

FINANCES.

The receipts during the year have been as follows :—

Proceeds of Sales.....	\$9,121.58
Free Contributions, Subscriptions, Donations, and } Bequests..... }	21,266.02
Interest, Ground Rents, &c.	245.10

Total..... \$30,632.70

The free contributions were for the following objects :—

To the Upper Canada Bible Society.....	\$14,500.79
“ British and Foreign Bible Society.....	6,426.63
“ Montreal Bible Society.....	163.00
“ Quebec Bible Society.....	175.60

Total..... \$21,266.02

In addition to the above contributions from the Branches, the Board of Directors has sent a grant of \$500 to the Quebec Bible Society, for its work among the French Canadians, and has placed \$1000 at the disposal of the Agency and Colportage Committee for work in Manitoba and the North-West.

DISTRIBUTION.

The number of Bibles, Testaments, and portions issued from the Depository in Toronto during the year is 31,271 being 1,506 copies more than during the previous year. This increase is partly in Colportage and partly in issues to Branch Depositories.

Of these issues, 3,296 were sold, and 1,078 issued gratuitously from the Toronto Depository; 21,579 supplied to Branch Depositories, or sold to the trade; and 5,318 were issued by Colporteurs. Included in the above are 1,308 copies in foreign languages, and 28 in raised characters for the blind.

The total issues of the Society since its commencement is 1,241,141.

SISTER SOCIETIES.

The Directors regret that they are unable to give any account of the work of several of the sister Societies in the Dominion, not having received their reports; but they hope that they are prospering.

The cordial relations existing between the Montreal Bible Society, and the Quebec Bible Society, and our own are a source of great pleasure to our Board, and it is always a very great encouragement to read of their success, whether in their reports, or in the letters occasionally received from them. There is nothing very marked in the last report of the Montreal Bible Society, and we regret to notice there had been a little falling off in their free contributions, and in their issues. But their opportunities are increasing, and their faith and courage are strong. In writing recently to thank our Society for its contributions, the Rev. Dr. Cornish, the Secretary, says: “I am glad to be able to say that the arrangements for our French work during the summer are now completed. We have engaged ten French colporteurs. We are informed that the prospects of the French work in this Province are brighter than they have been for a long time past.”

The report of the Quebec Bible Society shows that its work has been carried on amid discouragements and difficulties, which those alone who are engaged in it can fully understand; and yet with a fair amount of success. The labour has been almost exclusively among the French Canadian rural population. We are glad to find that the Committee have been enabled by