

by carrying the native mind on to a higher and more sanctified appreciation of Divine Truth."

Turning to the home operations of the Parent Society, we find that their receipts for the last year amounted to the sum of £171,923 12s. 8d.—being £10,004 17s. 5d. in advance of the previous year. With the special funds added, there has been a grand total of £187,508 17s. 7d.

The issues for the year have amounted to 2,383,380 copies, being an increase of 87,250 over the circulation of the previous year.

The total issues of the Society now amount to 52,669,089 copies.

Your Committee would now advert to the progress of our own Auxiliary.

During the past year, our Agent, Mr. Russell has been engaged as usual in visiting the different Branches of our Auxiliary, and stimulating their efforts in the circulation of the Word of God. His visits are always well appreciated by our friends in the country, and his quarterly reports to the Committee shew that his active exertions are of the greatest service to the good cause. To the Branch Societies the Committee continue to be much indebted for their liberality in contributions to their funds, which has assisted them not only in meeting all demands, but also in enabling them to remit a free contribution to the Parent Society.

The Ladies' Bible Associations have also given us their efficient aid, for which your Committee and the friends of the Bible must ever feel thankful.

The Treasurer's Report will show the receipts and disbursements during the past year. The following is a brief abstract of the receipts:—