

GRANTS.

Eighty-five copies of the Scriptures have been granted during the year. Some of these have been given to Steamboats and the Hospital, and the rest to individuals (principally in the country) who were unable to purchase.

KINDRED PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES.

It is highly gratifying to find that all our Sister Societies are not only active but are enjoying tokens of divine blessing. We have also pleasure in stating that a new Society, that of Ottawa City, has been added to the list. There are now in Canada five Auxiliaries to the Parent Society; The Upper Canada, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec Bible Societies.

UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the last report we find that for the year ending March 31st, 1857, its receipts amounted to £5,447 10s. 6d.; its expenditure to £5,357 5s. 3d. Its issues for the year were, 32,509 copies; making a grand total issued by the Society, since its commencement, of 302,318. It has 136 Branches; two Agents, and four Colporteurs, who had visited 4,447 families, and distributed 5,423 copies of the Scriptures.

MONTREAL BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the Thirty-sixth Report of this Society, we find that for the year ending January, 1857, its receipts were, £1,724 6s. 7d.; its issues 12,015 copies; making the total issue 200,005 copies. It has 102 Branches and 38 Depositories, in all 140. It has a general Agent; five Colporteurs (three of them for the French population) have been employed more or less during the year.

From the other Societies no report has been received.

PARENT SOCIETY.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has celebrated its fifty-third Anniversary; nor can we better exhibit its pro-