

SYSTEMATIC TRACT DISTRIBUTION has been undertaken more largely than in any previous year. A number of Auxiliary Societies have been organized with a view to this, and for the purpose of assisting this Society in its Colporteur operations. We hope that still greater progress in this direction will be made during the present year. Upwards of a million pages of tracts have been put in circulation.

On application to the Committee of the Religious Tract Society, London, they, with their accustomed generosity, sent fifty Pounds worth of Tracts as a free grant, and fifty pounds more, at half subscriber's prices. Peter Drummond of Stirling, also made the very liberal grant of twenty Pounds worth of his excellent Tracts and back numbers of Good News. These are being widely distributed through Ministers of the various denominations and other friends of the cause.

The following is an extract from a letter received from one to whom a package was sent:—

"*Dear Sir,*—The bundle of tracts you kindly sent me was duly received, for which I felt very grateful. I immediately assorted them in small lots, and have sent the most of them to families that are destitute of such reading. Some I have handed personally to parties; three packages I have sent on board as many vessels, and as the fourth now lies here I will try and supply her also. I have examined them and read nearly all, both religious and temperance, and I feel convinced that the distribution of such reading here among families and on board vessels will be productive of good. With the blessing of our Heavenly Father they may be the means of untold blessings. Had I attempted to describe what I felt was needed in that line, I could not have named anything like so good an assortment as you sent."

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The Committee acknowledge the indebtedness of the Society to Pastors, S. S. Superintendents and many other friends, for their continued and kind cooperation in the circulation of Periodicals. About 250,000 copies have been scattered among the families and youth of our land. This result could not have been attained but by the help thus given. The aid of all friendly to the distribution of a healthy Periodical Literature is here earnestly invited. Some are doing a noble work in this department. One Pastor in a country district sends an order for 538 Monthly papers for the families of his flock. A S. S. Superintendent orders 375 copies monthly. These

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