

\$6,342.93. The sum of \$1,000 of this amount was set apart for the Building Fund ; which at the close of the years amounts to \$4,809.37.

LEGACIES.

No funds have been received from this source during the year. We have been apprised that our late president left a legacy of one thousand dollars, payable should his estate realize a certain sum. The late S. A. White, Esq. devised to the Society the sum of \$250 ; which has been paid in since the close of the year.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts from Store Sales and Periodicals were \$9,910.48 ; from colporteur sales, \$14,412.74 ; from donations, \$6,342.93 ; from other sources including balance \$349.24 ; making a total of \$31,015.39. On the other hand we have paid for publications, \$14,498.61 ; for colportage, \$6,534.62 for duty, \$1,436.84 ; all other expenditures, per Treasurer's account, \$8,545.32 ; making a total of \$31,015.39.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF COLPORTAGE.

During the year 1888, 25 men were employed, whose united service equalled that of one man for nearly 16 years. They travelled 39,475 miles ; they sold books and Bibles in value \$14,685.35 ; they granted \$1,302.40 worth ; 906 public meetings were held. There were found 428 families who were destitute of all religious books except the Bible. Of families who had no Bible, there were found 184. Nominal Protestant families visited who habitually neglect evangelical preaching, 476. In 16,277 families there was personal conversation on matters of religion, or prayer was offered. The whole number of family visits made was 46,375.

JUBILEE TESTAMENTS.

Reference was made in our last year's report, to the circulation of the New Testament published by the British and Foreign Bible Society at one penny. The balance of the grants, which required to be completed in New Brunswick, P. E. Island, and Nova Scotia, have been distributed this year, and in addition 3000 copies were imported, most of which have found their way into the hands of readers.