

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

For twenty-one years the British American Book and Tract Society has carried on its beneficent and truly Christian work. Who can tell how much has been accomplished during these years by the dissemination of the truth in the printed page, by the diffusion of pure and elevating Christian literature, and especially by the circulation of the Holy Scriptures? During those twenty-one years the Committee has had the sympathy, the substantial support, and the earnest prayers of tens of thousands of godly men and women throughout these Provinces. Gifts have flowed into the treasury from men of all evangelical denominations; and we have been honoured of God to be helpful to all and hurtful to none. The work of the Society has been carried on with signal economy, with prudence, and with a single eye to the glory of God and the good of men.

A few statistics of our twenty-one years' work will be of interest. There have been received in donations, \$81,902.97; years of colportage, 237; number of colporteurs employed, 184; number of miles travelled, 443,975; value of volumes circulated, \$251,074.81; families that had no Bibles and who were supplied with Bibles, 2,830; distributed gratuitously by colporteurs, \$18,359.23 worth.

At the close of our twenty-first year we may well raise our voices in thanksgiving to Him who has led us—whose we are, and whom we serve. This work is His. Committees, colporteurs, all agencies are humble instruments in His beneficent hands.

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Last year, as in other years, we have had our share of trials, discouragements, and difficulties. But our blessings and encouragements have far exceeded. The Divine favor has shone upon all our pathway, and tidings reach us from all directions of good seed sown and of harvest fruits already garnered.