

THE DEPOSITORY.

The Proprietors of the Religious Tract, Book, and Bible Depository on Barrington Street, transferred their stock and effects to this Society about the close of the year 1868. The Committee had previously rented for a term of five years the premises now occupied, 66 Granville Street. By this addition to its means, with the large list of subscribers to Periodicals, the Sabbath School, and general trade formerly connected with that useful institution, the Society was enabled, at the beginning of last year, very considerably to enlarge its operations. The capital thus provided, including what had previously been contributed in donations by friends in Halifax and elsewhere, has been turned over four times during the year. The demand for Periodicals, Tracts, Sabbath School Books and Bibles, has been constantly increasing. The Depository is more than self-sustaining, and contributes, to a considerable extent, to the Society's benevolent work of free distribution and Colportage. Every effort is made to keep on hand a good supply of the most valuable religious works for Clergymen, Sabbath School Teachers, families, and youth.

THE BENEVOLENT OPERATIONS

Of the Society have increased. The gratuitous distribution has exceeded that of the preceding year to the amount of \$982.43. The sum of \$1,608.64 has been expended in Colportage, being \$138.23 in excess of the total donations and subscriptions received by the Society. All the contributions made to the Society by individuals or Churches will be faithfully expended, according to the best judgment of the Committee in Colportage and gratuitous distribution.

VOLUNTARY TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

Never before, in any one year, were so many Tracts distributed in this Province as during the past twelve months. There is evidently a growing interest in this as a means of doing good. It is greatly to be desired that organized, systematic, Tract distribution, might be generally undertaken in this city, and in the towns and rural districts of our country. If this were so, many careless, impenitent souls would be savingly reached with the truth, Christians themselves would be quickened, religion revived, vice and immorality checked, and the cause of Christ greatly advanced.

"It is my conviction," says a popular writer, "that more will have to be done through the press. * * * Tracts can go everywhere.

Tracts know no fear can be multiplied without expense. They run giving to all, and as well as to a multitude require no public room, kitchen or the shop, in the omnibus, on the fields. They take no betray them into hands always answer questions four times over, if you every subject, and on and well. They can teachers of all classes

This is a means of Jesus. They can do business, in the street the coach. Select number of goods or in letters was the means of the Colporteur to an old the interests of his consistent, Christian life Way of Peace, by through its teachings, his Saviour. The Society the Report for last year a Tract being among drunkenness and wretched piety, through effort co-worker with God, known the glad tidings that many others may considerations and support of Christ, our mannerly, and of good-will to souls."

"Be courteous. Let the eternal interests, Be not dictatorial. Influence may be lost