

Ladies' Auxiliaries, and Juvenile Societies in connection with Sabbath Schools or otherwise, are very desirable and helpful in the interests of the Society, and we trust soon to have a number of them organized.

During the past year ten new branches have been added to our list, viz.:—In Ontario—Elmgrove, Everett, Heathcote, Point Edward, York Road, Valentia and Verona. In Manitoba—Hamiota, Gilbert Plains and Lake Dauphin.

We have now a total of 590 branches and depositories.

COLPORTAGE WORK —EXTENDED AND INCREASED.

The work of Bible Colportage has been extended and increased during the past year. Twelve men (five in Ontario and seven in Manitoba and the North-West) have been engaged in this important work for longer or shorter periods as health and circumstances permitted. The operations were chiefly confined to the remote and sparsely populated portions of Ontario, where few, if any, Branch Bible Societies or Depositories are established; also in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. The visits of those self-denying laborers were much appreciated, and brought light and gladness to many dwellings, while the reading of portions of Scripture by your Colporteurs has, under God's blessing, been the means of reviving the zeal and hope of many of those hardy pioneers of our Canadian forests and prairies, who, on account of distance, were temporarily deprived of the social and religious advantages they had left behind in the older settlements. Religious services were conducted, Prayer Meetings held, Sabbath Schools addressed, the sick and dying were comforted, factories and workshops, saw-mills and lumbermen's shanties, etc. etc., were visited, and many persons were supplied with copies of the Scriptures at cost price. During the year, one hundred and twelve (112) families or individuals found destitute of the Word of God were supplied direct by the Colporteurs. Thus the "Good Seed" has been scattered—let us pray that God will abundantly bless the use of The Word—to the salvation of many precious souls and to His own glory.

(See details of Colporteurs' Work, page 9.)

The following extracts from Reports of our Colporteurs will, we believe, be interesting to the friends of Bible circulation :—

EXTRACTS FROM COLPORTEUR'S REPORTS

In writing this synopsis of my season's work, I desire, first of all, to thank our Heavenly Father for all His kind care and for the degree of success granted to me. On the 24th of April I set out from Toronto. My first stop for work was at the port of *Manilowaning* (Manitoulin Island, Algoma), where I sold a dozen copies of the Word of God. One young woman, to whom I sold a Bible, was very much interested in her "new book," in which I marked many passages showing "the way of life." My next point was *Little Current*, where I was requested to preach; the weather was not favourable for my work, so my sales were few. I then visited *Gore Bay* and *Meldrum Bay*. When at the latter place, a storm came up and continued for over a week, preventing the steamer from calling, which gave me an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the residents. There was no minister there at that time,

so I held service, and was indeed a blessing. There were Christians in the place. *Mines* was near by, and we had a meeting of friends. A Branch there for the Deponent time, selling

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