

his sudden departure, but they firmly believe that the call did not come upon him unawares, or find him unprepared. The Directors deeply sympathise with his mourning widow and family, and earnestly trust that while they sorrow, though not as those who have no hope, they may experience abundantly the consolations of the word and of the spirit of God."

We have also to notice the removal of one of the Vice-Presidents, the late Chief Justice McLean, one of the oldest friends of the Society, who died since our last anniversary, full of years, and of the honors, which he enjoyed as a good man and an upright judge.

The business of the Society for the past season has been of an encouraging and cheering nature, and indicates no diminished interest in the work of Bible circulation. An abundant harvest having been vouchsafed to us by the great Giver of all good, and a season of prosperity having been experienced throughout the Province, it might have been anticipated that after some seasons of depression there would be some progress in connexion with the operations of the Society. We are thankful to be enabled to say that the actual result has not disappointed such anticipations. This will appear by the following statements.

ISSUES.

	Bibles.	Testaments	Parts of Scripture.	Portions for the Blind.	Total.
To Auxiliary and Branch Societies...	11578	22046	687	...	34811
" Sales at the Depository	2753	2872	441	2	6068
" Sales to Colporteurs	3079	5171	8250
" Gratuitous distribution	479	483	962
	17889	30572	1128	2	49591

Making a total during the year of forty-nine thousand five hundred and ninety-one, being fourteen thousand three hundred and sixty more than the issues of the past year.

Grand total of 569,471 copies of the sacred volume circulated by this Society since the commencement of its operations.

STOCK.

The stock on hand at the commencement of the year consisted of 10,680 Bibles, 7,806 Testaments, 213 Books of Psalms, 430 Parts,