

To this must be added £1,175l 9s. 10d. received for the China Fund; £11. 2s. 7d., for the Special fund for India; £5,029. 7s., further contributions to the Building Fund; and £663. 9s. 6d. for the Paris Exhibition Fund; making a grand total of £186,597. 13s. 1d.

The sum applicable to the general purposes of the Society is £93,898 6s. 3d., being £6,137 10s. 3d. more than was received under this head in the preceding year.

The receipts for Bibles and Testaments have reached the sum of £85,819 17s. 11d., showing an increase of £1,657 1s. 3d.

The ordinary payments have amounted to £177,826 1s. 11d., and adding the sum paid on account of the Jubilee, China, India, and Paris Exhibition Funds, the total has reached £185,611 15s., being £16,706, 10s. less than in the previous year.

If to this sum be added £15,267 13s. 8d. paid on account of the Society's new premises, it will be seen, that the total expenditure of the year has amounted to £200,879 8s. 8d.

The Society is under engagements to the extent of £112,000.

The issues of the Society for the year are as follows:—

From the depot at Home. 1,351,989

From Depots abroad, . . . 1,048,787

} 2,400,776 copies.

The total issues of the Society now amount to 55,069,865 copies

CONCLUSION.

In review of the facts brought before us by our Colporteur, it is evident that there is a melancholy state of spiritual destitution round about us. What does this call for? Most certainly, for earnest, persevering, wrestling in prayer, that God would be graciously pleased to breathe upon these spiritually dead souls that they may live; for the word without the Holy Spirit's quickening power cannot save.

Let us therefore, as many as read this report, remember our faithful Corporteur in our family and private devotions; and all who are sowing the good seed of the word throughout the world.