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THE Committee beg to submit the following statement of the operations of this Auxiliary Society during the past year, together with brief extracts from the Reports of Sister Societies engaged in the same great work.

The Kingston Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society occupies a contracted field, Gananoque on the East and Trenton to the West, having for some time past formed the limits of its operations. In this District there are but few towns large enough to support Branches, and therefore the employment of a salaried agent, devoting his entire time and attention to the work of the Society, has been found impossible. The Committee, on many accounts, have had cause deeply to regret this want, it being difficult to maintain intimate relations with Branches, and to afford them that constant aid which such organizations require, without such agency. The chief work of a travelling agent is to move constantly from place to place, holding public meetings, stimulating to increased activity the office-bearers and committees of Branches, and collecting subscriptions in aid of the work. In this way the claims of the Society are brought prominently before the inhabitants of towns and villages, and constant interest is maintained in the work of Bible circulation throughout the world.

While giving due weight to the advantages reaped from a system such as the above, the committee during the past year have been more deeply impressed than ever with the belief that in Canada, and especially in the District assigned to them, the work of colportage has the highest claims upon the care and attention of a Bible Society. Public meetings are very important, but these are attended as a general rule by the religious public, who are abundantly supplied with copies of the Word of God, and who have its claims upon their attention better enforced in their respective churches than is possible by an annual platform address, however eloquent. To supply destitute localities with the Bible, to place a copy in every family who will receive it, to bring under the influence of the Word of God the ignorant and the irreligious, such have been the chief aims of the Committee during the past year, and in carrying out these they trust they have not been unfaithful so far as their means and ability would permit.