

paid me on purchase account is \$2132.45 ; for free contributions, \$340.91—total, \$5973.36 : deficient as compared with last year £229.84, but \$66.85 in excess of the previous year." The free contributions are deficient \$416.75, and the payment on purchase account are in excess \$61.89, as compared with last year's. This deficiency and increase are to be accounted for by the fact that some Branches had payments to make to square off their indebtedness, and they took part of their contributions for this object, whilst others, already allude to, remitted theirs to Ottawa.

BIBLE-WOMEN'S REPORT.

"The Bible-women's work commenced in the present year with four Bible-women ; three English and one French. We regret that the French Bible-woman, though eminently fitted for the work, was obliged in the spring to resign, owing principally to failure of health, and her place has not yet been supplied. Two additional English Bible-women have, however, been added, so that the number is now five. The principal feature of the work in the past year has been a thorough revision of the districts, and this, involving in the first instance some changes rather trying to the feelings of both Bible-women and superintendents, has been cheerfully acquiesced in, and has in many ways given new life and energy to the mission.

QUEBEC REPORT.

"In presenting the Annual Report of this Auxiliary, your Committee regret that its transactions have been so limited as scarcely to afford any material for remark. The discontinuance of the travelling agency, and of the labours of their accredited Colporteur, has, as might have been expected, limited to the narrowest dimensions its operations. It will be recollected that in February, 1867, the Eastern Townships were visited by the Rev. Mr. Marsh and Capt. Barton, R.A., and again in 1868 by the latter gentleman and Lord Cecil. The Branches established in the District of Gaspé were likewise visited by the Rev. Mr. Powis ; and all of these Missions, your Committee have reason to believe, were attended with the most beneficial results. In connection with the labours of the past year, however, it is to be regretted that the only effort of the kind to be recorded is one in which the Rev. Mr. Powis is at present engaged, in the County of Megantic. With the solitary exception, therefore, of the unfinished visit just referred to, the operations of the Auxiliary for the year have been confined to the sales and issues from the Depository. Notwithstanding these unfavourable circumstances, your Committee would yet indulge the hope, that in view of the present easy financial condition of this Auxiliary, their successors may be led to adopt more energetic measures for extending its usefulness, and more efficiently fulfilling the object for which it was established. On reference to the Treasurer's statement, it will be seen that the amounts received from collections in the city and from the different Branches fall considerably short of those received in the year preceding. Until the past year, the collection of subscriptions in town and country formed an essential part of the travelling agent's duties ; but since his services have been dispensed with, this very important part of the work has been irregularly attended to, and as a certain consequence, many of the annual subscriptions have thus been lost to the Society."

Since the foregoing was in type, we have received a copy of the *Quebec Gazette*, containing an interesting report of the annual meeting of the QUEBEC AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, which was held in the Wesleyan Church, on Monday evening, the 14th inst. It exhibits very encouraging hopes for the future,—informs us of the recent employment of two colporteurs, and presents