

the purchase of Scriptures £3,022. 5. 2 thus making in all £5,565. 8. 11.

With reference to our Auxiliary especial reference is made by the Parent Society to your Report respecting the death of your late excellent President and of one of the Vice Presidents—also an acknowledgment of your generous contribution of £74. 12. 6. stg. A word or two about the Auxiliary may not be amiss—The stock of English Bibles and Testaments at its Depository having been greatly reduced by sales and donations, the Office-bearers agreed immediately after last annual meeting, to import a new supply. An order was accordingly prepared and forwarded to the Parent Society. The new books were received during the summer and consisted of 78 Bibles, 144 New Testaments and 72 volumes of the Scriptures in parts. The Invoice for these amounted to £10. 1. 6 stg. The new supply is considered very suitable to the work of this Auxiliary. The Parts of Scripture are sold at three cents each. The Testaments at 5 cents, 10 cents and upwards. The Bibles at 15, 20, 25 cents and upwards,—some copies at the higher rate contain very large type. It may be well to remind this meeting that anyone in need of a Bible and unable to pay for it can be supplied free of charge by applying to any office-bearer or member of committee. On the arrival of the new stock several copies were delivered to the Bible woman engaged in the Town Mission for distribution in her work among the poor.

The Various Branches of this Auxiliary are collecting and forwarding their annual collection, and it is hoped that as usual each branch will have been heard from before the annual remittance is made to the Parent Society.

In conclusion we will say in the words of the Bishop of Ripon—the good Dr. Bickersteth—“Let us cleave to the good Old Bible Society. It was a glorious witness of God and his truth, it was accomplishing a great work with a zeal and efficiency, and in proportions with which no other society could for a moment compare. It was a witness for the eternal fundamental truths; it was a standing witness for the inspiration and for the authority of God's Word; it was a witness for the duty and the privilege which rested upon every man to read the Word of God for himself; it was a witness against the fundamental errors of the Roman Catholic Church; it was a witness that there was deep unity of faith among many who differed in external things, holding them fast to the Lord Jesus Christ as the light and life of His Church. If they kept aloof from the Bible Society, they keep aloof from the mightiest instrument which they had ever seen for the circulation of God's truth amongst the nations of the earth. Let them give in their adherence to the Bible Society, and in so doing they would be helping forward the march of the everlasting Gospel of Christ, and contributing to results which eternity alone would disclose and celebrate.”

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