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The issues of the Society have surpassed those of any former year, reaching the unprecedented number of 1,474,394. The increase of circulation, as compared with the year 1890, amounted to 22,512.

The increase of circulation, as compared with the last year, amounted to 23,518 copies.

The total issues of the Society now amount to 30,863,901.

We now turn to our own Auxiliary. As has been mentioned in the commencement of this Report, the Annual Meeting did not take place last year, and we have, therefore, to notice the operations of our own Society and its Branches during the past two years.

On reference to the Treasurer's accounts, it will be found that there were received from the various Branch Societies, during the year 1855, the sum of £114 14s.; from the Ladies' Associations £108; from N. E. Margarie for the Jubilee Fund, £5; from the Mayflower Bible Association, in connection with the Brunswick Street Methodist Sunday School, £8; from sales and collection at the Annual Meeting, £81 6s. 9d.; from subscriptions and donations at Halifax, £82 5s. 10d.

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The following is an abstract of the receipts of the Auxiliary, during the year 1856, viz:

From the several Branches

From the several Branch Societies, including Ladies' Association at Guy's Cliffe

| Several Branch Societies, including | |
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| Ladies' Association at Guysborough, | £171 15 3 |
| Subscriptions in Halifax, | 90 18 9 |
| St. Matthew's Church Ladies' Association, | 12 0 0 |
| Halifax Ladies' Association, | 75 0 0 |
| Mayflower Association, Brunswick St. Methodist | |
| Sunday School, | |
| Sales at Depository, | 8 1 5 |
| Sales at Wesleyan Book-Room, | 60 19 5 |
| Bequest of the late James Hamilton, Esq., | 13 7 9 |
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During the year 1855 the Committee were enabled, by the receipts, to remit to the Parent Society the sum of £100 sterling, and in the year 1856 the further sum of £200 sterling, as free contributions to the Parent Society's funds, and the Treasurer, on the 31st of December last, reported a balance on hand of £208 17 7½d.

The distribution of the Scriptures in this Auxiliary, during the past two years has been as follows:

| Received from the Parent Society in 1855, | | Bibles. | Testaments |
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| " | " | 1552 | 2034 |
| " | in 1856, | 941 | 1268 |
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