

extensive and wide spread a seed sowing. Farmers and fishermen, artisans and miners, old men and maidens, all conditions and classes, of all creeds and of no creed, have had the gospel of the grace of God presented to them.

AGENTS.

We have this year had the diligent and hearty service of the agents so favourably received and so well known to many of our contributors,—Messrs. Mellish and Sutcliffe. Mr. Mellish addressed himself to friends in Ontario and Quebec who have kindly shewn their interest in a substantial manner, by aiding our work in Labrador. He visited also the principal towns of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Mr. Sutcliffe collected in New Brunswick and Cape Breton, and is visiting Great Britain in the interests of our Society.

COLLECTIONS

were also made in Prince Edward Island, by Messrs. Secord and Walker; by Mr. Job Wade in Sussex, N. B.; by Mr. Joel Mader in Lunenburg Co.; and others of the staff of colporteurs.

The collection received from Pictou was made by the following ladies, to whom the thanks of our Society are given. The Misses Carmichael, Miss Jennie Copeland, Miss Minna McDonald, Miss Rachel Primrose, and Miss J. C. Hudson.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

It is sometimes urged against the most orthodox tract, that it is an incomplete representation of the Divine truth. This must ever be, from the very necessity of the case. The space at the writer's disposal is limited. The most urgent and pressing call of the gospel is presented. If any chapter of an epistle or a section of one of our Lord's sermons is taken for example, to be tested on the same ground, even these will be found to be perfect only so far as they go; they are not a complete revelation. There is this hope, however, that the soul which has once tasted of the Water of Life will thirst for a fuller draught, and will not be satisfied till a larger knowledge of God's will is obtained. Thus a tract which treats only of repentance or faith, may be the germ which like the leaven hidden in the meal will leaven