

Of our doings for another year, in our limited sphere, as an Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, we have nothing of a very remarkable nature to report. We are thankful, however, that we can state that, on the whole, our Society's condition is healthy. It appears to advance in public favour, to gather round it more friends, and, best of all, to be blessed with a measure of increasing usefulness.

BRANCHES.—These are, as last year, forty-four in number. A new one was formed, under very auspicious circumstances, at Franktown. But, as that at Papineauville had to be dropped, owing to the removal of nearly the whole Protestant population from that neighbourhood, the number is unchanged.

COLPORTAGE.—The Colporteurs employed have been, as formerly, Messrs. McKenzie, Day and Morton; the first two for little more than ten months during the year; the last for two months and four days.

They visited 113 lumbering establishments in the bush, where they came in contact with 2,384 men, and have also visited 2,844 families.

In his Reports Mr. McKenzie relates several circumstances (one of which we here copy). "In a shanty on the Upper Ottawa," he writes, "I had the happiness of being informed by one of the men that he had been led, through the reading of the Scriptures, since I saw him last year, to cast his soul on the Saviour. The passage which had impressed him most, and awakened his anxiety, was Hebrews vi, 1-6. His influence in that shanty is both felt and seen. Of his sincerity I received a substantial proof by his giving me a donation of ten dollars to the funds of our Society. When I said that I thought it too much for a labouring man to give, that the half of it would be a handsome gift, he replied,—"Say nothing, but take it as my offering to the Lord, for I have got more than the money could purchase." "

OUR FINANCES.—The entire income, including the balance of last year has been \$6,800.10, being, as compared with the receipts in last account, an increase of \$713.96. We received from our Branches \$2,501.69, and from the shanties \$167.17, and from the City Collectors \$747.95; and from the Depository, as the proceeds of sales after deducting expenses, \$376.56.

On the other hand there have been paid out \$1,809.11. To the Parent Society there were remitted \$2,936.98, being £300 sterling as a Free Contribution, and £295 12s. 2d. on Purchase Account. To the Colporteurs \$1,134.15 have been paid. For agency, printing and other incidental charges there have been expended \$737.98. The balance now in hand is \$1,990.99. We have to acknowledge, as we do gratefully, the continued liberality of the Parent Society's Committee in their grant of £50 sterling, to aid in meeting the expense of our agency; and of the Upper Canada's Society's Committee in their very acceptable gift of \$250 for Colportage; and of the Upper Canada Branch at Cumminsville in their kind donation of \$25 for the same purpose.

COLPORTAGE WORK IN THE ALGOMA DISTRICT.

While the labours of our colporteurs do not usually present any very striking features calling for special note, yet they are eminently beneficial to the remote and more sparsely settled sections of the country to which those labours are confined. But our most distant, and withal, most needy colportage-field, the Algoma District, again demands our attention. When we penned our notice of the "Bible-burning" at the Sault Ste. Marie—which may be found in the *Recorder* for January, pp. 6, 7,—we had no hope that the persecution would vanish with the smoke of the fire which, by the priest's hands, or by priestly compulsion, had been made of the *precious volumes of God's own Word*. And intelligence received this week has verified our forebodings. It is the settled purpose of Jesuitism to maintain its sway over the hearts and consciences of men, and this can be accomplished only by preventing the circulation of the Bible. In order to succeed herein