

Foreign Bible Society. None other have been sold by the Upper Canada Society for the last twenty years or upwards.

3. In regard to our own special work in this Province, the operations of the Upper Canada Bible Society may be considered under two general heads: First, its home work,—and secondly, its work of a missionary character. The home work has been carried on, under the supervision of the Secretaries, by means of its central depository, its travelling agents and its Branch Societies. The missionary features of its work are maintained by means of the labours of its colporteurs, or by its contributions (in money or Bibles and Testaments) towards the promotion of Bible work in the remote districts, or other special fields of labour. These contributions have been given by the Society, either directly in carrying on the work itself, or through the medium of such kindred societies as had special facilities for its promotion. Another feature of this department of labour, we trust the Board of Directors at Toronto will bring into prominence if not efficiently promote during the coming year, and that is, the employment of Bible women and kindred agencies, for the reading and circulation of the blessed book, in the by-ways and neglected districts of our cities and larger towns.

4. The extent of the operations of the Society, in the three-fold aspect of its home work, to which reference has been made, as well as that of its missionary work, may be best gathered from the pages of its successive annual reports. It may be sufficient, however, to state here that there are now in connection with the Society two large auxiliaries, (London and Kingston, embracing 110 branches) and 255 separate branches, making a total of 365 Branch Societies, which require the visits of our agents. The receipts, during the forty years of the Society's operations in Upper Canada, have been in the aggregate about \$400,000, (last year \$25,700) and the circulation during the same time has reached nearly 700,000 copies of the Scriptures in various forms, (last year 33,000). For the efficient promotion of its general work, in connection with the branches, it employs two indefatigable travelling agents, (hitherto three) who form new and visit the old branches,—besides four or five colporteurs, who labour diligently in carrying the Word of Life to the homes of the destitute emigrants in the outlying districts of our Province. In the direction, management and careful supervision of the whole of our general work, the Society is aided by a large and influential Board of Directors, two honorary, and one permanent Secretary, the Depository and his assistants. Meetings of the Board are held monthly, or oftener, at which matters of more or less special interest in connection with the general work of the Society, are carefully considered and discussed,—as well as the various reports, returns and correspondence, which have been the subject of the action of the Secretaries or other officials during the intervals of the meetings. The correspondence, which has of late years been increasing in interest and importance, has been somewhat greater during the past year than for-