

gent, but in our case these claims are enhanced by the times in which we live, and the critical juncture in the history of our country, in which by divine providence we are placed.

To increased devotedness in the cause of truth, another motive is supplied by the removal from our midst, of two of the Committee. One, CAPT. DESBOROUGH, has been transferred to another part of "the field," and has carried with him the love and esteem of those, who, for a time, were his fellow-labourers; the other, the late Mr. Daniel McLeod, is now "absent from the body, but present with the Lord." May we emulate his consecration to the cause of the Redeemer, and work while it is day.

We now proceed to review the history of the past year; the first thing which claims our attention is the

DEPOSITORY.

Convinced that special effort was necessary to reach the country population, your Committee have endeavored to enlarge their sphere of usefulness, by adopting the system of Colportage, and by the formation of Branch Societies. These new efforts, if successful, would necessarily augment the duties of the Depository, and consequently, the expediency of giving this department a thorough review, was generally felt. After mature and deliberate examination it was thought, that if the operations of the Society were to be in any measure commensurate with the wants of the surrounding country, a Depository wholly devoted to the interests of this and the Tract Society, would be requisite; and it was also suggested, that if a suitable individual could be obtained, who would fill this office, and at the same time discharge the duties of a Travelling Agent, assistance might be expected from the Parent Society—similar grants having been made to the Societies in Toronto and Montreal. A correspondence was accordingly opened with the Society in London, and although the Committee did not think it advisable for the present to assist in supporting a Travelling Agent, a grant of £30 sterling, in aid of a separate Depository, was the gratifying result. Premises were taken in Princess Street, and after the necessary repairs were made, MR. WILLIAM CLARKE, entered on his duties as Depository, on the 23rd August. Fearing, however, that confinement would injure his health, he resigned his office, and was relieved on the 30th October, by his successor, MR. EDWARD STACEY.

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The unsettled state in which the Depository has unavoida-