

REPORT FOR 1895.

The Committee have much pleasure in presenting the Fourth Annual Report of the transactions of the CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY of OTTAWA, which, they trust, will meet with the approbation of this Meeting.

During the year we imported from the English Society 431 bound volumes, 5,336 pamphlets, and 153 leaflets, of which 28 volumes and 2,907 pamphlets have been only just received, and as yet, have not been put into circulation. From the American Society we obtained 100 copies of a popular pamphlet, and from the "Columbus Press" we procured a number of copies of "Catholic and Protestant Countries Compared," by the eminent Paulist, Father Young, which met a ready sale. We have put into circulation 345 bound volumes 4,480 pamphlets and 1,326 leaflets, a total of 6,151 publications, making a grand aggregate of 31,547 publications circulated since the establishment of the Society, four years ago. We have now in stock 370 bound volumes 4,705 English pamphlets, 1,096 American pamphlets, 1,112 of our Ottawa series, 39 other pamphlets and 2,890 leaflets. It will be observed that our circulation last year was less than in that which preceded it, but the falling off is more apparent than real. While there has been a decrease in the number of separate publications, the volume of literature distributed has not diminished.

The depots have done fairly well, and to Miss Johanna Clark the Society is again indebted for the disposal of a large quantity of literature. During the year the experiment was tried of placing a box in St. Joseph's Church, containing a selection of books and pamphlets from which the public could help themselves and deposit the price in a compartment for that purpose. The venture has proved very successful, no fewer than 1,346 publications having thus been distributed, with receipts approximating \$30.