

Dobson, Lockhart and Taylor. The Colporteurs are men who are filled with love to God and zeal for the well-being of their fellow-men, and have performed excellent service for the society.

The winter being unusually stormy and prolonged, the movements of the Colporteurs were much impeded on account of the depth of snow; notwithstanding this, the work has been carried on satisfactorily. Our colporteurs are generally welcome guests, and we have heard of many instances where much good has been effected by their visits and kind words.

It may surprise some to learn that during the last few months, in the poorer localities in the City of Toronto, 1,586 copies of God's Word have been sold by one colporteur, seventeen families were found without a copy of the Scriptures within their dwellings, and many parents have been induced to purchase for themselves and their children, while those who were unable to pay for them were supplied gratuitously.

The sales at the "Kiosk" on the Exhibition grounds in Toronto, and at other agricultural exhibitions throughout the Province, have exceeded those of former years, and we propose to continue this means of Scripture distribution.

The *Recorder* is issued regularly, and the demand for it continues to increase.

MANITOBA.

The Rev. O. Fortin, agent for the Society, has again visited the branches at *Brandon, Portage La Prairie, Minnedosa, Selkirk West and Emerson*, and has forwarded their contributions to the funds of this Society.

He has also been requested by the residents at *Morden, Neepawa and Carberry* to form Branches at those places.

The Annual Meeting at Winnipeg was well attended, the Lieut.-Governor occupying the chair. Much enthusiasm prevailed, and preparations were made for the vigorous prosecution of our work.

A colporteur has been engaged to labour in the Province for the summer months.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We have lately received remittances from New Westminster:—On purchase account, \$50, and free contributions \$160.00. A Colporteur has been engaged to labour during the summer months under the direction of this Branch.

Victoria has remitted \$100 on purchase account.

Orders for new stock have also been filled for both Branches, including a considerable number of Chinese Testaments and Portions, for mission work among the Chinese on the Pacific Coast.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Our latest advices from the Parent Society, containing a statement of the revenue for the past year, says:—

"The falling-off in legacies was to be expected, and it is not so great as it might have been. Even now the amount received is some ten thousand pounds above the average. The more serious part of the statement is that concerning the contributions from auxiliaries, which we regard as one of the most stable sources of income. The almost universal depression of trade and agriculture is beginning to tell.

"Remembering the years of prosperity we have recently enjoyed, we do not feel that the present statement affords grounds for anxiety."

The total receipts for the past year amount to £221,745.5s. 11d. sterling.