

rent Society last March as a free contribution, and, although this was £100 less than had been sent for several years, it was found, when all the returns had come in that the net income, including even a \$400 legacy, was not sufficient to make this remittance without trenching on the balance on hand.

THE TRAVELLING AGENT,

Mr. TOLAND, has again very nearly completed his annual visitation of the Branches, and he reports that he did not meet with a solitary exception to the Society or its work, and never before did he hear so many expressions of regret that the means of the Society's friends did not enable them to contribute according to their desires. Its claims have been very generally acknowledged to surpass those of any other existing institution, and at the meetings addressed by the Agent, there were many verbal tokens of good will, to be followed, he hopes, by more substantial evidence of intelligent interest in the great and noble cause of Bible distribution. Last year the remittances from the Branches were \$100 less than the year before. This year as yet only five Branches have made returns, and from every one of these there is an increase. One had made no contribution for two years past, and the increase from the others averages 20 per cent. Your Committee would be much gratified at corresponding returns from the Branches who have yet to remit. A Branch to embrace

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will probably be organized this winter. This field has not been faithfully cultivated in the past, and it will be a very desirable change to have Portland cut off from St.