

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

British American Book and Tract Society.

THE Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the British American Book and Tract Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Monday, February 5th, 1883, at 4 o'clock, P. M. The President, Thomas A. Brown, Esq., occupied the chair.

After singing "Our Blessed Bond of Union," the Rev. J. F. Avery offered prayer.

An abstract of the Annual Report was read by the Secretary.

In moving the adoption of the Report, Rev. Foster Almon said that the very satisfactory Report we had just heard only needed to be read to secure its hearty adoption. He regarded the Society as a valuable Home Mission Association, in which all evangelical Christians could participate. The Society tends to make effective other agencies dear to us—especially Bible circulation. In the fifteen years of the Society's existence there had been circulated about 205,000 copies of the Sacred Word, and the importation during the year just closed had reached upwards of 30,000.

The circulation of the Scriptures and of religious books cannot be regulated by the ordinary laws of supply and demand. *All need* such books, but many do not *feel their need*. Books must be carried to them and pressed upon them, accompanied by an earnest personal effort to interest people in their contents.

This agency is helpful to the Ministry, which we regard as so powerful in pulling down strongholds. The Colporteur in a quiet way materially helps the Minister in his labour of love, and in many instances seeks out those that are not reached in any other way.

Reference was made to a section in the Province of New Brunswick, visited a few years ago by the speaker, in which there has been

no pastor for 14 years. 30,000 there is places is invaluable the 31,600 visits 1882, in each of in saving truth.

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The report was come from sales, and what was stil teurs in the field. care, and to the c sidered the Socie closed with the a not lose its rewar