

the last moment was prevented by sickness from fulfilling his engagement. The other, Mr. J. Burlangett, of Renfrew, has gone, as have the four already named, to visit the lumbering population in their shanties.

Whether all these colporteurs will be employed during the summer, the committee have not yet determined. Some of the branches have solicited visits from them. Similar applications from others will be taken as showing where they would be probably useful, and how many will be required for the summer service. For all that are sent out the committee bespeak the sympathy and hospitality of those among whom they go. They have heretofore received a great deal of kindness, for which thanks are due, and are hereby tendered.

We have next to tell of—

III. THE ISSUES FROM OUR DEPOSITORY.

These, for the year 1873, have been as follows:—

Bibles 2,619, New Test 2,892, Psalters 18, and portions 63. In all 5,592 copies, being 1054 more than last year. Of these issues, 178 were in French, 84 were in German, and one was in Polish. The gratuitous distribution was to the number of 280 copies, and the value of \$88.89. The entire number issued by the Auxiliary since its commencement now amounts to 50,283 copies.

Your committee have been at some pains to provide the Scriptures for travellers by river and by rail, in railway stations and in hotels. Ten of the branches have given their assistance in placing them in the hotels near them. May the word thus freely given bring comfort and salvation to many a heart.

FINANCES.—The income including last year's balance has been \$6,763.44. Of that amount we have received as free contributions from branches \$2,420.87; as donations from shanty men \$144.36; from the city collectors \$241.07; and as the proceeds of sales \$1,519.01. On the other hand there have been paid out as a free contribution to the Parent Society \$1,470.08; on purchase account \$1,352.14; for colportage \$1,500; for agency, expenses of Depository, printing, &c., \$624.95—making the total expenditure \$4,896.09, and leaving a balance of \$1,867.35. Among the receipts above mentioned there is included a grant of £50 stg. from the Parent Society, for which our grateful acknowledgments are due, also \$80 received as a legacy from the late Mr. Mackie, Marlborough, and \$40 a portion of a legacy from the late Mr. Robert Craig, Hopetown. The whole of the amount willed by Mr. Craig to the auxiliary could not be obtained in consequence of the inaccurate manner in which his will was drawn. It is proper to refer to this as a warning to any, who may wish to benefit the Society at their death, that they should adopt the form of bequest, which is prefixed to the printed report.

KINGSTON AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Kingston Auxiliary Bible Society was held in the City Hall last night. There was a pretty fair attendance. The Rev. Principal Snodgrass occupied the chair, and there were on the platform with him the Revs. Dr. Bell, Prof. Mowat, G. R. Sanderson, A. Wilson, G. Grafty, J. F. Porter, A. G. Knight, and Dr. H. Skinner.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. G. R. Sanderson, after which the Hundredth Psalm was sung.

The Chairman, Rev. Prof. Snodgrass, then made a few remarks, regretting that the President, the Rev. Mr. Dobbs was not present. The office-bearers would this evening indicate to some extent the operations of the Bible Society. The great watch-word of the society was progress. The work of the Kingston branch was not a large work, but the progress made was considerable.