

These reports furnish evidence of interest and solicitude, and of success in the work of Bible dissemination. They occupy respectively the eastern and western sections of the Province. The latter is more favourably situated for richness of soil, and probably for abundance of resources; but each has within its field ample opportunities for employing all their means in extending the good work in which they are engaged.

FREE CONTRIBUTIONS.—With sincere pleasure the Board of Directors would inform you that now, as in former years, they are enabled to apply a portion of their income to fields other than those belonging to the Upper Canada Bible Society, viz.: to the Parent Society, and to sister societies in the Dominion:—

To the Parent Society, for general objects.....	\$8,806 13
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To the recently organized Branch in Manitoba.....	652 87
For the purpose of establishing a Branch in British Columbia.....	500 00
To Auxiliary Societies in Canada.....	1,585 95
Total	\$14,138 08

Being an increase over last year:—To the Parent Society, \$2,526.00. To other objects, \$1,525.00. Total, \$4,051.00.

OUR AGENCY.—The system of a *provisional agency* inaugurated in 1870-1, which was in operation during the greater portion of that year, has been continued, and the agents have supervised the whole field during the year 1871-72. The success of the first year of trial led the Board to continue the same plan during the year just closed, and the results have been such as to produce the unanimous conviction, that for a country like ours it is the best adapted, the most effective, and the most economical. With an increase of contributions from Branches, there has been a diminution in expenses. The augmented income of each of the past two years is nearly double the cost of the agency; and what is of equal and indeed of greater value, the utmost harmony prevails throughout our societies generally. After seeking in our ordinary official way for information from our Branch Societies as to their state and their wishes and views, we have unmingled pleasure in presenting this statement.

During the year eight ministers of different sections of the church have been engaged in the agency work of the Society, and the Board has reason to believe that it has been divinely guided in its choice. The reports of their labours will be duly furnished. The only circumstance of a painful character which occurred in connection with the labours of our agents during the year, was the severe accident which happened to the Rev. Mr. Warden, of Bothwell, to which we have already alluded in the pages of our *Bible Society Recorder*. Both his legs were broken when he was travelling in the service of