

The business of the Society is conducted by a committee of twenty one Members, resident in or near Dublin.

To facilitate a more extended and minute dissemination of the Scriptures, the Society has formed upwards of 500 Auxiliaries in Ireland; and at each one of these localities it is understood that there should be, at least one depository of the Scriptures; while it has been stated, that when the society was formed, with the exception of the metropolis, there were not twelve shops in the country in which Bibles and Testaments were sold.

The Society is supported exclusively by voluntary contributions.

The Society has printed several editions of the Irish Scriptures, of which many thousand copies have been circulated among the Irish-speaking population of this country.

Wherever there is a demand for the scriptures in Ireland, and local resources fail in supplying such wants, the Society will, on application, gladly continue to meet the deficiency, by making free grants in every case which appears fair and reasonable.

The Society has granted, from the commencement, books to the amount of £64, 5 1 19s 8d.

The total number of copies issued by the Society since its formation is 2,138, 437.

Grants the past year have been as follows:—

To Auxiliary Societies, &c.	11,954
“ Schools	10,682
“ Diocesan Church Education Societies,	8,850
“ Irish Church Missions, Irish do.	16,762
For Emigrants, Convicts, &c.	6,458
“ Distribution by Colporteurs	12,420
Making the grants last year	68,826

at an expense to the Society of £1733 10s 1d., including loss on sales at reduced prices.

Total receipts of Free Contributions, from all sources, amount to £2528 10s 1d.

The gross receipts for the past year have been £4415 18s 3d.; and the issues 108,605 copies of Bibles, Testaments, and Portions.

A wide door is now opening for the Holy Scriptures going forth in this country. Continuous and increasing application for grants are coming in from several districts heretofore inaccessible to the Society, and it is only by augmented funds that the Committee can meet such extraordinary demands.

Notices.

NOTICE.—Special notice is again solicited to the terms on which, for this year, the Register will be forwarded to Subscribers. This was distinctly stated in the October and December Nos. Copies SEPARATELY ADDRESSED are charged 1s 6d., each. Parcels of 6 or more to ONE ADDRESS, 1s 3d each copy. Parcels of 25 or more, to ONE ADDRESS entitle the agent to a gratis copy. Payment always in advance or on the order of a responsible agent. No change can be made on these terms without the consent of the Board of Foreign Missions. Orders already forwarded, in accordance with the terms of last year will be fulfilled, unless countermanded, on the faith, that remittances will be forthcoming to the full extent of the above terms.

Along with this month's issue will be forwarded to subscribers for the past year, an Index of contents for the years 1852-53.

It is specially requested, that all subscribers in arrears for the Register, forward the same in sufficient time to allow the treasurer to publish the Account for 1853, in February No.

The £2 acknowledged by the Treasurer in the October No. as received from the Home & Foreign Missionary Society, New Annan, for the Home Mission, was paid in a mistake, it has since been paid over to Mr James Dawson for the British & Foreign Bible Society as desired.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society begs leave to acknowledge the receipt of the following donations by the hands of the Rev. David Roy, immediately after his return from Scotland.

Mr S. Hepburn of Calquhalzie,	£1 0 Stg.
Mrs S. Hepburn of “	1 0 “
Wm. McLaren Esq. Kinfauns Castle,	1 0 “
Miss Stewart of Cluny,	0 5 “
Mrs Miller of Calquhalzie,	0 3 “

RECEIPTS FOR THE REGISTER:

Rev. John McLeod, £1; John Gibson Parrsbr. 5s; Prussia Birch, P.E.I. £1 7 6; Alexander Thompson, Antigonish £1; and 186d. from the following persons,—Adam Stewart, Norman McLellan, Mrs McColl, Joseph McNaught, J. W. Dawson.