

The hope of the country is in the home life of its youth; and religious principles instilled in early days are most likely to bring forth the fruit of righteousness in old age. We are thus not only seeking to save the parents, but to give them the aid of good books to train up a godly seed to take their place. An observant eye will mark a general improvement throughout the land, in temperance, order, absence of profanity and immorality, and in the increase of those positive virtues which are the real wealth of a country. Not that we have attained or are already perfect; we are but reaching towards the prize. When the historian of the future shall attempt to recount the several causes which have combined to elevate the Maritime Provinces, the work of this Society in penetrating to the homes of the solitary settlers, and supplying a literature of priceless value at moderate prices or altogether free, will then receive its recognition and its due meed of praise.

DONATIONS.

During the past year we have received in donations applicable to the general purposes of the Society, the sum of \$6241.66, the particulars of which will be found in the list of appended names. Every donor is a partner in the good work of the Society. Your dollar helps to send the Gospel to destitute and desolate regions, where the joyful sound is seldom heard.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts from store sales and periodicals were \$8792.25, from colporteurs' sales \$15,786.34, from donations \$6241.66, from other sources including balance, \$222.90; making a total of \$32,299.77.

On the other hand we have paid for publications \$14,314.72, for colportage \$8227.12, for duty \$1599.50; all other expenditures per Treasurer's account \$8139.70; making a total of \$32,281.04, and leaving a balance of \$18.34.

DEATH OF J. S. MACLEAN, ESQ.

Our Society has to deplore the loss during the past year, of our beloved fellow-worker, John Smith Maclean, who fell asleep in Jesus on the 25th April. The following resolution appears in the records of our Society.