

tent to tent, recommending the inmates to listen to the words about to be addressed to them, while some of them have solicited and received copies to be sold among the men, and have succeeded well. It is said, that the number of these sincere men,—though, compared with the whole number of Officers in the army, small enough—is at the present moment, plainly on the increase.

In concluding this section of the Report, your Committee feel, that in connection with this great and important Empire, there is cause for exceeding thankfulness to Almighty God for the success bestowed upon the labours of this Society; and when we hear, even in Notre Dame itself, from the lips of the favourite preacher, about when all Paris has run mad, such words as these:—"Leave us our Bible" we may well thank God and take courage. Said Father Hyacinthe when advocating the use of the Scriptures as the only means of safety against the prevalent skepticism: "Leave us our old Bible for our children to spell—the Bible which created the printing press—the Bible which civilized Europe. Leave us our Bible as Frenchmen and as Catholics." The issues from the Paris depot for the year amount to 101,465 copies; and these it is to be mentioned, have been almost wholly disposed of among the Roman Catholic population.

We come now to what is termed in the Parent Society's Report, "Domestic Affairs"—the work in Britain, together with the statistical statement of affairs issued annually from the Central Office in London. There is not much of particular interest at this time, under the head of Domestic news. The Society's position, financially is eminently satisfactory, with perhaps one exception. The sum required for the new Bible-house and the expenses connected therewith, will be about £47,000; of this amount over £28,000 had been collected by first of May last, leaving about £18,000 still to be raised. Contributions therefore for this purpose are still desired, from those who are able and willing to give. In aid of this Building fund, His Majesty the King of Prussia we find, in addition to his annual subscription of £25, has generously sent a contribution of £100.

The Receipts of the Society for the year ending March 31st, 1867, have been in all £187,508 17s. 7d. Of this sum £87,760 16s. was sent in to be used for the general purposes of the Society, and the amounts following for special objects:—

Building Fund	£14,096 15 11
Paris Exhibition Fund	972 4 8
China	454 14 10
India	61 9 6

The Receipts for general purposes have exceeded those of last year by £7,235 3s. 2d. The Donations to the Society for the year have exceeded those of last year by £3,961 12s. 4d., and amount to £12,063 4s. 4d. The sum total of the Legacies also for the year is larger than that of the previous year, and is £15,159 16s. 7d. In this year's Report, we notice also, the acknowledgment of the bequest of our late fellow-townsmen, John Yorston, Esq., being in sterling money £792 19s. 1d. The receipts for sales of Scriptures for the year are as follow:—

Sales at home	£52,318 3 2	} £84,162 16 8
“ abroad	31,844 13 6	

This amount also shows an increase over last year of £2,859 14s. 3d. The Expenditure of the year has been in proportion to the large receipts, being in all, apart from payments made on account of the new Building, £202,318 5s. 0d. of which amount, nearly £29,000 has been expended in advance, the Committee not hesitating to make advances where good openings for the employment of funds have appeared. A question may be asked:—What has all this money, which has thus been expended, been doing? The answer is:—During the year, 2,383,380 copies of the Holy Scriptures have been circulated in the world; being moreover an increase on the circulation of last year, by 87,250 copies. It is to be remarked further, that while the sales at Home for the past year, have natur-