

sales are not regularly paid over to the treasurers of the Branches. The Board would kindly remind the Committees of such Branches of their responsibility in this matter and suggest to them that it is in their power to do valuable service in the cause of Bible circulation by seeing that their depositories are well managed, nicely kept, and widely known.

Extracts from some of the Agents' reports will be found on page 17.

FINANCES.

The receipts for the year ending 31st March, 1880 are as under :

Proceeds of sales - - - - -	\$ 9,756 01
Free contributions - - - - -	17,025 29
Ground rents and interest - - - - -	204 53
Bequests - - - - -	1,100 00
Total receipts - - - - -	<u>\$28,085 83</u>

The free contributions were for the following objects :

To the Upper Canada Bible Society - - -	\$10,464 78
“ British and Foreign Bible Society - - -	6,150 80
“ Montreal Bible Society - - - - -	200 00
“ Quebec Bible Society - - - - -	92 00
“ French Canadian Missionary Society- - -	117 71
	<u>\$17,025 29</u>

The Board has, in addition, voted \$500 to the Quebec Bible Society, in aid of the colportage among the French Canadian population of that Province, and \$500 has been, as usual, placed at the disposal of the Colportage Committee for work in Manitoba and the North-West. There has also been remitted to the British and Foreign Bible Society \$10,995.58 on purchase account.

DISTRIBUTION.

The number of Scriptures (Bibles, Testaments and portions) which have been issued from the Society's House during the past year is 31,184 copies, being more than 2,000 copies less than the issues of the previous year.

Of the above, 3,109 copies were sold, and 743 issued gratuitously, from the Toronto Depository ; 22,443 supplied to Branch Depositories, or sold to the trade, and 4,889 were sold to colporteurs. Of these, 1,280 were in foreign languages, and eleven in raised characters for the blind.

The total issues of the Society since its commencement is 1,114,884.

No change has been made, during the year, in the staff of Colporteurs employed by the Society ; but the work of colportage has been carried on steadily, and has shown encouraging results. Five Colporteurs have, in the aggregate time of 41 months, sold 2,529 Bibles and 2,294 Testaments, and given 196 Bibles and 292 Testaments, making a total of 5,075 copies. In addition to this, the Tract Society's Colporteurs have sold 924 Bibles and 524 Testaments of this Society's stock, so that altogether there have been circulated through this agency 6,759 copies of the Holy Scriptures.

The Directors have, during the year, corresponded with the Winnipeg Branch, as to the desirableness of employing another Colporteur in Manitoba ; but they appear not to be ready to advise such a step under present circumstances. Mr. Rouleau continues to work faithfully and success-