

of our sister societies, to whom aid has in the past been rendered by the Board, rendering them entirely independent of any assistance from this Society. The Treasurer has also paid up our purchase account to the close of the year, the amount of which was \$14,396 60, being \$4,596 60 more than last year.

AUXILIARIES.—We have already furnished, in the *Recorder*, a full extract of the published report of the Kingston Auxiliary, from which it appears that the income of the past year has been in advance of the preceding, and that the Anniversary meeting was one of great interest and profit. The annual meeting of the London Auxiliary takes place to-morrow evening, which is a much later date than usual. An account of that meeting will be furnished hereafter, and an abstract of the report given.

SISTER SOCIETIES.—Having in the last numbers of our bi-monthly presented details of the Anniversaries, and of the annual reports of the Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa Societies, it is only necessary for us here to say that in their successes we heartily unite with them in prayer, and will unite with them in effort, to give God's book to every family, and indeed to every individual in the land.

The reports, for the past year, of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Fredericton Bible Societies, have come to us, and bear the cheering intelligence of activity and progress, accompanied by Christian purpose, under the divine guidance, to labour more effectually in the future to scatter "the seed of the kingdom" in every portion of the Dominion embraced within the limits of their respective fields. If we, as Canadian Auxiliaries of the great Parent Society, cannot meet for counsel in the common work, we can unite in prayer and in action, to aid in giving the Bible to all who need it.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

This noble Society, of which it is our honour to be an Auxiliary, continues her progressive and philanthropic policy; and by the blessing of God has been enabled during the past year to add to the number of her benefactions not less than 2,592,936 copies of the Sacred Scriptures. Total issues since 1804, 68,477,031. Income during the past year, £188,837 2s. 3d.; over \$900,000. It is quite impossible to look back on the history of this wonderful organization without being fully impressed with the magnitude of its operations, and feeling fully assured that the Divine sanction was given to its origin, and that to this day the Divine sanction has accompanied and blessed its exertions. What would the world—the Christian world—now do without the facility of printing, to enable them to carry out and complete the fulfillings predicted in trumpet tone by the Apocalyptic angel, who was seen to "fly in the midst of Heaven, bearing the everlasting gospel, to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and kindred, and tongue and people." God sanctified printing by so ordering it in His providence that the first book to which the mysterious art should be applied was the Bible. The first printed book was the Latin Bible—the