

ESTIMATE FOR 1888.

We require at least \$6,000 for our work in 1888. We would respectfully urge upon our friends a careful study of this report, and we ask them if the array of facts and figures presented by the Colporteurs does not warrant such an outlay. Our contributions fell short of the outlay for Colportage in its actual cost, after all profits are applied to that use, about \$700.

It is to the poor that the Gospel is preached by our Society. These have a peculiar claim on every Christian who has a comfortable Church and abundant means of grace. The strong ought to help the weak. We should bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

A STRANGER'S OPINION.

At the anniversary of the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society, held at Toronto, in May last, one of the speakers, Mr. J. K. Macdonald said :—"We are accustomed to look upon ourselves as somewhat more advanced than the Provinces down by the sea, yet let us turn to Nova Scotia. There, under the auspices of the British American Tract Society, we find a larger income and more spontaneous offering, enabling that Society to employ probably rather more than thirty Colporteurs, whose labors extend throughout all the Maritime Provinces ; and they are even able to send three Colporteurs into the Colony of Newfoundland. Travelling on the Intercolonial the other day, I was very much pleased to be brought into contact with the Hon. Mr. Rogerson, a Christian man, who, in speaking of the work of that Society, especially of that of the three Colporteurs sent into Newfoundland, gladdened me with an account of the great good that was being done."

"I say, Sir, that we claim we are more advanced, think we are more enlightened, than the people down by the sea, but in this important branch of Christian work they have shewn themselves to be entirely in advance of us."

TRAVELLING AGENTS.

The Committee have much pleasure in referring to the very satisfactory labours of Mr. Roland Mellish, who represented the Society during the past year, and who will continue to do so. They have also

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