

for their proprietors ; but it is not so with the RECORDER. The price paid for extra copies barely pays for these extra copies themselves, and too often it is merely so much deducted from the free contributions of the Branch ; so that, unless they are really made useful, the Society is a positive loser.

We are glad to know that some of the Secretaries do promptly and faithfully distribute the numbers sent to them ; but perhaps even these might do something to have each copy read by several persons, so that, without increasing the quantity printed, the number of readers would be multiplied many fold.

Another way in which the officers of Branches, especially the Secretaries, can effectually economize for the Society, is by giving prompt attention to the notices sent by the Agents, and whenever possible, making arrangements for a good meeting on the evening named. It is impossible for the Agents to arrange their tours so as to suit exactly the convenience of every Branch, however much they may wish it. For the Agent to change the date of his visit generally involves inconvenience to some other Branches, and frequently increased expense to himself and to the Society ; whereas the officers of the Branch could often, by a little exertion and judicious use of influence, get some other meeting postponed without any loss to the cause advocated at such postponed meeting.

In one of the Agent's Reports presented to the Board last night, there was one of these cases. The Agent found, when he arrived at the village, that nothing had been done, and that he might just as well have stopped at home. The officers seemed to think it was quite sufficient to assure the Agent that it was owing to inadvertence and not from any want of good-will. As this place is of importance, and as, notwithstanding the listlessness of the officers, there may be many good people in the place who are interested in the spread of God's word, the Board decided that the Agent should pay a second visit ; but the officers should remember that this involves six and perhaps twelve dollars extra expense to the Society. If this were the only case it would be a small matter to write about ; but every month one or two, sometimes several, such cases are reported, so that in the aggregate they cost the Society not a few dollars, to say nothing of the fact that officers who are so listless in this matter are not likely to be very earnest in setting their collectors to work. We confess to feeling some degree of irritation when these cases come before us, but we do not wish to write in a scolding spirit, and we hope that our fellow-labourers will pardon us if we have appeared to do so.

But, bearing in mind the true meaning of economy, and remembering that the agents are sent out for the purpose of awakening the people to an interest in this great work, which God has given our nation to do, we are anxious that the Officers of the Branches should see that in this matter, and in that of the RECORDER, the most important economy can be best effected by them. If they will bring a larger number of people under the influence of the Agents at the meetings, and will get more readers for each copy of the RECORDER,