

In addition to this wide distribution by Colportage, more than one million and a half of Religious Periodicals have gone forth from the Society's Depository into Sabbath Schools and Families, the receipts for which have been \$24,551.75; and Bibles and Religious Books to the amount of \$62,860.25. The gratuitous circulation of Bibles, Books, Tracts, and Periodicals, has been more than \$100,000 in value, making the total distribution, by sale and grant, during eight years \$180,000—or at the rate of \$22,500 per Annum. The average amount of Capital at the Society's command has been less than \$4000; so that the pecuniary value of the Publications distributed, *annually*, is more than five times the amount of Capital. Thus for every \$20.00 or \$100 contributed to the Society's Capital Fund, Religious Publications to the value of five times such contributions have been sent forth each year among the families of our land; and as the Capital thus contributed is retained permanently by the Society, for the purpose for which it was given, the same volume of circulation is renewed from year to year. Hence a donation of \$20.00 at the time of the Society's formation, has in one year, placed one hundred dollar's worth of a good, pure, soul-saving literature in the hands of families, many of them poor and destitute, and in eight years, eight hundred dollar's worth. Here then is satisfactory evidence to the friends who have aided the Society in the past, that their money is yielding profitable returns; and a good assurance to all who love the Lord Jesus, and who desire to aid in spreading abroad the truths of his Gospel, that the Society's work is a good investment for their funds.

#### DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The sum of \$24,172.87 has been received during these eight years from friends of the cause, to enable the Society to carry on this beneficent work. Nearly seven thousand dollars of this amount were contributed specially towards the "Publication Fund," as capital to provide the necessary supplies of Books, leaving about \$17,500 for Colportage and gratuitous distribution. The sum of \$35,939.03 or more than double the sum contributed for these objects has been paid in salaries and travelling expenses for 84 years of Colporteur labor. Nearly \$6000 have been distributed gratuitously by these laborers in Bibles, Books and Tracts, and several thousands additional have been given away in grants made at the Depository.

The Committee have endeavored in the past, to the utmost of their ability, in the use of the funds contributed to the Society, to meet the many and great wants of the whole field. But, although there is such pressing need for more laborers, we are at present limited to six; and until our resources shall be increased, we cannot make any such additions to their number as the necessities of the field loudly call for. We therefore appeal most earnestly to friends of the Redeemer for more general and liberal support.