

The year just closed presents a record of the most encouraging character. Its results compare very favourably with those of any ordinary year, both as respects income and circulation. The British and Foreign Bible Society is one of the most wonderful institutions of the age. In connection with the splendid Annual Meeting held on the 1st inst., in celebrating its sixty-eighth Anniversary, it was said, "Its aim, which is almost ideal, is speedily becoming real and its statistics are literally magnificent. What a thrilling story is involved in the fact that since its commencement it has issued no less 68,884,095 copies of the Scriptures!" Its obligations are most onerous and responsible, and the members of your Board feel deeply grateful to God, and thankful to the kind patrons and generous supporters of our Society in this country, that improved resources, this year also, have enabled the Upper Canada Bible Society to continue and to increase its contributions to the Parent Society, at the same time that it duly considers and faithfully attends to the wants of those who may be found destitute of the precious volume in our own, or in contiguous provinces.

#### UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Upper Canada Bible Society, whose field, embracing the two Auxiliaries of Kingston and London, extends from Sandwich in the west to Gananoque in the east, and which has had the honour of establishing the first Branch Bible Society in Manitoba, has been favoured with a year of blessing. Never have the Branches been more generally visited—never more cordial and generous in their contributions. The direct intercourse of our agents, and the official correspondence of the secretaries, have been most pleasing and satisfactory.

**INCOME.**—The Board of Directors feel great satisfaction in reporting a year of financial prosperity. This is the more gratifying after the unpremeditatedly large increase of the preceding year. The income of last year was \$29,533.96. This year \$33,119.35, exhibiting an advance of \$3,585.39. It may be noted that the special benefactions included in this total are less this year than they were in that of last. Then they were \$1,072.50, now they are \$500.00 only. Of this sum \$400.00 are a further instalment of the bequest of the late John McCulloch, Esq., per Rev. R. Campbell, Treasurer of the Niagara Branch, and \$100.00 from the late John Stewart, Senr., Esq., of North Easthope, by Mr. James Redford, of Stratford.

The Treasurer's Report, a summary of which is published herewith, presents a correct statement of the receipts and expenditure of the year.

**ISSUES.**—The issues of the Holy Scriptures in our country during the year, as furnished in the Depositary's Report, also show an increase. Last year they were 40,056. The year ending March 31st, they were 42,794, being an addition of 2,738.

**OUR AUXILIARIES.**—We presented in our last *Recorder* as full reports as we could command, of the operations of our Auxiliaries during the year.