

The thanks of this Auxiliary are tendered to the U. C. Bible Society for its liberal donation of \$621.33, for the circulation of the Scriptures among the French Canadians.

BIBLE-WOMEN'S EFFORT.

The mission of the Bible-women, in connection with the Ladies' Association, has been prosecuted with assiduity in the past year; and the effort is constantly being made to make it more essentially a Bible work, as contrasted with a mere mission for the relief of indigence. The sales of Bibles are not large; but the reading of the scriptures in mother's meetings and from house to house, constitutes a great part of the work of the Bible-woman, and has proved highly useful and acceptable. During the year five Bible-women have been employed; one of them only for a few months. The French Bible-woman still pursues her work, and three of the others are employed in the city districts. One was employed for a short time in two of the regiments, but owing to her removal to Quebec this part of the mission was discontinued,—there is the prospect, however, that another may shortly take her place.

There is reason to believe that the interest felt in this work has exercised a beneficial effect on the collections of the Association, and, as heretofore, all the means expended in aids to the poor, have been given by special subscription for that purpose.

THE PARENT SOCIETY.

An abstract of the Sixty-third Report is given in Appendix. The past year surpassed all preceding years in success and prosperity. Its results are thus summed up by the Committee:—

"It is the great privilege of your Committee to appeal to the incontrovertible logic of facts for convincing demonstration that the British and Foreign Bible Society, now in the maturity of its manhood, has lost none of the vigour and expansive activity of its youth; that its resources, so far from contracting, were never more abundant; and that its range of operations was never so vast and so promising as at the present moment. In every department of work there has been enlargement as compared with the previous year, and to an extent which has filled your Committee with emotions of surprise and thankfulness. There is no wish to indulge in the language of exaggeration, or to paint in colours too glowing the progress of the past year; but it is not possible for your Committee to observe the solution of perplexing difficulties; the sweeping away of old barriers which have strenuously resisted the entrance of the Holy Scriptures; the translation of the Word of God into new languages; the great increase in the actual circulation of the Bible, especially on the continent of Europe; and the marvellous extent to which the funds have been multiplied in a period of great financial embarrassment, without reverently acknowledging the good hand of God which has been upon the Society from the opening to the close of the year, and rendered it an instrument of power and blessing in the world.