

The greater number of the Branches responded nobly, and have forwarded their revenue from sales of Scriptures and free contributions to the head office in Toronto.

Sixteen (16) new Branches have been formed and others resuscitated.

The new Branches are, *viz.*—In *Ontario*—Wilton, Inverary, Wolfe Island, Tottenham, Dashwood, Kemble, Delhi, Holmesville, Fort William and Keewatin.

In *Manitoba and North-West*—Cartwright, Stonewall, Russell and Miami (Manitoba), and Saltcoats and Yorkton (Assiniboia).

In the City of Toronto, Branch Bible Societies have been organized in seven (7) different districts, three of which have already shown the result of their labours by sending in their collections, while the others are expected to be in active operation during the coming year. It is hoped that this method will largely increase the subscriptions from the citizens, and eventually relieve the Society of the necessity of employing a city Collector. The Pastors are earnestly requested to present this matter to their respective Congregations.

Six Colporteurs have been engaged in circulating the Word of God in districts considered most suitable for the work—Manitoulin Island, the north shores of Georgian Bay, Algoma, Muskoka, and Parry Sound Districts, where the settlers, employees in mills and lumbering camps, miners, fishermen, etc., were visited, and our Colporteurs have had many opportunities for earnest conversations with careless men and women, who seldom, if ever, enter the house of God or hear His message of love proclaimed. Many interesting incidents have been reported by these faithful servants of the Society of conviction, and in some cases conversion, through the reading and explaining of the Scriptures. A large number of Bibles and Testaments have thus been distributed by sales and gratuitously to those families or individuals found destitute of the Word of God.

The total issue of Scriptures for the year is, 39,972 copies, 1,557 over last year. In addition to this, the Society has assisted the work of Bible Colportage in Quebec to the amount of \$1,814.03, and in Manitoba and the North-West to the extent of \$918. The total revenue for the year is \$38,729.50.

Although the total revenue of the Society is about \$1,300 less than last year, we are thankful to be able to state that the ordinary revenue (that is, from sales and free contributions) is nearly \$1,200 *larger than in any former year*, the apparent decrease being caused by the large sum of \$5,000 received last year as the first instalment of the late Mr. William Gooderham's munificent bequest, as against \$2,500, the second payment of the same bequest which has been received this year. Thus we have the great gratification of being able to report another year of increase and extension of work. Our remittances to the Parent Society during the year have been over \$17,000.

In view of the great work and pressing needs of the Parent Society and its vital relation to all missionary effort, and the ultimate evangelization of the whole world, we would appeal to the Christian people of Canada to sustain the Bible cause by their sympathies, prayers, and benevolent offerings.

During the past year a breach was made in the ranks of our Directorate by the death of Mr. George M. Evans, M.A., who for many years was a regular attendant