

The work is increasing so largely that the present capital is quite inadequate to its necessities. The Board of Directors having taken the matter into consideration at their Annual Meeting, last year, adopted the following resolution:—

“Resolved—That in view of the increasing efforts of the British American Book and Tract Society to evangelize the Province through Colporteur labor, the Finance Committee be authorized to collect at least the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, as an addition to the Publication Fund of the Society.”

In aid of this object (also in support of Colportage and gratuitous distribution), donations are respectfully solicited, and will be thankfully received either through

GEORGE H. STARR, Esq., *Treas.*,
or A. McBEAN, *Secretary*.

The business of this Society will be conducted on strictly *Cash Terms*, and all orders for papers and periodicals must be accompanied with the amount of the subscription in advance.

Great care will be taken in the selection of Sabbath School Libraries, which will be furnished at the lowest possible prices.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts for the year ending December 31st, 1871, have been in donations and subscriptions \$2,891.74; store sales, including \$3,205.30 for periodicals, \$12,085.69; Colporteur sales, \$14,914.81; other sources, \$157.87, which with the balance on hand January 1st, gives as the total resources of the year, \$30,487.85. These items show an increase over the same for last year of \$9,637.82.

The total expenditures have been \$30,178.27, including \$18,657.92 for publications, and \$6,424.39 for Colportage. All other expenditures as per Treasurer's statement, \$4,095.81, leaving the balance in the Treasury of \$309.67.

Rather than give any estimate of our own, we beg to give the following extracts from the Report, as read at the annual meeting:—

During the year the Society was deprived of one of its oldest, most influential and most interested friends. It pleased God to remove by death the Hon. M. B. Almon, who held the office

of President from the first establishment of the British American Book and Tract Society.

In conducting any enterprise, it is important frequently to recur to first principles, and to define clearly the objects for which the enterprise is undertaken.

Two facts stand out prominently as the basis of its operations: 1st. Multitudes are perishing for lack of knowledge, living in ignorance of the Gospel, in careless neglect of the one thing needful. 2nd. The truth in the printed page, is by the Spirit of God, made effectual in quickening dead souls. Realising these facts Christians of the various branches of Christ's Church, constrained by love, unite for the purpose of disseminating in this form the soul-saving truths of the Gospel.

Whatever profits arise from the sales, are all expended in supporting and enlarging these benevolent schemes. A common love to Jesus the sinner's friend, to God's people and His cause, to the souls of men and to the truth which makes men free, is the grand moving cause in all the operations of the Society.

The Colporteurs are sent specially to seek out the destitute, to visit the poor and needy at whatever cost of time, labour and expense, and bear to them in books the message of salvation. At the same time they do good everywhere, and to all men as they have opportunity, scattering broadcast the leaves of the tree of life, knocking at every door, supplying every family, by sale or grant, with the precious volumes with which they are freighted.

Had the space at our disposal permitted, we would gladly have given some extracts from the interesting reports of the Agents; we must simply satisfy ourselves and our readers with the following note of the Distributing Committee:—

TO THE CHRISTIAN PUBLIC.—You are well aware that the Colporteur work of this Society is not self-supporting. It has to be sustained by the donations and subscriptions of the Christian public. We have, therefore, to endeavour to conduct it as economically as we possibly can; and we are glad to find that in travelling through their several districts, our Colporteurs are relieved of a great deal of outlay by the considerate kind-