

The Board of Directors of the B. A. Book and Tract Society record profound regret at the removal from among them by death, of their dear friend, brother, and fellow-worker, J. S. Maclean, Esq., who was intimately associated with this Society from its inception in 1867, whose name has for many years headed our Board, and whose services as a member of the Finance Committee, have ever been cheerfully rendered, and eminently useful. Liberal in his support of the Society and ready with his counsel, his loss will be deeply and permanently felt, and the blank caused by his death, the Giver of all good gifts alone can fill.

The Board of Directors respectfully tender their condolences to the bereaved wife, the daughters, and the venerable mother of their departed brother, and pray that God will strengthen and console them in their sorrow.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF COLPORTAGE.

During the year 1889, 24 men were employed, whose united service equalled that of one man for nearly sixteen years. They travelled 37043 miles; they sold books and Bibles in value \$14,518.70, they granted \$1362.90 worth, and 909 public meetings were held. There were found 308 families who were destitute of all religious books except the Bible. Of families who had no Bible and whose want was supplied, there were found 148. Nominal Protestant families visited who habitually neglect evangelical preaching, 414. In 18,299 families, there was conversation on matters of religion or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits made was 50,263. Our statistics do not distinguish between families revisited and those called upon for the first time.

THE WORK OF TWENTY-TWO YEARS.

The following statistics of our twenty-two years work will be of interest. Number of colporteurs employed 214. They performed work equal to that of one man for 253 years. They travelled over 481,018 miles and circulated \$247,234.28 worth of Bibles, Books and tracts. 5861 families who were without any portion of the Scriptures were supplied with Bibles, and \$19,722.13 worth was distributed free of charge.

BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

Our whole importation of Bibles for the year is as follows: Bibles, 10,180; Testaments, 11,365.

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