

inhabitants of the surrounding country within our field seem to prefer purchasing the Scriptures in the City to doing so at the depots in the villages roundabout, hence our Branches now issue but few books, and the sales at the Depository exceed those of the year 1873 by 167 copies.

This Society, since its formation, has issued 88,927 copies of that Word which can alone make man wise unto salvation. Who can calculate the good that has sprung from this seed sown ?

COLPORTAGE.

The expectation expressed by the Committee in their last report that during 1874 they would be able "to send forth a messenger bearing the precious seed into such localities in our neighbourhood as still are in want of the Book of Books," unfortunately was not realised. The only colportage work that we have to report has been done by the Ladies' Bible Association. They employed Mr. Jack for four months in Bible selling and Bible reading. He sold 120 Bibles and 17 Testaments. His field of labour is mentioned in the Ladies' Report.

OUR BRANCHES.

First among these stands the *Kingston Ladies' Bible Association*. We have received their 25th Annual Report, in which a brief review is taken of their past history. The report says :—

"The chief object which lay before them, on entering upon their work, was to circulate the Bible throughout the City. Without desiring to congratulate themselves on having fulfilled their duty, they feel that they may humbly thank God that so little remains to be done of the special work assumed by them."

"Partly by the agency which they have been permitted to employ, and partly in consequence of the progress of the country in education, few families in Kingston now remain unsupplied with the Holy Scriptures. This fact, in some measure, has induced them of late to employ an agent for four or six months of each year, to visit the suburbs and surrounding parts of the City."

The Treasurer's statement shews the receipts for 1874 to have been \$147.58, the expenditure \$162.76, and the