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TO THE SECRETARIES OF THE BRANCHES.

We have been told lately by one of the Society's Agents that the saving effected last year in the agency has given much satisfaction, and that some Branches at least will show their satisfaction in the very proper way of increasing their contributions towards the grand object of the Society, the spread of God's Holy Word throughout the world. We were very glad to hear this : in the first place, because it is pleasant to think that our zealous friends throughout the country are satisfied that the money they contribute to this blessed work is carefully expended ; and secondly, because we think it will encourage the Directors. Some may think it strange that they should need any encouragement. In a letter received from the country about a year ago, we remember the expression, " We who do the work," implying that the Directors in Toronto only spend the money. Far be it from us to think lightly of the work of those officers of Branches, who realize the importance and fulfil the duties of their posts, or of the often self-sacrificing labours of our good friends the collectors. But such men as the writer of the above letter should remember that our Directors are for the most part very busy men, upon whose hours there are many and pressing demands, and that therefore the time given to the Society by them all, but especially by those on the Agency and Colportage Committee, is the best kind of contribution, and no small guarantee that they will be careful to spend its money only in such ways as they have reason to believe will advance the great object for which it exists. In the account of the Board meeting held last night it will be seen that a committee was appointed to inquire if any economy can be effected