

The receipts of the Montreal Auxiliary were £1,597 17s. 0d., being only £10 less than last year. The issues amounted to 11,145 copies, making the total issue since the Society's organization 211,150. The travelling agent, Mr. Green, now present with us, has been engaged as usual in traversing their fields and stimulating the zeal of the widely scattered Branches. We have already referred to the sum of £255, which has been sent to the Montreal Auxiliary by our Branches, for the work of Colportage among the French Canadians. We trust that this may be the means of accomplishing much good in Lower Canada; and that from year to year the interest in the spread of the Bible among the French Canadians may increase in Upper Canada.

The Quebec Auxiliary has issued, during the past year, 1,879 copies of the Scriptures. Its receipts amounted to £598 2s. 7d., including a grant of £200 from the Parent Society to assist in the work of Colportage.

In speaking of the Montreal Auxiliary, we should have mentioned that a considerable portion of its territory, and 12 Branches have been formally ceded to the Auxiliary Society at Ottawa City. We earnestly trust that this new auxiliary may be the means of carrying on the operations of the Bible Society with vigour, in the rising section of country around it.

The American Bible Society issued, during the year, 770,057 copies; being an excess over the issues of the previous year of 101,792 volumes. The receipts were \$441,805 67 cents, being nearly \$60,000 more than the receipts of the preceding year, and upwards of \$47,000 above the amount received before, in any one year. These statements refer to the year ending 31st March, 1857. We have not seen their report for the year just closed.

#### PARENT SOCIETY.

We now come to take a brief view of the operations of the Parent Society, as presented in the Report for 1857. As an abstract of the Parent Society's report will appear, as last year, in the Appendix to our Report, we shall content ourselves here with a few very brief references.

In France, the issues through Mr. de Pressense agent for the British and Foreign Bible Society were 90,944 copies. The French and Foreign Society also circulated *directly*, deducting the copies sold to other agencies, nearly 14,000 copies. In France a great movement is taking place in favour of Evangelical Christianity. The labours of Bible Colporteurs contribute largely to the extension of this movement.