

As before stated the most interesting part of the colportage of the year was Mr. Taylor's very successful work in Manitoulin and along the North Shore of Lake Huron. He first went to Parry Sound to consult with Mr. Ansley, the Secretary of the Branch there, whose thorough knowledge of that whole region and whose good advice Mr. Taylor found to be of much value to him. In his first report he says, "This has been a very hard month for me in climbing rocks and travelling through the bush." In the same report referring to one settlement he says, "This is a very small place and the people are very poor, but very willing to purchase Bibles and Testaments." Of course his gratuities were more frequent than in ordinary districts, and one Indian, to whom he gave an Ojibway Testament, was very marked in his expressions of gratitude, and Mr. Taylor was very hopeful that he would not only read it himself, but lead others also to find therein the Lord Jesus, the only Saviour. Almost everywhere the people expressed their thankfulness to the Society for sending a colporteur among them, and certainly the eagerness of their desire to possess the Holy Scriptures was shown by the fact that, notwithstanding their poverty, Mr. Taylor's success in selling Bibles to them has been both gratifying and surprising. During the winter Mr. Taylor has been working in the County of Wellington.

The work of visiting the Agricultural Shows was assigned to Mr. Jackson and he did it with good success, although hindered by sickness. He visited the Fairs at Toronto, Ingersoll, Stratford, St. Catharines, Welland, Otterville, Arkona, Erin, and Woodbridge. Owing to Mr. Jackson's illness, Mr. Taylor was sent to the Fairs at Belleville and Lindsay. Thanks are due to the officers of the Branches at all these places for securing good stands for the colporteurs and for otherwise helping them in their work. During the remainder of his time Mr. Jackson has been working in the Townships of Saugeen, Bruce, Kincardine, and Greenock.

Mr. Ness worked for the Society seven months during the year. Part of his time was spent in the County of Haldimand and part in the County of Peterborough. He was faithful and earnest in his work; but he found the claims of his family required his presence at home more frequently than was consistent with the calling of a colporteur; and in the month of January the Directors were obliged to accept his resignation.

Mr. Macfarlane's brief but interesting work in British Columbia has already been referred to. He spent seventeen days among the railway-men up the country, and fourteen days among the mining population near Nanaimo.

Extracts from the Agents' reports will be found on page 17.

FINANCES.

The receipts during the year has been as follows :—

Proceeds of Sales.....	\$9,554.05
Free Contributions, Subscriptions, Donations, and } Bequests.....	21,737.17
Ground Rents (Ketchum trust) and interest.....	255.26
	<hr/> \$31,546.48

The free contributions were for the following objects :—

To the Upper Canada Bible Society.....	\$13,380.93
“ British and Foreign Bible Society.....	8,136.19
“ Montreal Bible Society.....	29.00
“ Quebec Bible Society.....	191.05
	<hr/> \$21,737.17