

The sum of \$2600 of the above has been contributed to the "Publication Fund." The very liberal sum of \$1100 was given by one friend of the cause for this object. Another gave \$300. A number more gave \$100 each, etc. Had it not been for the great stringency in money, the receipts from this source would doubtless have been considerably larger. The same cause, with other adverse circumstances, retarded progress in all the departments of the Society's work.

CIRCULATION.

The GRATUITOUS CIRCULATION of publications amounted to \$2,204.55. Upwards of \$900 worth were given away by the Society's Colporteurs. All families found without the Word of God were supplied, gratuitously, when unable to purchase, if willing to receive a copy. Of the 30,000 families visited by them, none were left destitute on account of inability to buy; so, also, with respect to religious books.

Many thousands of Tracts have been placed in the hands of SEAMEN through the Shipowners of Yarmouth, the Y. M. C. A. of Halifax and Pictou, and the Society's Colporteur, labouring in the city, who regularly visits all the shipping in the harbour.

The DESTITUTE MASSES in the city have been supplied through the City Missionaries and other Christian labourers. The *benevolent and humane institutions* have received occasional supplies. Sabbath Schools throughout the land have been liberally aided in procuring Libraries at reduced prices.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

Large numbers of Tracts are distributed in connection with the Society through the Colporteurs and various other channels. But it is exceedingly desirable that this work should be undertaken and prosecuted systematically, in the cities, towns and rural districts. If this were done it would, without doubt, prove a great blessing to the Churches, as well as be a means of doing much good to souls.

It is now forty years since the "Scottish Monthly Visitor Tract Society" was formed by eight Christian men, who met in a back shop in Edinburgh for that purpose. The object of its formation was the monthly distribution of Tracts in Scotland and elsewhere. It has gone on increasing from year to year, until now, as stated in their last Report, "the Monthly Visitor carries its noiseless gospel into

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