

DEPOSITORY.

Another year's experience has only served to justify the changes made last year with a view to increasing the utility of this department. The Secretary-Treasurers report that, on assuming office, they proceeded to estimate the value of the stock of books on hand, and that it was found to be \$826.50. With the sum voted by your Board, in December, 1866, they have been enabled to adopt a system of cash payments for all new purchases,—thus securing the whole of the advantages offered by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. They believe the Depository is now placed on a firm commercial basis, and will in future be found self-supporting. They hardly dare, however, to anticipate any very great increase of revenue. But whilst your Board thankfully report the apparent appreciation in Quebec of the books on sale at the Depository, they desire to express their regret that they have hitherto been unable to extend similar advantages to those parts of the Diocese where they are most needed. It appears to your Board worthy of consideration, that whilst cheap literature of a most objectionable character is readily accessible, Churchmen in the more remote districts of the Province are, in many cases, almost without opportunity of procuring for themselves or their children works of a more wholesome kind, and not inconsistent with the principles of their Church. In the districts of Gaspé and St. Francis, branch Depositories have been opened. With the latter the Depository Committee are now in correspondence, in the hope of securing the services of a Colporteur for a few months during the winter in the St. Francis district.

The sales for the past year have been as follows:—

Bibles, 88; Prayer Books, 297; Testaments, Tracts, and miscellaneous publications, \$296.63. Total sales, \$506.77.