

give general satisfaction, and many friends have already expressed their very hearty approval of the plans adopted. From others have come congratulations to the Society on the appointment of the Rev. W. W. Ross, as Permanent Agent. He has been cordially greeted by the Board of Directors, as a fellow-labourer in this glorious work, and will, we doubt not, be as heartily welcomed by the officers and members of the Branches to be visited by him. The Revs. Messrs. Manly, Warden, Little, Lane, and Shortt will continue the warm friends and advocates of the Society; but they are in various ways prevented from undertaking the official visitation of Branches this year. With these exceptions, the Provisional or Local Agents who did the work last year will, with the help of two or three others again labour in the interests of the Society: each, of course, taking a much smaller field, and in most cases, a different one from that which he visited then. They will, we are sure, meet with the same uniform kindness which they received last year, and we trust also with even more hearty co-operation, the need of which may be seen in the extracts we give from this year's Report of our great Parent Society.

COLPORTAGE.

There can be no doubt that the back Townships have the first claim upon the time and attention of our Colporteurs, but it is a great mistake to think that the older and better settled parts of our country have no need of the labours of these faithful men. This might easily be inferred from the fact that in 1874, 52,643 copies of the Scriptures were circulated by colportage in Old England. It has been proved in our own field by late experience. Our oldest and much valued Colporteur Mr. Lowry has been working in and about the City of Toronto for some time, and has sold since the 1st of June 1049 copies. We give a few extracts from his reports which are most interesting.

"It has been one of the most interesting months that I have ever spent in the Master's work. My sales have exceeded any previous month, with the exception of one month in Bothwell some years ago during the oil excitement. * * I found five families without Bibles. * * I never was so much convinced of the importance of City colportage, as at present, for many will buy the Scriptures who would never think of going to the Depository for them. * * An old gentleman for whom I got one of the largest type Testaments printed by the Society, thanked God that he had at last got what he wanted, and at his request I prayed that, as he intended to commerce and read it through, the Lord would give him grace to understand its precious contents. He said there was no Society in the world to compare with the Bible Society. * * *

In a village near Toronto, "some of the people wondered what had become of me, as they had not seen me for many years. * * A most interesting case was a Romanist whose wife persuaded him several