that year and the next, and it was not easy to find the means for their support; this enterprise seemed one plant too many in our garden, and had it not been for the persevering entreaties of the principal promoter of the work, we should have allowed it to die out. In 1872 the work began to grow, and God's good hand was with it, so that thirteen men were employed. In 1874, thirty-five men were employed, and the sales reached £3,000; and in 1876, forty-five men were employed.

"The Society is unsectarian in principle, after the same manner as the London City Mission. Each man costs £80 per annum, but on the receipt of £40 a year from any lovers of a full and free salvation, a colporteur will be appointed to the district which the donor may select. Many churches find such a man to be the best and cheapest worker imaginable.

"The colporteur not only endeavors to sell books, but he visits from door to door, and in doing so converses with the people about their souls, prays with the sick, and leaves a tract at each cottage. He is frequently able to hold prayer meetings, open air services and Bible-readings. He gets a room, if possible, and preaches, founds Bands of Hope, and makes himself generally useful in the cause of religion and temperance. He is in fact at first a missionary, then a preacher, and by-and-by in the truest sense a pastor. We have some noble men. Some have proved slothful; but a man's negligence is soon discovered, since his sales fall off, and the monthly report tells the tale.

"The book-hawker stands upon a vantage ground as a house to house missionary. His pack is a passport to every door, the attempt to sell is an opportunity for declaring the Gospel, and the book itself is a ready text. When we think of 300,000 visits paid in one year among a priest-ridden peasantry, we are encouraged, and give God the glory. But we cannot restrain the sigh, 'O that some rich stewards of the Lord would look on this work and help us to increase it.' Will no one employ a man? No money can be more wisely expended, nor used more directly for the benefit of those who most require it."

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures for Fourteen Years.

RECEIPTS.

" Store Sales...
" Colportage Sales...

Kept for the