

Messrs. Lang, Gibson, Young, Potts, Chapman, Hunter, Wells, Sparling, Donovan and others, besides a number of laymen. After devotional exercises by the Rev. John Potts, the Chairman called upon the Secretary, Prof. Cornish, to read the Annual Report which showed that during the year four new branches had been organized by the travelling agent, the Rev. James Green, viz :—Maitland, Farmers' Point, Lyndhurst, and Como ; and two new stations had been occupied, viz.: at Hendersonville on the Trout River, and North Hatley on the Massawippi. The whole number of Branches, Stations and Depositories in connection with the Auxiliary was 191. The aggregate returns from the branches amounted to \$6,546.92, which included payments for Bibles and Testaments, free contributions, and donations to the Parent Society. The sum of \$2,152.51 had been paid on purchase account ; and \$4,394.41 has been received as free contribution. Of these sums the former exceeded the amount of 1870 by \$217.35, the latter by \$189.37, making on both items an excess in favour of 1871 over 1870 of \$406.72. If to this be added \$268.00 paid by branches in settlement with the Ottawa Auxiliary, and reckoned among the receipts of 1870, a total increase of \$674.72 was shown in favour of the past year.

Messrs. McMillan, Rose, Calder, Gear and Patenaude, Colporteurs, had continued in the service of the Society during the past year.

The total number of copies of the Sacred Scriptures and of "portions" sent out during the year amounted to 13,848, being 447 in excess of the previous year. The receipts, including \$1,888.36, the balance from 1870, had been \$14,523.28 ; the disbursements, including \$793.48 remitted from the Parent Society as donation, amounted to \$10,429.27 leaving a balance in hands of the Treasurer of \$4,094.01. By way of protest, though it be ineffectual, the Committee would emphatically call attention to the money paid as duty on copies of God's Word, imposed by the Government of an enlightened Christian country.

The gratuitous distribution had amounted to 532 copies, of the value of \$249.62, being 175 copies more than were granted in 1870.

The Bible Woman's Mission had been continued in the past year with its usual efficiency and success. Five Bible-women had been in regular employment during the greater part of the year. The work in the jail had been systematized and improved ; and a promising work had been commenced in connection with the General Hospital. A larger number of Bibles and Testaments had been sold than on any previous year, and the special subscriptions had not only been more abundant, but had come in spontaneously.

Addresses in support of the first resolution were made by the Very Rev. Canon Bond, Rev. J. Donovan and Rev. J. Green. The second resolution was spoken to by Rev. Mr. Chapman and the Rev. Dr. Burns. The third was presented by the Rev. Mr. Punshon, from Toronto, who conveyed the greetings of the U. C. Bible Society. Mr. T. M. Thompson seconded this resolution. After singing the Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Canon Bancroft, and the meeting dispersed.—*Montreal Witness*.

OTTAWA.—The seventeenth Annual Meeting of this Society was held January 31st in Metcalf Street Wesleyan Church. The attendance, as usual at their annual gatherings, was very large, and consisted of members from all the Protestant denominations of the city. The President of the Society, Mr. George Hay, occupied the Chair, and among the distinguished gentlemen present we observed Rev. W. Stephenson, Rev. Mr. Johnston, Rev. Mr. Moore, Rev. Mr. McLaren, Rev. Mr. Cameron.

The Rev. Mr. Stephenson opened the proceedings by giving out the 698th hymn. The XIX Psalm was read by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, after which the Rev. Mr. Moore engaged in prayer.

The Chairman then opened the regular business of the meeting by saying, it would seem a work of supererogation to attempt a set speech on this occasion.