

material advancement which promise holds out to our land, be enabled to furnish augmented aid to the great *Home Institution*—aid which will be to some extent commensurate with that advancement.

It may be well to remind the general reader that the statistics given below are taken from our Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1872. As our year expires on the same day as that of the Parent Society, our report for the year just closed could not reach London in time for the incorporation of any portions of it in the General Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the year 1872-73.

UPPER CANADA.—TORONTO.—It is impossible for your Committee to express in too strong terms their admiration of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and their sense of the zeal and ability with which all its affairs are administered. In regard to compass of organization and the amount of Free Contribution to the Parent Society, there is not another Auxiliary at home or in the colonies that rises to the same level. Its ramifications extend from Sandwich, in the west, to Gananoque, in the east, and it now claims to have planted the first Bible Society in the region of Manitoba. The report from Toronto dwells with much clearness on all the operations of the year, and describes them as partaking of the one feature of progress; and with a population rapidly growing in numbers and in wealth, it is anticipated that onward action and fuller results will characterize each year in succession. The idea of receding is not for a moment entertained. A brief glance at the separate departments of work will convey the best impression of the magnitude of the Auxiliary and the spirit that enters into all its operations. Including those connected with the London and Kingston Auxiliaries, there are not fewer than 385 Branches affiliated to the Upper Canada Bible Society. The receipts for the year were \$33,119, or more than £6,780. This amount exceeds that of the previous year by £713; and with reference to this increase it is remarked that it is the result of steady development, and arises in a less degree than usual from special contributions. The issues of Scriptures have amounted to 42,794 copies, showing an increase of 2,738. Very complete arrangements are made for the visitation of the Branch Societies. The former plan of having two or three permanent travelling Secretaries has been superseded by another, which, so far as it has been tested, answers both in regard to efficiency and economy. The services of ministers of different sections of the Church are enlisted for the care of the Branches over a limited area, and the number required for the work have been found willing, at the invitation of the Committee, to undertake the oversight of the local organizations. Thus during the past year eight of these valuable helpers have gone over the wide field embraced by the Auxiliary, and their labours have given entire satisfaction to the Branch Societies, whose zeal and liberality in the cause of Bible circulation have been quickened by the influence brought to bear upon them. All the Branches send liberal contributions to the Auxiliary, but that at Brantford maintains its pre-eminence in this respect. The colportage work has been conducted on the same scale as before, but additional labourers are proposed for the new Province of Manitoba and the recently confederated Province of British Columbia, as well as for two other districts where such efforts for circulating the Scriptures are imperatively required. Seven colporteurs have been engaged during the past year, and their labours are tabulated in the following figures:—Miles travelled, 12,650; families visited, 18,695; Scriptures sold, 6,442; copies given away, 530. It becomes your Committee to acknowledge with very cordial feelings the large amount of pecuniary help they have received from the Upper Canada Auxiliary. The Free Contributions have reached a total of £1,923 5s. 11d., and £1,801 4s. 3d. have been paid on the Purchase Account. The Hamilton