

BRANCHES.—These now number forty-six, being two more than last year. One has taken the place of the Havelock and Litchfield Association, and is styled the Bryson Branch ; and at Fort Coulonge a similar change for the better has been made in the society there.

To strengthen our connection with our branches it appears desirable that we should cultivate a closer intimacy with them, and keep them more fully informed as to what is being done in our special department of labour. In order to do this, a letter or other publication descriptive of it, might be occasionally, and with propriety, issued.

COLPORTAGE.—During the year four colporteurs have been employed. Messrs. McKenzie and Day for little more than ten months ; Mr. E. Toshack for five months ; and Mr. D. Sloan for two months.

The three first-named visited upwards of a hundred lumbering establishments in the bush, where they came in contact with well nigh 3,000 men. They and the last named visited families in the following localities, viz. : Wright, Northfield, Hincks, Lowe, Aylmer, Hu'll, Eardley, Onslow, Burgess, Bathurst, Drummond, Lanark, Dalhousie, Elmsley, Darling, Russell, Cumberland, Osgoode, Gloucester, Westmeath, Broniley, McNab, Litchfield, Clarendon, Pembroke, Wilberforce, Alice, Horton, Ramsay, Whitelake, Palmerston, Lavant, Huntley, Fitzroy, and the City of Ottawa with its suburbs.

To show what they accomplished, the following tabular statement may be added :

	Visits to Families and Shanties.	Volumes Sold.	Received for Sales.
Mr. A. McKenzie	1360	1076	\$477 35
" S. Day	1434	1180	373 06
" E. Toshack	735	645	239 23
" D. Sloan	650	260	102 09
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Their reports are chiefly occupied with the daily records of the facts thus summarily given. Interesting incidents are occasionally interspersed.

Mr. McKenzie tells of meeting an Indian, who was interested in his mission, and handed him a subscription to the funds of the society ; and of another Indian, who was eager to purchase and read the Scriptures ; and of a youth, to whom he had given a Testament two years before with an advice to learn to read it, who gladly assured him he could now read and prize its contents. He proved that he had been reading to purpose. Mr. McKenzie also speaks of instances of destitution which he encountered. In one day, and in a neighbourhood where access to a Bible depository was easy, he found four so-called Protestant families absolutely without the sacred volume.

Mr. Day finds he has cause to complain of priests burning some of the books that he had formerly distributed ; but that he has still greater reason to deplore the neglect with which nominal Protestants treat the volume which they profess to regard as divinely inspired. He was specially encouraged by the assurance, which one man gave him, that words, which he had years before addressed to him, had induced him to seek after truth, and that he had found it, and the peace of believing.

Messrs. Toshack and Sloan are in a great measure new to the work, but the commencement which they have made has been very auspicious. The former visited the raftsmen as they were passing down the river, and was gratified by the friendly reception which they generally extended to him. Both went from house to house over a considerable part of the city, and adjacent districts, and disposed of 650 volumes. Your committee had arranged for the employment of other two labourers this winter ; but one of them at