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IN CONNECTION WITH THE

B. and F. Bible Society, for October, 1872.

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"O, sing unto the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm, have gotten him the victory." Such has been the exclamation of the Parent Society at the commencement of some of its annual reports,—entire thanksgiving to God. Such may well be ours this year at the progress and success of the Bible cause. Begun in 1804, this benevolent Society has already distributed upwards of Sixty-five millions of copies of the Scriptures, and in two hundred and two languages and dialects. It has supplied and is still supplying, without charge, the Holy Scriptures to tens of thousands of poor people in Hospitals, Asylums, Poor-houses, Reformatories and Prisons, and has given many hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Testaments for the use of the poor children in daily schools, Sunday-schools, and Ragged-Schools. This good society is eminently Catholic, in the true sense of the term, providing all Missionaries, who apply for her aid, with Bibles, and printing and transmitting, in many cases, at her own expense, the scriptures in the language of the heathen. Thus have the Mic-macs of our own province received their version; and finally, so cheap a book has the Society made the Bible that you can buy a Gospel for a penny, a New Testament for twopence, and a Bible for sixpence. Do not these facts speak volumes for our excellent Society, and lay the world under incalculable obligations? But what has she been doing through the past year? Have her labors been remitted or her zeal and diligence declined? On the contrary, she has been sending her Bibles into new countries, and 1872 has seen a national Bible