

The Home and Colonial fields of the Society's operations have been diligently cultivated during the year. The Female Bible Society, with all its collateral agencies and influences, has become a permanent institution, and is now actively at work in many districts as well as in the large towns of the empire. The efficiency and usefulness of reaching the sunken masses by means of this Society are now universally acknowledged, and the same mode of spreading the Bible has been tried with encouraging success in several missionary fields. Your Committee's prayer is that these efforts may not be slackened, but that being guided by heavenly wisdom, these agencies throughout the world may reap a glorious harvest in the freer and larger distribution of the sacred volume amongst its inhabitants, till it is known from one end of the earth to the other.

In reference to the Upper Canada Bible Society, your Committee have pleasure in noting its continued prosperity. During the past year its receipts were \$20,372, being \$590 in advance of those of the previous year. The Society circulated 27,207 copies of the Scriptures, being 2,118 less than the number distributed the last year. Numerous Branch Societies have been established in new settlements, and increased vigor has been infused into many which are now, and have been for years in operation. The great work of the Society is kept steadily in view, and both among Protestants dwelling in the outlying and sparsely populated parts of the country, and our French Canadian Catholic brethren, the agents and colporteurs have been earnestly engaged in spreading the Word of God, which alone maketh wise unto salvation.

Of our own Branch Society, your Committee have to congratulate its friends on its continued prosperity. While some of its earliest and best friends are dropping off, others are taking their places, and carrying on the good work by their contributions and countenance. The receipts for the year, as shown by the Treasurer's report, amount to \$424 17, the disbursements \$359 38, leaving a balance in hand for next year of \$66 79. The number of copies of the Scriptures sold at the depository up to January 13th are: Bibles 94, New Testaments 93, together 187, amounting to \$70 45. Your Committee have to record the loss of John Inglis, Esq., for many years one of the Vice Presidents of the Society and an active and zealous laborer in the cause. He was one of the first and foremost friends of the Branch Bible Society, and never ceased