

As a matter of form, however, it was necessary to state that this was the seventeenth anniversary of the Ottawa Auxiliary Bible Society. He alluded to the work of the Parent Society during the past year. After alluding to the late war in Europe since the last meeting of the Society, and the good work that had been performed by agents of the Society, in the ranks of the German army, he concluded his remarks by calling upon the Rev. Mr. McLaren, corresponding Secretary of the Society, to read the annual Report of the Society. Extracts from the Report:—

COLPORTEAGE.—This important department of the work has received careful attention. Three colporteurs have been employed. During the year 2,611 families were visited by our colporteurs, and 1,984 copies of the scriptures, to the value of \$602.91, were circulated by them. The following townships and villages have been visited more or less fully during the year by our colporteurs, viz:—Gloucester, Osgoode, Mountain, Templeton, Buckingham, Thurso, Papineauville, Marlborough, North Gower, Cumberland, Clarence, Cambridge, Hull, Eardley, Onslow, Aylwin, Hinks, Northfield, Ayles, Lowe, Admaston, Bromley, Horton, South Sherbrooke, Darling, Lavant, Bagot, Blythfield, Elmsley, Burgess, Montague, Clarendon, Huntley, Fitzroy, Thorne, Leslie, Beckwith, Ramsay, Pakenham, Macnab and Bristol.

One colporteur distributed 44 copies gratuitously, and the other two report gratuitous distributions, and reductions in price, amounting in all to the value of \$24.25.

Mr. Mackenzie reports an interesting tour among the lumbering establishment on the Upper Ottawa and its branches, in the course of which he visited 31 shanties, containing 984 men, and 13 depots and lumbering farms, where he found 130 men and 22 women. In this tour 224 bibles and testaments were sold, or given away gratuitously. Of the copies thus put in circulation 19 were in French. The colporteur received generally a kindly welcome, and had full opportunity of speaking a word in season to those far removed from the ordinary means of grace. Donations to this Society of the extent of \$83.45 were received during this tour, from the shantymen—a good indication of their appreciation of Mr. Mackenzie's visits.

Mr. Day made a similar tour among the shanties on the Gatineau and its tributaries, and was well received generally by the men. He went up the river about 200 miles and sold 82 bibles and testaments, 30 of which were in French. He also received donations for this Society to the extent of \$46.90. In a tour which Mr. Day subsequently made up the river Lievre he found a large proportion of Irish Roman Catholics among the men, and did not meet with so much encouragement in his work. Still he was able to sell 56 copies of the scriptures, 9 of which were in French.

ISSUES FROM THE DEPOSITORY.—4935 of which 1427 French, and 15 in German. The total number of copies circulated by the Ottawa Auxiliary up to the present date is 40,153.

FINANCES.—The Treasurer's account, which will be printed in full, gives the best idea of our exact financial position. It may, however, be stated that our income, including the balance of \$2,193.92 on hand at the beginning of the year, is \$5,986.14. The sum of \$1,992.75 has been received from our branches, and \$124.85 from shanties. Our city collections have amounted to \$739.91. The cash handed over by the Depository to the Treasurer, as the result of sales, after deducting expenses, is \$739.91. It is gratifying to observe that the receipts both from the city and from the branches show an advance on the preceding year.

The total expenditures for the year have been \$3,854.41. £450 sterling or \$2,198.74, were remitted to the Parent Society. £50 sterling were sent as a free contribution, and £400 sterling on purchase account. There has been paid for colporteurs \$1,045.00. For agency, printing and incidental expenses there has been expended the sum of \$523.44. The balance on hand is now \$2,131.73.