

culation is about 13,000. Of the annual output of about 4,000,000 volumes, it is estimated that from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 are in English. Among the many interesting translations is a pile of Scriptures in Pashtu, the language of Afghanistan. Each section of the Bible has been written out with a reed pen in the Panjab, and been reproduced by photography in London. For certain languages photography is found very useful in saving compositors' work and avoiding errors.—*Bible Society Reporter*.

—Nowhere else in the world are there under one roof so many copies of a single book in so many languages as at the Bible House in Queen Victoria Street, London.

—This is concerning the Church Missionary Society, and its plans for the three years to come: Finally, the committee intend to ask the cooperation of the archbishops and bishops of the whole Anglican Communion, and of the heads of missionary associations, and other Christian bodies, in making this a time, not for the glorification of one society, but of definite advance on the part of the whole Church in her divinely appointed task—the evangelization of the world. Many other missionary epochs cluster round the close of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century; the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge and Society for the Propagation of the Gospel reaching their bi-centenaries in 1898 and 1901, respectively, while the Religious Tract Society and the Bible Society look forward to the celebration of their centenaries in 1899 and 1904. The committee earnestly desire that these and all other societies and missions laboring faithfully for the extension of Christ's kingdom, both at home and abroad, should share in the special blessings which they believe and pray will be granted to them and to all their work at this memorable time.

—These figures will tell something of the growth of the China Inland Mis-

sion: The total income of the first ten years, from 1866-75, was some £40,000; that of the second ten years was £119,000; and that of the third, £309,000. Last year's income was £42,925 (including £9150 from America, Australia, and China); this shows a total increase over the previous year of £9767.

—The Foreign Mission Board of the Scottish United Presbyterian Church at the recent meeting of Synod reported that the income of the ordinary foreign mission fund for 1895 was £31,378, being a decrease upon the previous year of £3766. The expenditure was £34,639, less than that of 1894 by £2591. In the course of the year they appointed 6 additional missionaries, ordained and medical, 1 missionary teacher, and 2 missionary artisans. They have in the field a staff of 154 fully-trained agents, of whom 70 are ordained European missionaries, 14 medical missionaries, 19 ordained native pastors, 13 European evangelists, and 39 zenana missionaries, with a contingent of over 700 native workers. The total membership of their native church is almost 20,000.

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Islam.—The guilty conscience makes a man suspicious that everybody is trying to abuse him. The Turkish censors prohibited a chemical book which contained the symbol of water—viz.,  $H_2O$ . These wiseacres read it as signifying, what else could it mean, "Hamid II. is naught, a cipher, a nobody." No Sultan would stand such nonsense in his empire.—*North and West*.

—We learn through the other missionaries that Dr. Kimball is adding to her other departments of relief work at Van the manufacture of plows, shovels, and other agricultural implements, that the people may have some means of raising the next harvest. A priest in speaking of Dr. Kimball called her "God's little servant."