

towns and cities accessible by Rail, the Committee desire to express their thanks to the many kind friends who have shown him hospitality and in various ways promoted his work. They at least will have the gratification of reflecting on having been permitted to aid in a cause which means knowledge, peace, happiness, salvation to many, and many a soul.

With respect to the Depository the Committee have to report that the Sales of books during the year and the issues of papers and libraries for Schools have been exceedingly satisfactory as to numbers. The figures will be found in the full Report.

In connexion with their subject we would remind all our Sunday School friends that every effort is made to keep on hand the choicest books and papers suited for young people and School Libraries.

It is the duty of the Committee to inform the public that a change is about to be made in the management of the Depository. After eight years of diligent and faithful labour Mr. Muir, has resigned his position which will take effect in a little while, and we would here take the opportunity of expressing our sense of his ever careful conduct and kindly christian bearing, and we cherish the hope that he may be greatly blessed in the holy calling to which he is about to devote the residue of his life.

For the future the management of the Depository will be in the hands of Mr. Stacey, who is coming to us from the Kingston Tract and Bible Depot with commendations worthy of respect.

The financial position of the Union is its weakest point. The Treasurer's Report here appended shows a serious deficit. This unsatisfactory fact may be ascribed in part to the depression of the times, and in part to imperfect methods of city collection, and in part to insufficient interest in our work. Considering the wide sphere of our operations and the amazing good done in the rural districts by our agency, the business and missionary part of our enterprise are conducted on most economical principles. It is urgently desired that with deepened interest there may be a more steady and spontaneous flow of money towards our Treasury.

The record of one years labour and the demand for another years exertion are thus placed before you. It remains to be seen what prompt and generous response there will be to a claim so command-