Written for the Advertiser.

Bible Cause in Nebraska & Colorado.

EDITOR ADVERTISER—*Dear Sir:* One year having passed away since the undersigned entered upon the duties devolving upon him as Agent of the American Bible Society for Nebraska and Colorado, we believe it proper that the public should know, as far as we are able to give, the results of the year.

One year ago there were ten auxiliaries in Nebraska, in name, while only three of that number were doing anything in the Bible cause, the balance were without Bibles and Testaments, or books of record, or any means of showing that there ever had been a society organized.

Now we have in the young State of Nebraska fifteen auxiliaries, thirty branch Bible societies connected with them, each one having a depository of Bibles and Testaments for the supply of the people within their own limits. There is also connected with these societies about two hundred and sixty officers and local agents to aid in the circulation of the Scriptures.

There has been received from the Bible House in New York more than $2 500, in value, of Bibles and Testaments for distribution in the State. A large proportion of these have been distributed among the people in supplying families, Sabbath schools, hotels, and the people generally with the Scriptures. Six hundred and fifty volumes have been given to soldiers in the army of the Department of the Platte.

Thirty-one Sabbath schools have been supplied in whole or in part with Bibles and Testaments. Some of these on the extreme borders of civilization. The sleeping rooms of twelve hotels have been supplied with Bibles, the proprietors paying half and the society giving the balance.

As near as we have been able to get returns from the different parts of the State of those societies that have entered upon a supply of the territory over which they have jurisdiction, more than 450 families that were destitute have been supplied with the Bible, and at least 12-50 children supplied with each a New Testament. We believe when full returns are received from the entire State that the number will be largely increased.

In Nebraska one hundred and eight persons have given their notes of thirty dollars each to constitute themselves or some of their friends life members of the American Bible Society. Three more have given their notes of one hundred and fifty dollars each to constitute themselves life directors. These notes are paid in instalments, year after year, until the whole amount is paid, thus affording a constant income to the society.

The entire subscripton received in Nebraska amounts to more than $6,500, which has been paid in part. More will still be realized. The people have generally shown themselves willing to sustain the good cause.

Previous to my visit to Colorado Territory, there were only four auxiliaries there, and only one of those was doing anything to distribute the Bible. The Gilpin County Bible Society had a good supply of books on hand at Central City. The balance of the societies recognized at the Bible House as such, had only a name while they were doing nothing.

These societies were reorganized and three new societies organized—making now in Colorado seven auxiliary Bible societies in that Territory, all of which now have a Depository of Bibles and Testaments on hand, or they are on their way from New York, and will soon reach them.

The names of the new societies organized in Colorado, are: Clear Creek County Bible Society, at Georgetown; El Paso County Bible Society, at Colorado City, and Fremont County Bible Society, at Canon City. All of these places are manifesting a good interest in the circulation of the Scriptures, and it is with pleasure that we greet them as auxiliaries of the American Bible Society in the great work.

Twenty-four persons in Colorado gave thirty dollar notes or paid thirty dollars to constitute themselves or their friends Life Members of the American Bible Society, a portion of them to be paid in instalments.

The entire subscription raised in Colorado is about $1,450, a portion of which was paid down. There are about 75 officers and local agents connected with these societies in the Territory, and with the aid and co-operation of the ministers of the Gospel, will be able to do a great amount of good in circulating the Scriptures among the people. Onward is the watchwoad of the friends of the Bible cause in Colorado Territory.

We also had the pleasure, with the assistance of Doctor Scott and others, to organize a Bible Society in Cheyenne, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, the first Bible Society organized in Dakotah Territory, and a good supply of Bibles and Testaments have been ordered to the magic city of the West.

Thus it may be seen we have now twenty-three auxiliaries on the field, with thirty branch societies, making in all fifty-three Bible Societies, with as many Bible Depositories. Also a list of life membership and life directorship notes amounting to 133, with 335 officers and local agents to help the good cause. With the aid and co-operation of the ministers of the Gospel of the various Christian denominations upon the field, we trust great good will be the result.

Among those societies that have accomplished most upon the field, I have to mention first the Douglas County Bible Society; also the Otoe County Bible Society. Also I might, would space allow me, speak of the great and good work accomplished by these societies generally. Much has been done, and great good may yet be done.

The number of miles traveled on the field in discharge of the duties of the agency is about 7,300; the number of letters written about 750; circulars sent out about 1,200. The number of sermons and addresses delivered during the year is 176.

The entire subscription raised upon my field is $7,950; the amount of cash received $2,800. It must be borne in mind that the entire field is but sparsely settled, and that it requires a great amount of travel to reach all points upon the field.

We enter upon a new year with a good prospect for the future. While our young State is fast filling up, it requires constant labor and effort to be put forth in order to keep the people supplied with the Bible and the rising generations supplied with the New Testament; and we trust that no friend of the Bible will relax his energies in this great and good work until every one that will receive the word is supplied with it.

Permit me, Dear Sir, in conclusion to tender my gratitude to the publishers of those papers in Nebraska and Colorado Territory for their kind assistance rendered me in this good work in publishing articles and giving notice of the operations of the Bible Society in its work, also to the ministers of the several Christian churches for their kind co-operation, hoping that the kind Providence that has watched over them will still continue to bless them in every good work.

A. R. MOSHER,
Agent A. B. S. for Neb. and Col.
Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1, 1868.

Select Story.

From the Fairy Book of All Nations. By Edouard Laboulaye, Member of the Institute of France.—Translated by Mary L. Booth. Published by Harper and Brother.

YVON AND FINETTE,

A FAIRY TALE OF BRITTANY.

(Continued.)

"I will obey," said Yvon; upon which he set down by the side of Finette and began to talk with her. They talked of every thing; but however far their fancy strayed, they always came back to the point that they were promised to each other, and that they must escape from the giant. Time passes quickly in this kind of talk. The evening drew nigh. Yvon had forgotten the horse and the mountain, and Finette was obliged to send him away, advising him to bring back the animal before his master's arrival.

Yvon took down the bit that was hidden behind the stable-door and hastened to the mountain, when lo! a horse almost as large as an elephant rushed toward him at full gallop, breathing fire and smoke from his nostrils. Yvon firmly awaited the huge animal, and, the moment he opened his enormous jaws, thrust between them the bit, when lo! the horse instantly became as gentle as a lamb. Yvon made him kneel down, spring on his back, and tranquilly returned home.

His task finished, Yvon seated himself on the bench before the door of the house. Soon as he saw the giant coming he lolled back in his seat, crossed his legs, and began to sing one of his native airs.

"Have you brought back the horse?" asked the giant, with a frown.

"Yes, master," answered Yvon, without taking the trouble to move. "He is a fine animal, and does you credit. He is gentle, well-trained, and as quiet as a lamb. He is feeding yonder in the stable."

"I am going to see for myself," howled the giant. He entered the stable grumbling, found every thing in order, and came out furious.

"You have seen my Finette," said he; "this trick did not come from your own head."

"Oh, master," said Yvon, opening his mouth and shutting his eyes, "it is the same story over again. What is this myfinette? Once for all, show me this monster."

"Hold your tongue, fool," returned the gient; "you will see her sooner than you will want to."

The third day, at dawn, the giant gathered his sheep together to lead them to the pasture; but before setting out, he said to Yvon: "To-day you must go to the bottomless pit to collect my rent.—After that," contined he, bursting into a laugh, "you may rest all day long. You see that I am a good master."

"A good master, so be it," murmured Yvon, "but the task is none the less hard. I will go and see my Finette, as the giant says; I have great need of her help to get through to-day's business."

When Finette had learned what was the task of the day, "Well," said she "how will yon go to work to do it?

"I don't know," said Yvon, sadly; "I have never been to the bottomless pit, and, even if I knew the way there, I should not know what to ask for. Tell me what to do."

"Do you see that great rock yonder?" said Finette; "that is one of the gates of the bottomless pit. Take this stick, knock three times on the stone, and a demon will come out all streaming with flames, who will ask how much you want. Tske care to answer, 'No more than I can carry.'"

"I will obey," said Yvon; upon which he took a seat by the side of Finette, and began to talk with her. He would have been there till this time if the young girl had not sent him to the great rock, when the evening drew nigh, to execute the giant's commands.

On reaching the spot pointed out to him. Yvon found a great block of granite. He struck, when lo! the rock opened, and a demon came forth all streaming with flames.

"What do you want?" he cried.

"I have come for the giant's rent," answered Yvon. calmly.

"How much do you want?"

"I never want any more than I can carry," replied the Breton.

"It is well for you that you do not," returned the man in flames. "Enter this cavern, and you will find what you want."

Yvon entered, and opened his eyes wide. Every where he saw notning but gold, silver, diamonds, carbuncles, and emeralds. They were as numerous as the sands on the sea-shore. The young Kerver filled a sack, threw it across his shoulders, and tranquilly returned home.

His task finished, our Breton seated himself on the bench before the door of the house. As soon as he saw the giant coming he lolled back in his seat, crossed his legs, and began to sing one of his native airs.

"Have you been to the bottomless pit to collect my rent?" asked the giant, with a frown.

"Yes, master," answered Yvon, without taking the trouble to stir. "The sack is there right before your eyes; you can count it."

"I am going to see for myself," howled the giant. He untied the strings of the sack, which was so full that the gold and silver rolled in all directions.

"You have seen my Finette," he cried; "this trick did not come from your own head."

"Don't you know but one song?" said Yvon, opening his mouth and shutting his eyes. "It is the old story, myfinette, myfinette. Once for all, show me this thing."

"Well, well," roared the giant with fury, "wait till to-morrow, and you shall make her acquaintance."

"Thank you, master," said Yvon. "It is very good of you; but I see from your face that yon are laughing at me."

III

The next morning the giant went out without giving Yvon any orders, which troubled Finette. At noon he returned without his flock, complaining of the heat and fatigue, and said to the young girl:

"You will find a child, my servant, at the door. Cut his throat, put him into the great pot to boil, and call me when the broth is ready." Saying this, he stretched himself on the bed to take a nap, and was soon snoring so loud that it seemed like thunder shaking the mountains.

Finette prepared a log of wood, took a large knife, and called Yvon. She pricked his little finger; three drops of blood fell on the leg.

"That is enough," said Finette; "now help me to fill the pot."

They threw into it all they could find old clothes, old shoes, carpets, and every thing else. Finette then took Yvon by the hand, and led him through the three ante-chambers, where she ran in a mould three bullets of gold, two bullets of silver, and one bullet of copper, after which they quitted the house and ran toward the sea.

"On—the Kerver!" cried Yvon, as soon as he saw himself in the country. "Explain yourself. dear Finette; what farce are we playing now?"

"Let us run—let us run!" she cried; "if we do not quit this wretched island before night it is all over with us."

"On—the Kerver!" replied Yvon, laughing, "and down with the giant!"

When he had snored a full hour, the giant stretched his limbs, half opened one eye, and cried, "Is it ready?"

"It is just beginning to boil," answered the first drop of blood on the leg.

The giant turned over, and snored louder than ever for an hour or two longer. Then he stretched his limbs, half opened one eye, and cried out, "Do you hear me? Is it almost ready?"

"It is half done," answered the second drop of blood on the log.

The giant turned over, and slept an hour longer. Then he yawned, stretched his great limbs, and cried out impatiently,

"Isn't it ready yet?"

"It is ready now," answered the third drop of blood on the log.

The giant sat up in bed, rubbed his eyes, and looked around to see who had spoken; but it was in vain to look; he saw nobody.

"Finette," bowled he, "why isn't the table set?"

There was no answer. The giant, furious, sprang out of bed, seized a ladle, which looked like a caldron with a pitchfork for a handle. and plunged it into the pot to taste the soup.

"Finette!" howled he, "you haven't salted it. What sort of a soup is this? I see neither meat nor vegetables."

No; but, in return, he saw his carpet, which had quite all boiled to pieces. At this sight he fell into such a fit of rage that he could not keep his feet.

"Villains!" said he, "you have played a fine trick on me; but you shall pay for it." He rushed out with a stick in his hand, and strode along at such a rate that in a quarter of an hour he discovered the fugitives still far from the sea-shore. He uttered such a cry of joy that the earth shook for twelve leagues around.

Finette stopped, tremblig. Yvon clasped her to his heart.

"On—the Kerver!" said he; "the sea is not far off; we shall be there before our enemy."

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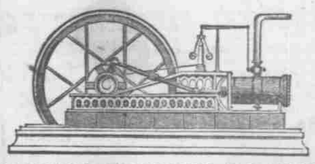

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