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THE proceedings of this Branch of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge during the past year, although not so extensive as in some former years, have been attended with results of a more cheering character than in that which immediately preceded it. The amount of subscriptions has not decreased; and when the extreme pressure of the times is considered—a pressure from which no class of society is exempt—the Committee feel that they have no reason to complain, but on the contrary much to be thankful. It is true that there has been a slight decrease in the number of books issued from the Repository during the year; but this is easily accounted for by the present low state of the stock on hand. In compliance with an order sent to the Secretary of the Parent Society early in June, Books to the value of £144 10s. 7d. Stg. were shipped in the Iona, which sailed early in September. This vessel was unfortunately wrecked at St. Esprit, Cape Breton, on the 20th of last October. The Books were however insured, and the Committee lost no time in conveying to their Agent in London, information of the shipwreck, with instructions to recover under the policy of insurance. Although no loss has therefore been sustained, yet considerable temporary inconvenience has been occasioned by the non-arrival of the books, and to this event must be traced the cause of the decrease in the number issued during the past year, there having been during that period, a great deficiency