

have been more than two hundred dollars in excess of the receipts. I had planned a Lecture-tour for this month and most of the next, but ill health has compelled me to postpone this effort for a short time. My presence in the Home, with far more strength than I possess, is much needed, too, at this our busiest season, and I appeal to the Christians of Halifax to come forward and aid this important work which is being carried on in their midst.

Out of the thirty thousand of our citizens, but few comparatively have shown any interest in the effort I am making to benefit our honorable friends in uniform. Of the funds which have supported my work since its commencement a year and a half ago, more than two thirds have been the result of liberality shown by the navy and army themselves, and of my own hard work by lecturing and by the sale of my pamphlets.

The work grows in interest and has been established long enough to enable me to make this appeal with more confidence than my former ones, since the public have now had abundant opportunities of understanding both the need, and the character of the work.

For want of sufficient funds, I have felt obliged myself to engage in much of the menial work of the Mission, which has necessarily occupied the precious time which I would fain have spent in more directly spiritual labor, and the pressure of these toils, added in the literary and other work which have crowded on me, have resulted in a state of weakened health, which hinders the advancement of that success for which I have striven.

Yet, hard toil, or sickness, will both be gladly welcomed, if only it may please God through my weakness to arouse a deeper interest in the hearts of His people in this most interesting enterprize.

In concluding the Report for this month, I therefore most earnestly entreat the prayers of God's own chil-

dren for the prosperity of this mission, and I ask their help, that they will put their prayers into practice.

To those who have aided me already with so much kindness, I tender my hearty thanks, and have often prayed that the Lord will graciously return them a hundred fold.

I have to acknowledge with gratitude the ready courtesy and help received from the Custom House Authorities, also from the proprietors of the Allan Line, and from Messrs. Cunard & Co., with respect to presents sent from England to the Home. And a word specially from the Editor of "Grand Rounds."

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Owing to the failure of my health, I find it advisable to postpone the next No. of the Magazine until the first of October. Our circulation at present is about 460; but in order to pay all expenses I need 660 subscribers, just two hundred more. Will our old subscribers kindly try to obtain new friends for us, as we on our part will try for ourselves. The first five numbers of "Grand Rounds" may be obtained of me; and I hope our united efforts will result in the full complement of subscribers when we appear again on October 1st.

A Loyal Compliment.

Francis Bassampierre, a General of the Swiss Guards in the service of Louis XIII., was confined in the Bastille for his caustic speeches. When, after ten year's imprisonment, he was liberated, Louis asked him his age, and he reported himself to be no more than fifty.

The king seeming surprized, Bassampierre added :

"Sire, I deduct from my age ten years passed in the Bastille, because I did not employ them in your service."