

In this connection it will be in order to refer to the good work done by Mr. Mackelvie. All the Branches are under his immediate care and supervision. He regularly visits them, and has been most assiduous in the discharge of his duties. To his personal efforts and wise counsel are due, in a large measure, the favorable results which are apparent in his field of labor.

The Committee of the Auxiliary is composed of twenty-five members, who are elected annually. These, in turn, choose their own officers. Regular meetings are held quarterly, and special meetings as required. Out of the funds annually received the Auxiliary maintains the services of the Agent, who, as already mentioned, has charge of the Branches. It also employs two Bible women, whose districts embrace the City of St. John and vicinity. Their work is especially helpful and acceptable to the families of the working classes. A depository is likewise maintained in St. John, at No. 67 Charlotte street, where copies of the Scriptures and other publications of the Parent Society are for sale at cost price. From the Depository liberal grants of Scriptures are also made, either free or at reduced rates, to persons and institutions not in circumstances to acquire them otherwise. From the balance of the funds in hand grants are remitted to the British and Foreign Bible Society in aid of the work of translation, publication and distribution of the Scriptures.

The Ladies' Bible Association, of St. John, whose efforts are always appreciated, report that contributions for the present year will amount to about \$280.00.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the last annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society are gleaned the following facts, which will be found both interesting and instructive.

As the result of ninety-five years' work, the gospel is now communicated through some 350 languages and dialects.

The total issue of Bibles, testaments and portions for the year ended March 31st, 1899, was 4,479,439, being the highest yet attained, and 92,287 copies in excess of the previous year.

Since the Society's organization no fewer than 160,009,393 copies have been issued.