

BIBLE CIRCULATION.

From the National Bible Society of Scotland during 1885 we imported 3065 Bibles and 1818 Testaments, and from the British and Foreign Bible Society, 1022 Bibles and 6800 Testaments. Included in the latter were 5000 penny Testaments, which we dispose of for three cents each :—a marvel of cheapness.

GRANTS RECEIVED.

Our thanks are due to the National Bible Society of Scotland, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the Religious Tract Society of London, for favorable terms for Bibles and books for Colportage. To the Religious Tract Society of London our thanks are also due for a free grant of tracts. Drummond's Tract Depot made us a grant of 500 copies of "Good News" and 500 copies "Gospel Trumpet," monthly, and also a grant of temperance tracts.

We are indebted to the *Morning Chronicle* and *Morning Herald* of Halifax, and to the *Telegraph*, *Sun*, and *Globe* of St. John, and many other papers, for friendly notices of our work. Also, to the Allan Line of Steamships for continued kindness in carrying our packages free of freight.

OUR OFFER OF BOOKS

to those who could repeat the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, resulted in 550 prizes being granted.

PERIODICALS FOR THE YOUNG.

We regret to note that as compared with the earlier years of our Society, there has been a marked falling off in the number of Sunday School periodicals issued by us. The receipts from that source in 1885 were \$1535.24. In comparing the literary value of the English with the issues of the United States press, the excellence of the former is apparent both in the letter press and in the artistic illustrations which embellish them. Probably the cheapness of the latter may have contributed to their extended circulation in the Maritime Provinces.

We ask those about to order to send for samples and price list, and if on inspection the papers are approved, it will afford us pleasure to