

18 ; prayer books sold 225, ditto given or sold at reduced rates, 105 ; other books sold, \$242.50 ; tracts to the value of \$47.48 sold ; books and tracts given away, to the value of \$45. Total amount of sales \$302.

Two importations of books, costing about £85 sterling, have been made during the past year, while it is purposed to make another as soon as direct navigation is opened in the spring. The sum of £6 6s. sterling stands to our credit on the books of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, while \$200.54 belonging to the Depository Fund are in the hands of the Treasurer. Altogether this department of our work is believed to be in a healthy condition and to be doing good service in the cause of Christ and his Church.

For causes stated in the earlier part of this Report, but few grants have been made to Churches and Parsonages.

The Board have to record the loss to the Society by removal from the Province of its late patron Sir Edmund Walker Head, Bart., who, while holding the office of Governor General over this part of the Dominions of our Sovereign, was a constant and liberal contributor to the Funds of the Society.

In connection with this announcement also, the Board have great pleasure in informing the Society that his Excellency Lord Monck has kindly consented to become the Patron of the Society, for which his Excellency is entitled to its thanks, which are hereby respectfully tendered.

In accordance with a resolution adopted in the early part of last year, the services of the Reverend J. L. Gay have been secured as Secretary and Travelling Agent of the Church Society, who is to devote his whole time to the work of the Society. In this capacity he has already visited all the parishes or Missions in the Gaspé District, as well as those of New Liverpool, Pointe Levi, Three Rivers and Kingsey, with some measure of success. He expects to continue the same sort of work during the winter and spring, when he