

cluded, in legacies and incidentals, \$800 00. This year presents only \$40 on that account, thereby reducing the diminution in ordinary income to \$1,712 42. Further, as our annual meeting was not held last year until the 22nd of May, our books were kept open to a very late period, for the accommodation of some Branches. A considerable amount has recently been received by the Treasurer, which, if it was this year, as last, added to the receipts, would already make the total nearly equal to those of the latter. This year the accounts were closed a few days after the nominal ending of the year. Hereafter it is intended to close them invariably at the proper date, viz., the 31st March, so that all confusion may be avoided, and the Treasurer's bank account, and that of the Depositary, close on the same day. In reviewing the financial question, the Directors feel justified in stating that they regard the report of the year as most satisfactory. The income of last year was the largest ever reached by the Society, which had, in two years, advanced from \$25,000 to \$33,000. Yet they do not think that this should be the maximum for a Province so highly favoured in every respect as is ours. It is but just to the friends of the Society here to state, that in order to represent fully the income of the U. C. B. Society, the receipts by the Auxiliaries for local expenses, which are not embraced in our Treasurer's statement, should be added to the above amount.

It would be impossible, and perhaps unwise, for us to make special mention of those Branches which have contributed most liberally to the creation of our income. But we may, and we are sure it will meet with general approval, notice the extraordinary generosity and prosperity of the Brantford Branch, whose free contributions this year amount to \$1,150. This is very little less than that of Toronto, although the city has made some advance, notwithstanding the late separation of Yorkville, and its organization as a Branch of the Society.

FREE CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Board of Directors are much gratified to inform you that they are again enabled to make appropriations for the dissemination of God's blessed book in foreign lands, and in those portions of the Dominion where, from surrounding circumstances, the lovers of the truth are unable from their own resources to extend the divine revelation to the benighted and destitute around them. These appropriations are as follows :—

To the Parent Society for general objects.....	\$8,596 16
“ “ “ special “	139 03
To aid in colportage work in Manitoba and British Columbia....	1,287 82
“ “ by Montreal Auxiliary	266 00
“ “ by Quebec “	551 50
“ “ by French Canadian Miss. Soc., Montreal....	66 07
Total	\$10,906 58

This is \$3,291 50 less than last year, which is in part accounted for by the fact of the flourishing condition, as indicated by their recent reports, of two