

of \$50, as compared with last year, but account for it by their not being allowed to now collect in Portland, and express the hope that the new Branch there will do the work even more effectually than they did, and so, instead of a diminution in the funds of the auxiliary, there will be a considerable increase.

THE COMMITTEE'S COLLECTIONS

are likely to exceed those of the previous year, and have been secured, as in the past six or seven years, through volunteer collectors in several of the city churches. The following contributions are reported:—

Trinity Church.....	\$109 00
St. John's Episcopal Church.....	104 00
Germain Street Baptist.....	17 00
Congregational.....	40 00
St. David's, Presbyterian.....	66 45
St. Stephen's, Presbyterian.....	24 30
Reformed Presbyterian.....	38 50
Queen Square Methodist.....	62 80
Free Christian Baptist.....	16 25

Centenary Church which, last year, contributed \$52, is making collections, and if a like amount is obtained this year the total collections through this channel will probably be not less than \$530, and, with the amount collected by the Ladies Association and the collection to be made this evening, our city's contribution to the funds of the Bible Society will amount to about \$1,000.

This will enable your committee to forward this spring to the Parent Society a grant at least equal to last year's, and if the balance left over from last year be remitted as well, the grant to the Parent Society will probably reach £600.