

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BRITISH AMERICAN

BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY

ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT

HALIFAX, FEB. 11, 1878.

"BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW THAT YE ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YE HAVE LOVE ONE TO ANOTHER."

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Notice Respecting Bequests to the Society.

The friends of Christ are earnestly requested to remember the Society in their last will and testament. They can thus aid in spreading abroad a knowledge of his salvation when they themselves shall have passed hence, and entered into the full possession of it.

The attention of all persons who may contemplate making Bequests is respectfully called to the following section:—

I. VICTORIA, chap. 36, sec. 9.

“And be it further enacted, That no will shall be valid unless it shall be in writing, and executed in manner hereinafter mentioned, (that is to say), it shall be signed at the foot or end thereof by the Testator, or by some other person in his presence and by his direction: and such signature shall be made or acknowledged by the Testator in the presence of two or more Witnesses present at the same time; and such Witnesses shall attest and shall subscribe the Will in the presence of the Testator; but no form of attestation shall be necessary.”

N. B.—Wills executed prior to the 1st January, 1838, are not affected by the New Act; but any alteration therein, or Codicil thereto, must be executed in the manner before mentioned.

Form of a Bequest to the Society.

I give and bequeath to the “British American Book and Tract Society,” instituted in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the year 1867, the sum of _____ Dollars, to be paid out of my personal Estate to the Treasurer for the time being, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

Bequests may be general, and left to the discretion of the Committee to be disposed of as they may consider best; or special, to be applied to any one of the following schemes, viz. :—Colportage,—Gratuitous distribution among the destitute,—the Publication Fund or Capital,—or for providing a Building for the Society.

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TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

British American Book and Tract Society.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Halifax, Monday evening February 11th, at eight o'clock, P. M., the President Thos. A. Brown, Esq., in the chair.

After singing the hymn,—

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall,

and reading the 19th Psalm, the Rev. John Forrest led the meeting in prayer.

The President earnestly commended the Society in a few introductory remarks.

An Abstract of the Annual Report was read by the Secretary.

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. Geo. W. Hill, Ph. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, seconded by the Hon. S. L. Shannon, Q. C., and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Annual Report, an abstract of which has been read, be adopted and printed under the direction of the Executive Committee, and that we render devout thanks to Almighty God for His great goodness and manifold mercies in guiding, sustaining, and prospering the work of this Society during the past ten years.

“Sowing the seed by the daylight fair,” was sung, after which the following resolution on Colportage was moved by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, Pastor of Granville Street Baptist Church, seconded by the Rev. Allan Simpson, of Poplar Grove Presbyterian Church, and adopted:—

Resolved, That the development and results of Union Missionary Colportage, as conducted by this Society for the last ten years, prove it to be peculiarly fitted to advance the interests of true religion, especially in the sparsely settled districts of these

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Provinces, where the privileges of pastoral oversight and gospel ordinances are but rarely enjoyed, and where pure evangelical literature is not within easy reach; and that we earnestly ask from the Christian community such increased aid and support as shall enable the Society to accomplish more fully the work for which it has been instituted.

After this resolution had been heartily endorsed,

“I love to tell the story”

was sung, and a collection in aid of Colportage was taken up.

Moved by D. Blackwood, Esq., seconded by Joseph Bell, Esq., Sheriff, that the following constitute the Board of Directors for the current year, viz:—

President.—Thos. A. Brown.

Vice-Presidents.—Rev. Geo. W. Hill, Halifax; Rev. John Forrest, do; Rev. E. M. Saunders, do; James B. Morrow, Esq., do; Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong, St. John, N. B.; LeBaron Botsford, Esq., M. D., do; Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., Wolfville; Hon. Chas. Young, LL. D., Charlottetown; Sir Hugh Hoyles, Chief Justice, St. John's, N. F.; John Munn, Esq., Harbor Grace, N. F.; Hon. S. L. Shannon, Q. C., Halifax.

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The singing of the Doxology closed one of the most interesting and successful meetings the Society has ever held.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

God has graciously prospered the work of the Society during the past year. There has been an encouraging increase in the receipts from sales and donations. The efforts made for the extension of colportage have been crowned with success. New and valuable friends have been raised up who will give liberal support in the future.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The Receipts for the year ending December 31st, 1877, have been, in donations and subscriptions \$4,616.30 (of which \$2,276.85 has been contributed towards Capital Fund); for Store Sales (including \$2,849.90 for Periodicals) \$15,192.81; for Colporteur Sales \$6,982.80; from other sources, \$160.50. Total resources of the year, including \$199.93 balance in the Treasury, January 1st, \$27,152.34.

The Expenditures have been: for Publications, \$17,763.53; Colportage, \$3,084.89; all other expenses, as per items in the Treasurer's Report, \$6,303.92.

GRATUITOUS DISTRIBUTION.

About 200,000 Tracts and Religious Papers have been given away gratuitously during the year. The Young Men's Christian Associations of Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, Pictou, Yarmouth, and other places have received supplies for distribution among seamen and other destitute classes. Ministers of the Gospel, Home Missionaries and other Christian laborers have had grants made to them. The Humane Institutions of Halifax have been supplied. The colporteurs distributed among the destitute large numbers of tracts, also small books and Bibles. One colporteur writes that a Bible given to a Roman Catholic woman was instrumental in her conversion.

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PERIODICALS.

This department includes:—1, The Religious Magazines, such as the "Sunday at Home," "Sunday Magazine," "Christian Treasury," "Family Treasury," etc.; 2, Cheap papers for families and Sabbath Schools, many of them beautifully illustrated, as the Cottager and Artisan, the British Workman, the British Workwoman, the British Messenger, the Child's Companion, the Children's Friend, the Band of Hope, the Child's Paper, and many others, all of great excellence; 3, Periodicals and Lesson Papers containing notes, questions and other useful matter on the International Series of S. School Lessons, as helps for teachers and children in the S. Schools. Their circulation is increasing from year to year.

This is a very important department of our work. Christian writers of the best talents, both in Great Britain and the United States, are engaged in the preparation of these publications. The reading matter and the illustrations are most admirable. Their cheapness places them within the reach of all. A large amount of the best and most instructive reading is thus widely disseminated at a remarkably cheap rate. Since the formation of the Society, at least two and a half millions of these Periodicals have been circulated. The thanks of the Society are due to the many friends who have done so much in promoting the circulation of these publications from year to year. Their continued aid is respectfully solicited. There is abundant room also for a large increase of effort on the part of others. There are many villages and neighborhoods where subscribers could be obtained by persevering effort on the part of those desirous of doing good. Whoever helps to place these excellent publications in the homes of their neighbors will have the satisfaction of at the same time doing positive good and counteracting evil. "The quantity of pernicious literature issuing from the press and spreading its poison through the land is appalling. The best way to keep down and kill the bad seed, is to occupy the ground with good."

The following extract from a letter from one who has undertaken to procure subscribers shows a spirit of earnest perseverance in well-doing, worthy of imitation:

"I met with all kinds of opposition. I canvassed on four different roads and went five miles from home. I did all in my power to get as many subscribers as I could. I walked three miles from home this morning to get a lady to take a paper, but when I got there her husband would not let her take it. It is very hard times here this winter, but I succeeded in getting \$4.65 to send you for papers. I think I can get a much larger club next year, when the people see that the papers come all right."

THE DEPOSITORY.

Notwithstanding the general depression in business, there has been an encouraging advance in the sales from the Depository, the increase over the preceding year amounting to nearly \$2000, and in view of the reduced prices of our books indicating an increased circulation of about thirty per cent. This is due largely to the fact that we are now able to keep a much fuller and more varied stock of publications than at any former period. With the advantageous terms obtained from kindred Societies and private publishers, the larger resources and facilities at our command, and the consequent improvement in the stock of Publications, we hope that in the future there will be a yet wider diffusion of saving truth, and that the Depository will more and more become a centre, from which shall radiate all over these provinces the light of the gospel of Our Lord and Saviour.

AID OF FRIENDS.

We are greatly cheered and encouraged by the growing sympathy and active aid of an increasing number of friends of the cause. Mr. Melrose, of Edinburgh, has even exceeded his former liberality. During the past four years we have received from him, at greatly reduced prices, upwards of forty thousand volumes of the best books published for colportage. A friend in New Brunswick has generously proposed to give liberal aid towards the extension of the work in that Province. A colporteur has recently been commissioned, for whose support he provides. He designs adding several more as other engagements will permit him. He also hopes to enlist other friends of like spirit in the good work. 5,000 copies each of "Come to Jesus," and the "Sinner's Friend," were lately purchased by him for free distribution through ministers and home missionaries. We hope that with this most valuable and timely assistance, which has been provided in the good providence of God, Colportage in New Brunswick may soon be greatly extended. We most earnestly ask other friends of the cause whom the

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VISIT OF THE SECRETARY TO GREAT BRITAIN.

In the last report it was stated that the Committee had decided on an effort in behalf of the "Capital Fund," among the friends of colportage in Great Britain, by a visit of the Secretary under the auspices of friends there, trusting that by the Divine blessing the results would enable us to extend more widely the benefits of colportage. We are very thankful to record that the Divine blessing has been granted and that the effort has proved successful. Mr. McBean was very kindly received by Christian friends in England and Scotland. The most cordial thanks of the Committee are due to the Committees and Secretaries of the Religious Tract Society, London, of the Religious Tract and Book Society of Scotland, (Edinburgh and Glasgow), of the National Bible Society of Scotland, Edinburgh and Glasgow, to Mr. and Mrs. John Melrose, of Edinburgh, the Hon. Arthur and Mrs. Kinnaird, London, Robert Paton, Esq., Honorary Secretary of the "Christian Colportage Association for England," for the valuable assistance so kindly given to our Secretary; and to all the friends who contributed towards the fund for the enlargement of our colportage operations.

The following letters endorsing the Society's work were given to Mr. McBean to assist him in his appeals to friends:—

56 PATERNOSTER ROW, Feby. 13th, 1877.

The Committee of the "RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY" have been well acquainted with the operations of the "BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY" since its reorganization in 1867, and have always been glad to be able, from time to time, to help its work by grants of Tracts and other publications. They are able to bear hearty testimony to it as a Society which is engaged in a most important work, and which employs an agency specially adapted to the scattered population of the parts of British America in which its operations are chiefly carried on.

They have always had the greatest satisfaction in the correspondence carried on with the Society through the Rev. A. MACBEAN, and they can cordially commend him to the sympathy and support of their friends.

S. MANNING, LL.D., }
LEWIS BORRETT WHITE, M.A., } Secretaries

"RELIGIOUS TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND."

EDINBURGH, Feby. 19th, 1877.

Having had opportunity of inspecting the stock of the "British American Tract Society" in their Depository at Halifax, of meeting members of the Board of Directors, of making particular inquiry in regard to the principles on which the affairs of the Society are conducted, and of making the acquaintance of the Rev. A. MACBEAN, the Secretary, I have the fullest confidence in commending the Society to the sympathy and liberality of the Christian Public. No better organization of a missionary character exists in British America, and none that is more likely in the future to do greater good, if only it be adequately assisted by those who may be fairly looked to for support.

In that part of the British Dominions, as in every other part of the civilized world, men are every year betaking themselves more and more to the press for the day's intellectual stimulus and sustenance. A great responsibility is thereby laid on Christian men, to see that a literature which is full of Christ is carried in a Christian spirit to the homes of the people, and pressed on their attention with a view to their spiritual welfare.

Believing that the "British American Tract Society" has a great work to do, I desire most earnestly to commend it to the consideration of Christian friends.

WILLIAM GILLIES, Gen'l. Secy.

FREE CHURCH COLLEGE,

GLASGOW, Feby. 23rd, 1877.

My Dear Sir,—As President of the Religious Tract and Book Society of Scotland, I feel deeply interested in the operations of the "British American Book and Tract Society." Last year the Rev. GEO. M. GRANT, of Halifax, was present at a meeting of our Committee, and I well remember the stirring account which he gave us of the important operations of that Society. Our excellent Secretary, Mr. GILLIES, has made himself very thoroughly acquainted with their operations, and has spoken and written of them in highly recommendatory terms.

And though from my absence on duty in this city, I had not the pleasure of meeting you in Edinburgh, friends have written to me so warmly about yourself and your mission to this country, that I cannot but regret having missed the opportunity of making your personal acquaintance. I do sincerely trust that your mission will be successful, since the importance and value of the work in which your Society is engaged can scarcely be over-estimated. Assuredly it will be so, if thoughtful Christian men, after receiving your weighty statements, come to see the object in the same light in which I do myself.

Wishing you, therefore, abundant success,

Yours very truly,

ALEXANDER DUFF.

The Presbytery of Glasgow (United Presbyterian Church), having heard the claims of the Society presented by the Secretary, Mr. MACBEAN, on motion by the Rev. Dr. GEORGE JEFFREY, unanimously agreed to recommend the Society to the Churches under its care.

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The sum of £477.17 stg. was received towards the "Capital Fund." Mr. Melrose has since kindly remitted £60 in aid of colportage, and the National Bible Society £40. The Committee of the Religious Tract Society having heard Mr. McBean's statement very generously agreed to make such arrangements with our Society as will be a great help and encouragement in the further prosecution and extension of the work. The National Bible Society, in addition to most favorable arrangements for Bibles, kindly voted £10 annually for three years, towards the support of each of five new colporteurs. The above valuable aid has placed the Society in a much better position than in any former period. Four colporteurs have been added to the number of laborers, and we hope that during the present year there will be a still greater increase.

THE STATISTICS OF COLPORTAGE

For the year are as follows:—Six colporteurs were in commission January 1, 1877. Twelve in all have been employed in the course of the year, the aggregate time of their service being six years, eleven months and two days. They travelled 9576 miles and made 18128 family visits, in 5914 of which they read the Scriptures, conversed on personal religion or prayed with those visited. Their sales of Bibles and religious books among those families amounted to \$6982.80, and their gratuitous distribution of Bibles, books and Tracts to \$529.55. They held or took part in 368 prayer or other religious meetings.

Mr. H. Sterns, Colporteur in Halifax City, labored 7 months and 18 days, principally on the wharves among seamen, in the markets among strangers, in hotels and workshops. He distributed by sale about six hundred dollars worth of books, including 629 Bibles and 197 Testaments, besides large numbers of tracts gratuitously.

STATISTICS OF COLPORTAGE FOR TEN YEARS.

During the ten years of the Society's history, there have been seventy colporteurs employed, the aggregate time of their services being nearly ninety-six years. They travelled about 160,000 miles and made 239,176 family visits. They distributed in the homes of those families Bibles, Religious Books and Tracts amounting to \$103,022.31, of which more than \$7000 worth was given away gratuitously. They found 1077 families

destitute of the Scriptures and supplied them. They had personal religious conversation, reading of the Scriptures or prayer in 99804 of the family visits made by them and held or took part in 6149 Prayer and other Religious Meetings.

In addition to this circulation by Colportage the sales from the Depository during ten years have been, of Periodicals \$31,018.83 ; of Bibles, Religious Books and Tracts, \$86,635.30. Total sales \$213,608.85. The total gratuitous circulation through Colporteurs and from the Depository has been upwards of \$12000.

For ten years God has graciously watched over this Society and its laborers, guided and prospered their efforts and crowned them with success. It was founded in faith and prayer and its operations have been carried on in the same spirit. Some of the friends and associates who took part in its organization and early operations have been called to their rest,—including the first President, and two Directors, Messrs. A. K. Doull and C. D. Hunter, also two members who gave liberal support in founding it, Miss I. B. Cogswell and Mr. Edward Jost.

The work which was begun in weakness and with fear and trembling, yet with faith and hope and trust in the God of Grace and Providence, by the Divine help and blessing has grown from year to year. Its beneficent influences are extending more and more over these Provinces. During these ten years many destitute neighborhoods have been explored ; hundreds of families without a page of God's word have been supplied, while thousands of other families having only a single copy of the Scriptures and a few pages of religious truth have been more adequately provided for. One hundred and fifty thousand copies of the Word of God and millions of other publications full of Gospel truth have been scattered among the homes of the people. Parents have been aided in teaching and training their children. Sabbath Schools have been organized. Teachers have been instructed and stimulated in their work. Home Missionaries, Young Men's Christian Associations, and other laborers in the cause of our common Lord, have been furnished with weapons of warfare. Ministers of the Gospel have been assisted in their studies and their pastoral labors by the publications that have been brought within their reach by the Depository. The cause of the Bible has been aided, not only by a wider diffusion of the Scriptures but also by the circulation of tens of thousands of valuable helps in the study of God's word. The temperance cause has

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REQUEST FOR PRAYER.

We renew our request for prayer on behalf of the Society, its office bearers, colporteurs and tract distributors; that their hearts may be filled with the love of Christ and animated with His Spirit; that divine guidance and support may be granted in conducting its operations, and that the truth disseminated may be accompanied with the saving, sanctifying power of God. Will the readers of this, who pray for the prosperity of Zion, bear this work on their hearts before the throne of the Heavenly Grace?

Previous to the inauguration of the Society's work, at a meeting of the Executive Committee held Nov. 11th, 1867, it was "Resolved that God's people throughout our land be requested to offer up earnest prayer in behalf of the Society, in public and private on Sabbath, Dec. 1st." We have good reason to believe that prayer has been answered, and now starting afresh in the work God has committed to us we renew our request.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.—There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.—Prov. xi, 24.

God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. ix, 7.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.—Isai. lv, 10-11.

STATISTICS OF COLPORTAGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1877.

NOVA SCOTIA.

NAME.	COUNTY.	Time devoted to Society's service.		No. miles travelled.	Cash received for sales.		Value of books, Bibles, &c. in trade.		No. of public meetings addressed and prayers held.	No. families destitute of all religious books except the Bible.	No. Prot. fam. destitute of the Bible.	No. fam. of Roman Catholics visited.	No. of Prot. fam. who habitually neglect attending even 1 piece.	No. of fam. conversed with on personal religion, or prayed with.	Whole number of family visits.
		Month.	Days.		Dols.	Cts.	Dols.	Cts.							
James Morrison.	Colchester, Hants and Pictou....	12	..	2070	965 87	74	80	9	..	..	13	..	2440	3555
Chas. Skinner..	Kings, Annapolis and Digby....	11	22	2634	1033 57	99	37	24	..	..	30	6	662	4464
Mathew Lodge...	Cumberland and Westmo'land, N.B.	8	4	1135	477 15	79	91	87	2	11	..	35	1318
John H. Piers..	Guysborough, Antigonish & Pictou	10	13	1554	876 24	70	57	90	..	..	72	8	839	1726
J. C. Kempton..	Lunenburg and Queens.....	2	..	455	160 38	10	97	5	8	6	50	64	152	688	
John Campbell..	Cape Breton....	8	13	....	464 03	9	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	520
Henry Sterns....	Halifax City....	7	18	..	603 00	10	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		60	10	7848	4688 76	355	12	215	8	8	176	78	5028	12271	

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

R. D. Ross.....	P. E. Island.....	3	7	....	242 39	10	79	14	....	..	..	2	....	4	763
Henry Secord ..	" " " " " " " "	1	..	....	108 75	69	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	90	100

Queens.....	2	455	160	38	10	97	5	8	6	50	64	152	688
Cape Breton.....	8	13	464	03	9	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	520
Halifax City.....	7	18	603	00	10	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	60	10	7848	4688	76355	12215	8	8	176	78	5028	12271	

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

R. D. Ross.....	3	7	242	39	10	79	14	.....	2	.....	4	763
Henry Secord ..	1	..	108	75	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	100
Total	4	7	351	14	11	48	14	.....	2	.....	94	863

NEWFOUNDLAND.

J. A. Hubley....	5	15	321	18	31	07	15	111	3	118	.....	1086	2412
Daniel McKay..	2	17	334	57	23	91	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	180	230
Total	8	02	655	75	54	98	125	111	3	118	1216	2642

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Joseph Tweedy..	10	13	1728	1357	15	107	97	14	1	7	576	2422
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Summary Statistics.

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Newfoundland...	8	02	655	75	54	98	125	111	3	118	1216	2642	
New Brunswick..	10	13	1728	1357	15	107	97	14	1	7	576	2422
Total	83	32	9576	6982	80529	05	368	119	12	303	78	5914	18198	

SUMMARY OF COLPORTAGE FOR TEN YEARS.

	Time charged to Society's service.		No. miles travelled.	Cash received for sales.		Value of grants of books, Bibles and tracts.		No. public meetings addressed & prayers or meetings held.	No. families destitute of all religious books except the Bible.	No. Prot. fam. destitute of the Bible.	No. families of Roman Catholics visited.	No. Pro. families who habitually neglect attending evangelical preaching.	No. of families converted with personal religion, or prayed with.	Whole number of family visits.
	Mo.	Days.		Dols.	Cts.	Dols.	Cts.							
Seven Colporteurs, 1868..	41	13	8118	1886	82	172	35	194	49	17	920	82	3499	9319
Six Colporteurs, 1869..	49	9	7850	3153	21	254	71	250	57	71	946	130	5543	11226
Thirteen Colporteurs, 1870	76	8	11076	5666	49	559	88	612	364	286	920	411	9643	17388
Twenty-eight " 1871	171	4	25711	14647	65	974	17	1137	624	364	2333	767	16096	31610
Twenty-nine " 1872	182	22	25877	15503	41	908	97	1048	114	113	1798	225	12064	31247
Twenty-six " 1873	182	26	24547	15735	93	1087	37	715	66	49	1617	120	14288	35217
Twenty-six " 1874	164	29	22873	15301	40	1208	09	698	354	107	2072	105	14069	38387
Seventeen " 1875	134	26	16264	9913	11	815	24	798	159	35	1480	26	12047	29106
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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR TEN YEARS.

Cash rec'd in year	For Periodicals.		For Store Sales.		For Corp. Sales.		In Donations and Subscriptions.		From other Sources.		Total.
	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	
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EXPENDITURES FOR TEN YEARS.

Cash paid for Publications.....	\$154,645 92
“ “ Colportage,	41,840 41
“ “ Duty.....	7,020 17
“ “ Store expenses.....	6,377 49
“ “ Postage (including postage on periodicals).....	4,237 07
“ “ Advertising and Printing.....	3,847 76
“ “ Freight.....	2,529 35
“ “ Stationery, Wrapping Paper and Twine.....	562 59
“ “ Insurance.....	354 73
“ “ Salaries and Travelling expenses.....	24,888 55
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EXTRACTS FROM COLPORTEUR'S REPORTS.

Mr. C. S. writes:—The statistics of my labour for the year are as follows: Time spent in the Society's service, 11 months and 21 days; Bibles sold, 422; Testaments, 200; total amount of books sold, \$1,033.57; grants of books and tracts, \$99.35; number of family visits made, 4,464; number of families conversed or prayed with, 662; Roman Catholic families visited, 46; number of miles travelled, about 2,616.

I have been over the most of the three counties. There are many who would buy books if they had the money. I have endeavored when opportunity offered to impress on the minds of individuals the necessity of personal religion, and also the importance of attending to family worship. Fever and diphtheria have taken away a great many children. This affords opportunity for impressing the young with the importance of preparing for death.

I have supplied nine S. Schools with books. I find that the more we circulate religious books, the more they are wanted, and the people over these mountains and thinly-settled places, though poor, are anxious to get good books, and find some money to purchase.

Mr. M. L. writes:—During the past year I have had much to encourage me and to make the work a pleasant one. In my travels throughout the country, I cannot but see that a silent influence rests upon the people, bringing them to feel an interest in the work of God. And this influence, I believe, is in no small degree traceable to the work of the society. A clergyman informed me that throughout his circuit, nearly all the good books he saw in the people's homes had come from the Society. I have seen the fruit of the work in many conversions to God. I have supplied with Libraries seven Sabbath Schools, three of which I have organized. The books have in every case given good satisfaction. On the whole I am pleased with the success of the work spiritually.

Mr. J. H. P. writes:—Under ordinary circumstances, I make it a rule that anyone riding with me in my wagon shall tell me something of their soul's state before taking leave of me. One day I asked a young girl the question, "Are you a Christian?" An earnest conversation ensued, in which she stated that she had been waiting for many months for some one to talk to her on that subject. She seemed very grateful for

counsel and advice given. Another confessed at once that she was not a Christian, but said she was happy enough; when closely questioned the deep sigh plainly told that she and true happiness were total strangers. I sold a Bible to a young married man. He had led a wild, careless life. When the conversation became serious, he manifested interest, and not only listened eagerly, but put questions of vital importance. I left him with the earnest hope and prayer, that He who alone can give the increase would do so.

In going from house to house (at W.) I found that there was much earnest inquiry, much rejoicing and some opposition. Some of the most anxious souls I ever talked with were there. One young man, with whom I had several conversations, always met me with eyes red with weeping. A young girl whom I met first at S., in great trouble, met me next night at W., with a beaming face lighted up with peace. Another, a middle-aged man with whom I spent a night, and who for 20 years had a name to live but was dead, had just been brought out of darkness into God's marvellous light, and was one of the most happy, grateful souls I ever met. Oh, for the heart of love and the tongue of fire in dealing with such cases!

Mr. J. T. writes:—I suppose you have heard of the very important results that have followed the meeting of the Young Men's C. A. Convention in Chatham last summer. I have lived here for 35 years, and never witnessed such a movement. It is still going on. On the subjects of religion and of temperance, we hear sincere expressions of gratitude to God, from both ministers and people, for the wonderful change that has come over our community.

It does me good to think of the earnestness and sincerity of those devoted servants of God, who labored for our good and for the salvation of sinners.

I have been lately in the parishes of H. and G. and I find a great quickening in both Religion and Temperance. I gave a Bible to a young woman who was brought up a Catholic, but under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. T. has resolved to seek the salvation of her soul. Who knows when the seed may grow?

In one of my reports of last year I made mention of giving a Bible to a person who had none in the house. I found on my visit to the place during the early part of this month that the same man had read the Bible through twice and was very much awakened to the importance of Bible truth. There is reason to believe, not only from my own observation, but also

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Mr. D. McK. writes:—I do hope that you will often remember me and my mission here at the throne of grace, for I feel that in myself I am not fit for these things. Still I have been greatly encouraged since I came here and have had unmistakable tokens of our Heavenly Father's loving kindness. There is enough wickedness here to stir up hearts of stone. Intemperance, Sabbath breaking and uncleanness abound. I do hope that the Society will often remember this Island in their prayers, and me, that I may be kept by the power of God.

A few weeks later he writes:—There is a revival of religion in progress here (St. John's) now. An immense number of outport men are in the city. The interest is increasing daily. The young men in the shops are being reached. You will see by the report that I have taken part in 64 meetings and I have also had the great privilege of bringing souls to Jesus. There is a wonderful movement here, and I bless God for it, for I know of no place that needs reviving more.

A VETERAN COLPORTEUR.

Mr. J. Campbell, of Cape Breton, now upwards of eighty-five years of age, has been in the work since 1867. He has labored nine years and four months. His sales of Bibles and religious Books amount to \$7150, and his grants of books and tracts to the destitute \$470. He has held 650 prayer meetings and made 11,150 Christian family visits. He has labored faithfully and earnestly in spreading the glad tidings of Christ and His salvation among his fellow-men, by prayerful appeals from house to house, by public addresses on Sabbath and week-days, and by the many thousands of Bibles and good books he has placed in the homes of the people.

MOODY'S SERMONS.

W. C. Bill, Esq., Billtown, writes:—I purchased several copies of Mr. Moody's Sermons, at the Book and Tract Deposi-

tory, Halifax, for distribution among my Bible Class scholars, but soon found they were so much prized by all classes of people in the community, that I loaned them to any person who might apply.

A few individual cases are fresh in my memory.

One man, a backslider from God, who had forgotten his church vows, and had become very profane and wicked, accepted a copy, and promised to read it. *He did so, and God in His great mercy used that book to bring back His wandering child. The sermon which particularly affected him was "The Prodigal's Return." He humbly confessed his faults and came back to His Father's house—the Church—and since that time has adorned his profession.

Another case of a husband and wife, parents of a large family, who read the sermons and received benefit. They had been neglectors of known duty as parents. They have since given unmistakable signs of living a better life. One daughter has since publicly professed faith in Christ and united with a Christian Church. The father and mother said to me that they never heard or read anything that so touched their hearts as those sermons.

Another man said to me, "I thank you, Mr. Bill, for the use of that book of sermons. I thought I was too great a sinner for God to save, but on reading the sermon on the Blood, I took heart and resolved, live or die, sink or swim, I will apply to that Blood of Cleansing." He was accepted and was enabled to rejoice that that precious blood was shed for him.

Many more cases came under my notice of persons being quickened and revived to greater zeal and earnestness in the cause of God by the reading of these sermons.

Mr. M. L., Colporteur in Cumberland, N. S., states that he visited two settlements where they had occasional preaching, and circulated among the families considerable numbers of Mr. Moody's Sermons (in bound volumes, and extra numbers of the New York "Witness.") They were read with great interest, and in the course of a month an interesting revival of religion spread over the whole region. Many were awakened and converted.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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To Messrs. John Melrose and David Paton for books of a superior class for colportage, at greatly reduced prices.

To the Nova Scotia Bible Society for the very favorable terms on which the publications of the British and Foreign Bible Society are furnished to our colporteurs.

To the Press, both religious and secular, for kindly inserting notices of the Society's operations, anniversary, etc.

The help thus given so generously enables the Society to extend more largely the benefits of colportage than otherwise could be done. We therefore make these acknowledgments, with our most cordial thanks.

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

THE RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY, LONDON.

Our Society is under very great obligations to the Committee of this noble institution, for grants of Libraries, as in the past, at half subscribers' prices, a free grant of Tracts of Fifty Pounds, and most favorable arrangements for the wider diffusion of its numerous excellent publications, by colportage, among Sabbath Schools and through other channels.

The Society is adding every year to the number and variety of its issues and is doing a world-wide and most beneficent work.

The following is a brief summary of its Home operations for the year ending March 31, 1877:—

There have been issued during the year Four Hundred and Fifty-six new publications, of which One Hundred and Twenty-two were Tracts—containing, with the reprints, 602,557,500 pages.

The total Circulation from the Home Depôt, including Books, Tracts, Periodicals counted in numbers, Cards, and Miscellaneous Issues, has reached 51,958,571, of which 25,014,462 are Tracts.

The issues from Foreign Depôts may be safely stated at 10,000,000, making a total circulation of nearly 62,000,000, and of very nearly 1,720,000,000 since the formation of the Society.

The total amount received from sales, missionary receipts, and all other sources, including last year's balance, is £152,529 7s. 9d., as against £146,821 13s. 3d., the income of last year.

The total expenditure in both trade and grant departments, the particulars of which will be found in the cash statement, has been £150,725 4s. 3d., leaving a balance in favor of the Society of £1,804 3s. 6d.

The total amount received from subscriptions and other contributions, part payment for grants, dividends, and legacies, is £27,171 1s. 6d., the whole of this sum being available for the missionary objects of the Society.

The missionary expenditure has amounted to £37,947 9s. 4d., being £9,280 13s. 9d. more than last year. It consists of foreign money grants, foreign grants of paper, electrotypes and publications; grants to soldiers, sailors, emigrants, and colporteurs; congregational, school, ministerial, students', city missionaries', workhouse, hospital, British Workman, asylum, and other libraries, and of grants to domestic applicants for tracts.

The amount granted thus exceeds the missionary receipts by £10,776 7s. 10d.; which has been supplied from the trade funds.

There have been granted during the year tracts and books to the total value of £20,732 18s. 8d. To the larger Home Societies alone have been voted free grants of tracts in number to 2,666,500, of the value of £1,445, in addition to those supplied at half subscribers' prices.

These include the London City Mission, which has the largest field; the Open Air and Theatre Service Missions; the Home Missionary Society; Bible Women's and Domestic Mission; various missions to sailors and soldiers; and the Colportage Associations, having their centres in London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Londonderry, and Belfast.

The value of libraries granted to the London City Missionaries amounts to £378; to Soldiers and Sailors, £211. Colportage Societies have received publications amounting in value to £334. Ministers on ordination have availed themselves of the Society's grants of libraries at reduced price to the amount of £471, whilst students in theological colleges have received books to the value of £1,539.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

From the Fifty-second Annual Report of this great Institution, we glean the following:—

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The Receipts for Sales, including Periodicals,	\$312,461.90
“ from Donations and Legacies	109,726.14
“ “ Rents.	19,010.22
Total	\$441,198.26

During the year 209 Colporteurs were employed, the aggregate time of their service being sixty-six years, their sales \$40,650 worth of publications, their grants to the needy \$6,960, and their family visits 152,888. During the last thirty-six years the aggregate time of the colporteurs employed by the Society amounts to Five Thousand and eighty-four years, their sales \$2,716,661, and their grants to the destitute \$571,945; their family visits 11,839,730, and number of families conversed with on personal religion or prayed with, 6,476,346.

The Society issues six Periodicals—one illustrated weekly in English, and one in German; three monthlies in English and one in German. The total number of the two weeklies printed during the year was 1,333,400 copies; of the four monthlies, 4,227,000. The total number of the monthlies printed since beginning of issue, 166,392,000 copies.

By the wise forethought of the Committee and friends of this Society at the date of its foundation in 1825, a building was provided for a Depository, and in which the vast number of publications that have been issued daily by the Institution for more than fifty years have all been manufactured. Thus a large amount has been saved in rents.

Twenty-five Thousand Dollars were contributed in donations for this purpose. An additional sum was borrowed on mortgage and a building erected that is now worth about \$200,000. The money borrowed was paid from rentals of offices not required by the Society, the sum realized from this source last year being \$19,000.

A lasting debt of gratitude is due to this Society for the inauguration of Colportage in Nova Scotia in 1863. During 4½ years from that date 30 Colporteurs were employed, the aggregate time of their service being 23½ years; their sales and grants of publications, \$22,510; family visits, 67,751; families found destitute of the Bible, 715. This work led to the formation of the British American Book and Tract Society in 1867.

THE RELIGIOUS TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

was instituted in 1793. Its colportage operations were commenced in 1855 at the earnest suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Cooke, one of the Secretaries of the American Tract Society. The number of Colporteurs in the Society's service, has been increased at the rate of about a dozen a year from the commencement of the work to the present date, there being 238 employed when the last report was issued. Thirty of these are in the Northern part of England, and thirty in the city of Glasgow.

Among their sales are included: 30,521 Bibles, 21,192 Testaments, and nearly 225,000 of such books as "Pilgrim's Progress," "Dairyman's Daughter," "God's Way of Peace," and other similar works supplied by Mr. Melrose and friends associated with him; also over 1,345,000 periodicals for adults and the young, and nearly 10,000 annual volumes of the same class.

The Colporteurs of this Society visit the families in their respective districts every one or two months.

In addition to the vast and steadily increasing work done in the Home field, the Society is doing most important service, by aiding colportage in connection with local Tract Societies in India, Australia and the West Indies.

THE CHRISTIAN COLPORTAGE ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND.

From the Third Annual Report of this vigorous Association, we learn that there were 48 colporteurs in 1876, there being an addition of 22 during the year. Their sales amounted to £3952;—sales from the Depot, £263, and donations (including £1000 on capital account) £2,425.

This Society is making rapid progress, and will doubtless be a great power for good as its work shall extend over the densely populated districts of England.

THE COLPORTAGE ASSOCIATION,

of which Mr. Spurgeon is President, now employs about sixty agents in twenty-seven counties, and the sales of pure literature last year amounted to an aggregate of nearly £6000. "When it is borne in mind" the Committee say "that the bulk of the sales consists in books and magazines, varying in value from a halfpenny to a shilling, and not averaging more than three-

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Of the great value of colportage work in a country like England, Mr. Spurgeon has a very decided opinion. Indeed, there is reason for believing that the condition of the peasantry would not have been quite what it is to-day if advantage had been taken earlier of this ready means of effecting a reformation of manners.

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF ADDRESSES.

Rev. Dr. Hill spoke of the Report as deeply interesting and highly satisfactory. We could scarcely have looked forward ten years ago to such a development and growth of the work. The Society does not collide with any other; it is intended to aid all; it especially co-operates with the British and Foreign Bible Society in diffusing the Word of God. He spoke impressively of the streams of impure literature which have to be met by the circulation of good and pure literature. We must forestall the Devil. He spoke of the noble work done by Colporteurs and of the encouragement which they richly deserve. He congratulated the Society on the new friends that are coming to its aid, and by their means and their prayers increasing its usefulness. It has enemies—persons who will laugh at it and us—who will oppose us to their utmost. Satan will place in our way all the obstacles he can in order to defeat our efforts for the overthrow of his kingdom. But we have the experience of every one of the past ten years to prove to us anew that God is on our side and that our labor has not been in vain.

Hon. S. L. Shannon and Rev. E. M. Saunders spoke of the usefulness of the Society and the scope for its operations. The latter related instances within his own knowledge of the great good that had been done.

Rev. A. Simpson spoke of the Society as undenominational and doing a work which could not be overtaken by any other existing agency. In all the Maritime Provinces there are wide fields for its operations.

The Treasurer's account for 1876 was omitted in the Report for that year and is here inserted.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1876.

British American Book and Tract Society in Account with G. H. Starr, Esq., Treasurer.

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Dec. 31.—To paid for Publications . . .	\$14,890 78	Dec. 31.—By balance last year	\$ 658 61
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3rd. The business affairs and property of the Society shall be managed by a President and Board of Directors, to be elected annually, or from time to time, as the Corporation shall see fit. The Annual meeting for the Election of Officers shall be held in the City of Halifax in the month of February in each year. The corporators in the first section by name mentioned, being the President and Board of Directors now in office, shall continue in office until their successors shall be appointed.

4th. Any person may become a member of the Society for one year, by paying the sum of One Dollar to the funds thereof; and may become a member for life by paying Twenty Dollars.

5th. The Constitution and Bye-Laws now in force, and which were adopted at a meeting of the Society held at Halifax, on the second day of August, 1867, shall continue in force until altered or repealed in accordance with the Constitution.

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Constitution of the Society.

1. THIS Society shall be denominated the BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY, the object of which shall be to diffuse the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality, by the circulation—through Colportage and other means,—of Religious Books and Tracts, calculated to receive the approbation of all Evangelical Christians.

2. Any person paying one dollar, annually, into the Treasury of this Society shall be a *member*; any one paying twenty dollars at one time shall be a *life member*.

3. This Society shall meet annually on the first Tuesday of February, when the proceedings of the foregoing year shall be reported, and a Board consisting of a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Auditors, and thirty-six Directors shall be chosen.

4. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Depositary, Superintendent of Colportage, and Secretary of the Society; and shall also annually elect by ballot, a Publication, a Distributing and a Finance Committee, each consisting of not less than three, or more than five members,—the members of which three Committees, with the President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee to conduct the business of the Society. The Board shall have power to enact Bye-Laws—Thirteen members of the Board of Directors present at any meeting regularly convened shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All vacancies shall be filled as the Bye-Laws direct.

5. To promote in the highest degree the objects of the Society, the Officers and Directors shall be elected from different Denominations of Christians, and shall be members in good standing in their respective Churches. The Publication Committee shall contain no two members of the same ecclesiastical connection; and no Book or Tract shall be circulated, to which any member of that Committee shall object.

6. Any Tract Society founded on the principles of this Society, and annually contributing a donation to its Treasury, shall be considered an auxiliary, and the President and Secretary of such auxiliary, for the time being, shall be members of this Society.

7. All meetings of the Society, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, shall be opened by prayer.

8. The President, or in his absence a Vice-President, or other officer first on the list in the city of Halifax, at the request of three Directors, may call special meetings of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have power to call meetings of the Society.

9. This constitution shall not be altered, except at the annual meeting of the Society, and by a vote of the majority of the members present, notice of the proposed alteration having been given at the previous annual meeting; or recommended by the Executive Committee, and notice of the proposed alteration posted up in the Depositary one month previous to the annual meeting, and inserted in the call for such meeting.

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