

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

IN presenting the Fourteenth Annual Report of the British American Book and Tract Society, we record our grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for blessing us richly during the year. The Society has prospered in its work: to His holy Name be all the glory. At the close of last year the prospect was not very bright; but clouds have been dispersed, Christian friends have shown their sympathy, and we trust God has been glorified by the work of the year just closed. We are constrained to say: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Our special mission is to reach the lost and by God's grace to save them; to win the erring and lead them into the narrow way. By a fitting combination of faithful personal effort, and the circulation of the Scriptures and practical, pointed truth contained in the thousands of other choice publications placed in the homes of our people, great good is certain to be accomplished. We are very glad to find that our Secretary, from his 3,500 miles of travel through the Maritime Provinces is able to report marked unanimity of opinion as to the value and efficiency of the Society's Home Mission Work. Our friends have given practical expression to their appreciation of our efforts in the shape of donations, so that we are able to report \$3401.53 received during the year, as compared with \$2374.55 for 1880. This amount comprises offerings from 1933 persons, only one large donation of \$200 being included. Our warmest thanks are due to the many friends who have aided us.

Although the staff of Colporteurs employed was smaller than in many previous years, yet in the aggregate a large amount of work has been done through their instrumentality. The saving in expenditure for Colportage, coupled with increased donations, has resulted, as elsewhere stated, in reducing the debt due by the Colportage account.

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In our last report we alluded to the resignation of the Rev. A. McBean. For various reasons it was not deemed advisable to fill the

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