

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

At the close of our twenty-second year we are again called upon to render our devout thanks to Almighty God for the measure of prosperity which has attended the operations of the British American Book and Tract Society. Our agents and collectors have been received with kindly courtesy by the numerous friends of the Society, who have again supplied the necessary funds to pay for the charitable work done by our colporteurs in visiting those who would be without Bibles and other good books if they were not supplied through our agency. A careful eye has been kept on the expenditure, so that the best use has been made of our resources, and the fragments have been also gathered up, so that nothing has been lost.

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During the past year we have met with not a few trials of our faith and patience ; but by the blessing of God, all these have resulted in strengthening the conviction of the Committee, that great good was being done throughout our borders. We received a legacy from the estate of our late esteemed president, Thomas A. Brown, Esq., one thousand dollars, which has been added to the building fund. This fund with accrued interest, amounted at the close of the year to \$6386.08.

COLPORTEURS.

The number of colporteurs employed for the whole or for portions of the year was twenty-four, and their united labors was equal to that of one man for nearly sixteen years. When it is borne in mind how many families live remote from churches, and how many, even if the opportunity of attending church were within their reach, are unable to do so, from sickness or infirmity, the number dependent upon the printed pages containing the message of Divine love, circulated by our colporteurs, is very great indeed. The labour of visitation is retarded by bad roads, by inclement weather, and by the sparseness of the population and isolation of many of our people.

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