

## THE BOOK AND PAPER MISSION.

The work of receiving and distributing books to new and needy schools has been continued, though under difficulties, no room being provided for the work. As the apartment in the house of one of our members, which has been used thus far, is no longer available, we desire that some accommodation be furnished elsewhere.

There were sent out during the year, from October, 1886, to the present time, about 400 books of 50,000 pages and 13,000 illustrated papers, aggregating 65,000 pages. If a small fund were at the disposal of the Committee to defray the cost of repairs, packing, postage, etc., this work could be made much more beneficent. A little help to a new or struggling school is often the means of new life and earnestness, and it is all important to keep the poorer schools in a state of thorough efficiency. Applications have been on file for many months for books for such schools, but we have not been able to supply them, and as the purchase of new books by them is out of the question, the attractive feature of reading matter is lacking, and the schools suffer in consequence. Since this work was begun, some four years ago, there have been sent out some 3,900 books, aggregating 12,000 pages, and about 43,000 papers of 162,000 pages. On "Home Mission Day" several schools introduced the feature of taking up a collection of papers from the scholars, and it was pleasing to observe the liberal responses.

## HOME MISSION DAY.

In order that the schools might enter heartily and intelligently into the plan of a simultaneous collection, Sunday, March 27th (the last day of the quarter, which is usually devoted to some special programme), was named as "Home Mission Day," and 17,000 extra copies of *Our Own Paper* were issued, containing matter specially prepared for the occasion. These papers were circulated in about 300 of our schools. Although the day was very stormy and wet throughout the whole Province, the enthusiasm was unbounded, and the reports show that a new interest has been created in the work of home missions, and a new idea has been planted in our school life which is destined to produce abundant and important results in the coming years. In 120 of our schools the day was observed, and the collection amounted to \$467.51. Although this was a considerable falling off from the "Home Mission Day," held last year, when 160 schools joined, and the sum of \$650 was raised, it must be borne in mind that many schools close during the winter months and do not re-open until April or May.

## FOREIGN MISSION DAY.

Your Committee have made arrangements for holding a "Foreign Mission Day" on the last Sunday in November (27th), when a special number of *Our Own Paper* will be issued, containing portraits of the mis-

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