

Badger, has a rough field in which to commence his toils, but he has entered upon it with true heroism, and is successful. His letter, in another column, will repay perusal. The country to which Mr. Strain's efforts were directed is very extensive; and a successor is demanded by the wants of the people, and will be sanctioned by the Christian zeal and liberality of our supporters. The Colporteurs have each found much poverty, and its concomitant spiritual destitution, in their travels.

REPORTS FROM AUXILIARIES AND BRANCHES.

We are privileged to acknowledge the receipt of printed reports from the Montreal and Quebec Auxiliaries, and from Hamilton City and Simcoe. The latter two exhibit an advance on the preceding year—Hamilton 75 per cent. Extracts from Montreal and Quebec Reports will be found in the *Canadian and Domestic Department*. We would not like to encourage additional expenses, but we cannot but remark that those Branches, which furnish printed local reports, are usually flourishing. Their activity and zeal may be stimulated by these publications, while this zeal must receive credit for those printed evidences of its power.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Much depends upon the spirit and judgment of a Society in ordering its annual meeting; and the character of such meetings has much to do with the increased fruitfulness of any branch. The officers, especially the Secretary, are the responsible persons herein. It has been stated that, in some cases, improvement in this respect is possible. On the other hand, we gladly bear our testimony to the excellency and efficiency of officers of Branches, as generally evidenced at their annual meetings. In several instances, we have listened to reports—some of them from young professional gentlemen—which were eminently creditable to them, and which, instead of impairing (at the commencement) the spirit of the meeting, invested it with interest, and inspired it with a keener relish for the addresses that were to follow.

OUR INCOME AND THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

We have sincere gratification in stating that at the close of last month—the eleventh month of the current year—our receipts were slightly in advance; but the present month must determine the year's results. Secretaries and Treasurers are respectfully reminded that the Bible year closes on the 31st instant.

REMITTANCES TO THE PARENT SOCIETY.

We have been enabled to remit to England, during the current year, about \$5,000, including contributions for the general purposes of the Parent Society, and special gifts for Spain, Erromanga, China, Austria, Italy, Ireland, and the Bible House London, besides large remittances on purchase account.

THE PRESS AND EXCHANGES.

We feel deeply thankful to the press for the kindly and encouraging notices they have given of our new journal. Were it not for our sincere