

as a second agent, have been diligently and devotedly employed. Mr. Taylor has travelled during the year upwards of 3000 miles, has delivered upwards of 100 addresses or sermons, has visited many of the old branches, and organized 12 new branches. The cash received by Mr. Taylor was upwards of £1100. Mr. Johnson has been no less diligently engaged. He has visited, since last anniversary, upwards of 80 old branches, and has formed 27 new branches, chiefly in newly settled parts of the country. Mr. Johnson has travelled between 3000 and 4000 miles, having visited most of the new branches twice. It is but justice to bear anew the most unqualified testimony to the efficiency and usefulness both of Mr. Taylor and Mr. Johnson. May they be sustained in health and strength for their truly arduous work.

#### BRANCHES.

Our Branches, which, including 39 formed during the past year, now number 185, are almost without an exception in a vigorous and healthy state. They have been mostly all visited by the Agents in the course of the year. And it would be wrong not to bear testimony in this Report to their efficiency, and to their growing liberality in the great cause of the Bible, as evidenced by their liberal free contributions to our own funds and to those of the Parent Society. Short notices of the Branches will appear elsewhere. As a pleasing indication of the interest felt by our Branch Societies in the spread of the Gospel, we may mention that several grants have been made to the French Canadian Missionary Society, for the purpose of circulating the Word of God, while one grant has been made to the Sabrevois Mission, and one to the Grande Ligné Mission in Lower Canada.

#### COLPORTAGE.

In connection with our own operations, as well as in connection with the operations of other Societies, the work of Colportage is deservedly engaging much attention. In many of the remoter Townships, the settlers have comparatively few opportunities of obtaining copies of the Scriptures, even if they were anxious to obtain them; while there are not a few who might never think of the importance of perusing for themselves, or obtaining for their children the Word of God, but might be induced to become a possessor of this rich treasure if brought to their houses and exhibited before them. This work is only begun with us, but we trust it will be vigorously prosecuted throughout our land. During the year now past, four Colporteurs have been engaged for a longer or shorter time, viz., Mr. William Large, who has been labouring principally in Scarboro' and in other directions around the City; Mr. Burkitt, who has been itinerating through the Townships around Lake Simcoe; Mr Joseph Rolston,