

Auxiliary Society." His Excellency the Governor has very kindly consented to become Patron of the Auxiliary established at Spanish Town; and has also contributed very liberally to its funds.

In the month of January last, Mr. Wheeler left Jamaica for Barbadoes. On his way he touched at Hayti, St. Thomas, and the Danish island of St. Croix.

The Barbadoes Auxiliary has remitted £100, and ordered 450 Bibles and 200 Testaments. 50 Bibles and 150 Testaments have also been granted for school-stock.

The Antigua Auxiliary has sent £90, and an order for 412 Bibles and 225 Testaments.

The Trinidad Auxiliary has forwarded £50, and a small order.

The San-Fernando Auxiliary has sent £45, and an order for books in English, German, French, and Spanish.

The Bahama Auxiliary has transmitted £100, and an order for 300 Bibles and Testaments: and from the Bermuda Society the sum of £35 has been received.

The Secretary of the Berbice Auxiliary, remitting £150, states that at the last public meeting of the Society more than 1500 Negroes were present.

A remittance of £74 has been received from the Demerara Auxiliary.

A further supply of 412 Portuguese Bibles and Testaments have been voted to various friends in the Island of Madeira.

A grant of 50 Bibles and 200 Testaments has been made to the Missionaries of the United Brethren labouring in the Danish West-India Islands.

Your Committee have had much pleasure in adding to the list of the Society's Vice-Presidents, the name of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

FUNDS.—The Receipts of the Society, from all sources, have amounted to £111,449 13s. 1d.; being £6200 more than last year, and £3700 more than in any previous year of the Society's history.

The principal increase of the year has been in the sales of Scriptures: these have amounted to £54,480 9s. 4d., being £7050 4s. 9d. more than in the previous year.

The legacies of the year amount together to £15,636 19s. 5d., including the sum of £13,457 8s., being the fourth part of the residue of the property of the late George Hammond, Esq., whose previous munificent bequest of £10,000 (duty free) was noticed in the last report.

The donations amount to £2854 8s. 4d.

The Free Contributions from the Auxiliary Societies amount to £33,220 8s. 8d.; thus showing, in a very marked manner, and which your Committee cannot observe without much thankfulness, the continued in-

terest felt throughout the country on behalf of the Society; and that, too, notwithstanding the many causes unhappily at work to weaken it.

The Issues of the Society have been—

At Home	538,459
From Depôts abroad	237,901
Total	776,360

a larger number than has been issued by the Society in any previous year; and showing an increase over the issues of last year, to the extent of 118,292. The total issues from the commencement of the Society amount to 12,322,471.

The expenditure has amounted to £110,174 7s. 7d.; and the Society is under engagements, at home and abroad, for more than £80,000.

Your Domestic Agents have made their usual annual report of the Society's operations and present state, in their respective districts. In this retrospect, they say, while they have found fresh cause to lament the evils and divisions which constitute so prominent a feature in the "signs of the times," they have rejoiced in finding still more abundant cause to thank God and take courage.

The number of New Societies established within the last year is one hundred and seventy-four. The number discovered to have become extinct is twenty-three, leaving the total number of Societies in England and Wales 2572.

Your Committee reported last year, that they had supplied above 38,500 New Testaments and Psalters to be distributed by way of loan among families found destitute of the Sacred Scriptures in this Metropolis, the larger part of the distribution having been undertaken by the agents of the City Mission. The manner in which these Loan Testaments were received has been shown by copious and interesting extracts from the Report of the above Society, given in the Monthly Extracts, June, July, and August.

Another grant of 1000 Loan Testaments and Psalms has been made to the Manchester Town Mission; 2000 have been supplied to the Birmingham Auxiliary Society; and one or two other large towns have received similar aid.

Your Committee will now draw your attention to one of the most important measures of the year, viz., the issuing of a Bible and Testament at the very reduced prices of Eighteenpence and Sixpence, respectively; a measure originally intended for this country, but since extended to the Colonies. To this resolution your Committee were brought after repeated and careful deliberation: the occasion of its adoption, and the reasons