospel.

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## REPORT OF THE FOUR CORNERS' OSNABRUCK BRANCH.

The time has now arrived for our annual interchange of congratulations with one another, with those who are engaged in the same great and good work, but more especially with that Society whose much-esteemed Agent we behold among us, and whose visit we have looked forward to with no small measure of agreeable unticipation. Yet we feel we have not been awake to our duty, inasmuch that we have neglected our meeting together oftener for the purpose of crerying on this good and glorious cause of helping to spread the Word of God.

Wilimm Ciirns, Secretary.

The following Constitution of a Branch Society and Bible Association is inserted for the purpose of facilitating the formation of those useful Institutions. Persons in the conntry are particularly invited to form themselves into Auxiliary Societies. Besides discharging the duty of the assisting in disseminating the Word of God (which is incumbent on every, Christian), they would consult their private advantager, and thereby be enabled to obtain Bibles and Testaments at the Society's prices, whereas, at present, they purchase from country merchants at a high rate.

## RULES RECOMMENDED FOR BRANCH SOCIETIES AND BIBLE ASSOClations.

In the formation of Auxiliary Societies, as friends who have met together for that purpose have frequently found some difficulties in framing a Constitution and Regulations on a subject till then new to them, they may avail themselves of the experience of several Auxiliary Institutions, by the plan here traced.

## FOR A BRANCH SOCIETY.

1. That the Object and Constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society have the cordial approbation of this Meeting.
2. That a Society be formed, to be called "The Branch Bible Society of ," for the purpose of co-operating with the British and Foreign Bible Society, through the medium of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures both at home and abroad."
3. That, conformably to the principles of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society shall be without note or comment, and those in the language of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.
4. That all persons subscribing One dollar per annum, or upwards, or Ten dollars or upwards at one time, shall be members of this Society.
5. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, VicePresidents, a Treasurer, Secretarics, and a Committee consisting of other Members : and that

Members of the Committee constitute a quorum.
6. That every Clergyman or other minister who is a member of the Society shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meetings of the Committee.
7. That the Committee shall meet once every month, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.
8. That the Committee divide this neighbourhood into districts, and appoint two or more of their members for each district, who may associate with themselves any subscribers, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions and donations from the inhabitants thereof: and that they establish proper agents and correspondents in different parts within the limits of this Branch Society.
9. That the whole of the subscriptions and donations received by the Society sball be remitted half-yearly, after deducting incidental expenses, to the Auxiliary Bible Society of Montreal, on condition of the Society granting to this the same privileges which the Parent Institution grants, in such cases, to its Auxiliary Societies.

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10. That the Committee shall make it their business to inquire what families or individuals, residing within the several districts, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and unable to procure them ; and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.
11. That such persoas as may not find it convenient to become Members of this Socieiy, shall, upon forming themselves into Bible Associations, be entitled to purchase at the Depository of this Society, under the direction of the Committee, copies of the Scriptures at prime cost, for gratuitous distribution, or sale at prime cost or reduced prices, among their poor neighbours.
12. That all Olergymen and other Ministers within the sphere of this Society, making collections in their respective congregations in behalf of the Institution, shall be entitled, on remitting such collections to the Treasurer of this Society, to receive Bibles and Testaments to an amount not exceeding one-half of the said respective collections, estimated at prime cost, as shall be found to be needed by the poor in the vicinity ; such return of Bibles and Testaments to be claimed within one year from a remittance of the collection. It is recommended in all practicable cases to supply the poor by sale rather than gift.
13. That a general Meeting of the subscribers be held at

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$$ proceedings of the past year stated, a new Committee formed, and a Report agreed upon to be printed under the direction of the Committee, and circulatedamong the members.

14. That, in the formation of the new Committee, the Treasurer, the Secretaries, and such three-fourths of the other Members as have most frequently attended the Committee, shall be re-eligible for the ensuing year.

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& \text { 15. That be President, } \\
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16. Thet annual subscriptions and donations be now entered into, and that they be also received by the Treasurer.
17. That these resolutions be published in such manner as the Committee may direct; and a copy of them, signed by the chairman, transmitted to the President of the Auxiliary Bible Society at Montreal.
18. That the Committee meet on the instant at o'clock, and prepare, print, and circulate an Address on the Object and Views of this
Society.

## FOR A BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

1. That an Association be formed for the purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment particularly among the poor of this neighbourhood, and that it be denominated the Bible Association of
2. That every Member of this Association subscribe not less than One Penny a-week ; the contributions to be payable quarterly, monthly, or weekly, at the option of the subscribers.
3. That for every twenty-four Members, the Committee appoint a gratuitous Collector, (or that office may be filled by the subscribers in rotation, each for a certain period,) to receive the contributions, who shall pay the same to the Treasurer early in every month.
4. That the business of the Association be under the management of a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Committee, consisting of Members ; and that the Treasurer, Secretary, and three-fourths of the other Members who have most frequently attended the. Committee, shall be eligible for
the ensuing year.
5. That the Committee meet once every month, or oftener, or some day to be fixed by themselves, and that shall form a quorum.
6. That the Committee divide this neighbourhood into districts, and appoint a Sub-Committee for each district, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions from the inhabitants thereof.
7. That the Committee shall make it their business to inquire whether any families or individuals, residing within its sphere, are in want of Bibles or Testaments and unable to procure them ; in which cases it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith at prime cost, or reduced prices, according to their circumstances.
8. That the funds of this Association, or so much thereof as the Committee shall direct, whether rising from subscriptions, donations, or the sale of Bibles or Testaments, at prime cost, or reduced prices, shall from time to time be expended in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments at prime cost, to be given or sold among the poor of this neighbourhood, as before directed, and that the remainder of such funds shall be remitted to the Auxiliary Bible Society at Montreal or the Branch Bible Society at in aid of its benevolent designs.
9. That application be made by the Committee to the Auxiliary Bible Society at Montreal, or to the Branch Bible Society at for permission to lay out the funds of this Association, in purchasing at the Depository of the said Society, Bibles and Testaments at the cost prices.
10. That a General Meeting of the subscribers be held at
in each year, when the Accounts (as audited by the Committee,) shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year reported, and a Treasurer, Secretary, and

Committee-men appointed.
11. That
be Treasurer,
Members of the Committee for the ensuing year.
12. That subscriptions and donations be now entered into, and that they be also received by the Treasurer, Secretary, and Members of the Committee.

## SPECLAL NOTICE.

The names of Subscribers of half-a-dollar and upwards only are published in this Report. In future Reports the names of Subscribers of one dollar and upwards ouly will be published.


[^0]:    Moved by Mr. T. M. Taflor, seconded by Rev. James Green :
    B. Resolved,-That this meeting thinks it desirable that there should be held a Public Meeting of the members and friends of this Society, to be addressed by Ministers and others from the country, and the Agent and Colporteurs of the Society, on "the Home Field and"its claims"; and resolves that the same be beld at such time and place as, the Committee may appoint.

    Doxology and Benediction.

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    Rev. Mr. McCole and W.
    

