

"I met with all kinds of opposition. I canvassed on four different roads and went five miles from home. I did all in my power to get as many subscribers as I could. I walked three miles from home this morning to get a lady to take a paper, but when I got there her husband would not let her take it. It is very hard times here this winter, but I succeeded in getting \$4.65 to send you for papers. I think I can get a much larger club next year, when the people see that the papers come all right."

THE DEPOSITORY.

Notwithstanding the general depression in business, there has been an encouraging advance in the sales from the Depository, the increase over the preceding year amounting to nearly \$2000, and in view of the reduced prices of our books indicating an increased circulation of about thirty per cent. This is due largely to the fact that we are now able to keep a much fuller and more varied stock of publications than at any former period. With the advantageous terms obtained from kindred Societies and private publishers, the larger resources and facilities at our command, and the consequent improvement in the stock of Publications, we hope that in the future there will be a yet wider diffusion of saving truth, and that the Depository will more and more become a centre, from which shall radiate all over these provinces the light of the gospel of Our Lord and Saviour.

AID OF FRIENDS.

We are greatly cheered and encouraged by the growing sympathy and active aid of an increasing number of friends of the cause. Mr. Melrose, of Edinburgh, has even exceeded his former liberality. During the past four years we have received from him, at greatly reduced prices, upwards of forty thousand volumes of the best books published for colportage. A friend in New Brunswick has generously proposed to give liberal aid towards the extension of the work in that Province. A colporteur has recently been commissioned, for whose support he provides. He designs adding several more as other engagements will permit him. He also hopes to enlist other friends of like spirit in the good work. 5,000 copies each of "Come to Jesus," and the "Sinner's Friend," were lately purchased by him for free distribution through ministers and home missionaries. We hope that with this most valuable and timely assistance, which has been provided in the good providence of God, Colportage in New Brunswick may soon be greatly extended. We most earnestly ask other friends of the cause whom the

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