

in the other branches throughout the province, a large increase in sales at the Halifax Bible Depository, while in 1894 the sales at the Depository amounted to \$819.59, an increase over the sales of 1893, while free grants for poor persons and institutions amounted to \$22.15. Our treasurer's account for 1894 is not closed till Feb. 16th, 1895, so that we cannot yet report our income for 1894, but the Committee hope that our income will exhibit a steady and large increase, aided by a liberal collection this evening. We urge the churches in the city and branches in the country to send in promptly their contributions to the treasurer.

The travelling secretary, Mr. MacKelvie, is assiduous in his efforts to promote the efficiency of all the branches of the Nova Scotia Bible Society throughout the province. He writes: "I have now finished my visitation of the Nova Scotia branches, and in reviewing my rounds I think that I am justified in saying that the Bible Society is still deep in the hearts of our Christian people, and the utmost confidence is placed in the wisdom and integrity of its administration in every department of its world wide work. I am not yet in a position to know whether our income will exceed or come short of last year. Some branches show commendable growth and some decrease owing to failure of some industries. I have formed two new branches at River John and Canso, and hope soon to hear of two new branches at Shag Harbor and New Dublin."

The committee acknowledge with thanks the services of the numerous collectors, and hope that they will persevere and be aided by many others. While the widely extended operations of Christian benevolence have called into existence many new societies, since ninety years ago the Bible Society began its good work, this is no reason for ceasing to support with energy and zeal the cause of Bible circulation, but rather an argument for diffusing more generally that Word of God which by revealing his love gives an abiding motive for all Christian and benevolent efforts, and promotes their efficiency and permanence."

The Bible Society, with other religious societies and the whole community, have to mourn the recent death of Hon. S. L. Shannon, who for forty years was associated with our work, first as a member of the committee, then as secretary, and finally as president. With intelligence and zeal, most cordially and faithfully he discharged his duties as an officer of this Society, and continued in harness as long as health and strength permitted. Though constrained four years ago to retire from the presidency, he followed the work with unabated interest; we had the benefit of his warm Christian sympathies and his ardent prayers. As one by one God's workmen are removed from His church and join the blessed company of the spirits of the just and made