

versations on all suitable occasions, seek to turn the hearts of your countrymen from earth to heaven.

COLPORTAGE.—Mr. John Crombie has visited in a most regular and systematic manner the townships of Howard, Harwich, Southwold, McGillivray, Bosanquet, Biddulph and Nissouri. He travelled during the year 1,110 miles, mostly on foot; visited 3,502 families, or near 10 families per day. He gave away 23 Bibles, and otherwise disposed of 316 copies, making a total of 639 copies of Holy Scriptures distributed by him in these townships. In this visitation of concession after concession, and house after house, he reports that he found 44 families without a Bible, entirely destitute of that precious Word which alone is able to making a man wise unto salvation.

Mr. John Lowry, the other colporteur, accomplished also a large amount of work for the short time he was engaged. He visited in succession, thoroughly canvassing each place, Petrolea, Sarnia, Point Edward, the Indian Reserve near Sarnia, and several other places in the townships of Moore and Sombra. During the two months he was in the field he travelled 475 miles, visited 1,100 families, and distributed 491 copies of the Holy Word. Of these 50 were sold to Indians, and one given to a French Roman Catholic, who promised to read it and pray for the colporteur. He found 9 families without the Word of the Lord, with which he at once supplied them. In referring to these labours we only record the visible—the scattering of the seed by the wayside, on stony ground, among thorns, and in good soil; but the result:—the rooting, the growth, the ripening, and the harvest gathering, will only be known in the day of the Lord.

On March 1st, 1871, the stock in hand consisted of 1,698 Scriptures; in addition to this 5,708 copies were received during the year, making a total of 7,406 copies, of which 5310, as stated above, have been sold, leaving the stock on March 1st, 1872, at 2,096 copies, an increase of near 400 Scriptures in amount of stock.

FINANCES.—The cash on hand at the beginning of the year was \$1,682.72, to which must be added cash from Branches for the B. & F. B. Society, the U. C. B. S. the London Auxiliary, and other objects \$2,891 15. Cash from Branches on account of stock, \$800 16. Proceeds of sales, \$734.47. City subscriptions, \$334. From interest on deposits, collections at annual meeting, and other sources, \$135.16, making a total of \$6,576.66.

The disbursements were as follows:—For stock, \$1,696.72. To B. & F. B. Society, \$933.03. To U. C. B. Society, \$1,036 18. For Bible work in Spain, \$200. In France, \$200. In Italy \$200. In Mexico, \$200, and in our own Manitoba, \$100. Also for other objects, \$189.34. Salaries of colporteurs, of Depositary, and compensation to Secretary, \$689. To expenses of annual meeting, 1871, printing annual reports, freights, insurances, postage, &c., \$73.94, making a total of \$5,577 62—thus leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$999.04. The assets and liabilities of the Auxiliary are as follows:—Assets—Stock on hand, \$984 07. Due by Branches \$536 01. Cash on hand \$999 04. Total, \$2,519.12. Liabilities—Amount due to branches, \$123.47. Leaving a surplus of \$2,395.65. Considering the population of the city, its increasing wealth, the influential position of its Protestant inhabitants, and the value, the inexpressible value of the Holy Bible, it is thought that this city of London should by all means raise more than \$334 per annum for this good cause.

SALES.—The sales or issues of the Society during the past year have been, by the agency and colporteurs, 1,033 copies of Scripture; sold at the Depository 1,394; supplied to branches 2,878, making a total of 5,310 copies sold during the year by this Auxiliary, an increase of 736 over the sales of last year.

The full particulars anent all these matters will be given in the Annual Report.

THE LATE PRESIDENT.—But amid these many encouragements, these signs of a better day, the Auxiliary has had to mourn, and still sorrows the loss