

We are glad to be able to tell you that the Canadian edition of *The Gleaner* has increased in circulation during the year. There are now 237 more copies taken than when we last reported concerning it. Your committee is, however, convinced that as this is, in their opinion, a localized edition of the very best and most attractive missionary paper published, it is worthy of being much more taken and read by our friends than it is. They would urge upon every friend not only to subscribe to it himself, but immediately to become active in securing others to take the paper—remembering the command Christ Himself gave us, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields."

We are glad to be able to report a growing interest in the Depository for C.M.S. and other missionary books and tracts at the Deaconess and Missionary Training House, 577 Church street.

The missionary lending library, under the kind continued charge of Miss Cross, continues to be much used, but we should be glad to hear of more who will give missionary books, and will, by the payment of fifty cents per year, become readers of the same.

There has been a steadily increasing output of missionary boxes during the year. Over two thousand are now in use. Thanks to the continued interest and work of Miss Cooper, who still keeps charge of this branch of the work, and sends the boxes out from her own home, 106 Amelia street, nearly all of this large number are from month to month producing an ever increasing revenue for the Association. Very few boxes have been lost sight of or are held by those who do not make returns.

We are indeed thankful to be able to report the Gleaners' Union is in a most promising and healthy condition. Under the continued charge of Miss Thomas it still continues to be an increasing source of strength in the work of the Association. During the past year 600 new Gleaners have been enrolled, and 13 new branches formed. The total number of Canadian branches is now 43, and the entire roll of Gleaners is 2,549, of whom 2,000 are active members at present. Enquiries are continually being received about the purpose and work of the Union, and some new branches are even now in course of formation.

The work of the Union is everywhere carried on in perfect harmony with other branches of Christian activity, interest is increasing steadily, and in several cases opposition to missions has been quietly overcome.

For Our Own Missionary Fund there has been sent, during the past year, \$159.20; this, with the \$55.55 previously on hand, makes a total of \$214.75. All gifts sent in for this or any other Gleaners' Union object are, of course, above and beyond the regular contributions of the Gleaners to the C.C.M.A. funds, which go directly to the Association treasurer.

This is the first time that we have had the pleasure of reporting, at the annual meeting of the Association, the good work done by a regularly organized auxiliary of this Association.

The Huron Auxiliary of the C.C.M.A. was formed at a large meeting held in Huron College in October, 1896.

The following officers were elected: Hon. President, Provost Watkins,