

amount to the sum of 60*l*.—this with whatever remittances have already been or may be received from the country on account of the past year, will, after the necessary deductions for printing &c., be forwarded to the Parent Society.

One hundred and eighty nine Bibles and three hundred and one Testaments have been received from the Parent Society during the last year.

There have been distributed gratis by the Society in Halifax, thirty-nine Bibles and twenty-eight Testaments—sixteen Bibles and twenty-one Testaments have been sold at cost or reduced prices in all one hundred and four copies—eight bibles and sixty Testaments have been furnished to the Branch Societies and there now remain in the hands of the Depository three hundred and forty four Bibles, and six, hundred and thirty-seven Testaments in the English, Irish, Gaelic, German and French languages.

But we turn our eyes with wonder and gratitude from the limited extent of our own exertions, to contemplate the vast and magnificent field of usefulness and holy charity occupied by the British and Foreign Bible Society—uniting the fervent prayers, and hearty co-operation of sincere christians of every sect and party, in the firm bond of enlightened zeal and active beneficence, year after year it adds to its former achievements in subduing the powers of darkness; and in the energetic language of an exalted foreigner long distinguished in its arms “stands fast and unshaken on the Rock of the Divine word itself, which is appointed to be preached to every nation and kindred and tongue, and people and it marches onward, and girds itself, and prospers in its course.”

The Net Receipts of the Society for the last year ending in April, as appears by its abstract, amount to upwards of £97,000.—Its Expenditures in printing and distributing the Scriptures in various languages to 77,000*l*. and it was under engagements to pay in the then ensuing year upwards of 66,000*l*.—The annual issue of Bibles and Testaments for the year amounted to 259,850 making a total amount since the formation of the Society of 3,875,474 copies of the Scriptures dispersed throughout the world.

One of the most satisfactory details in the Report of the last year is contained in an account of the proceedings of the Paris Bible Society—One hundred and fourteen Biblical Institutions connected with that Society had been formed in France, being an increase of sixty-two within the year.—It is also a gratifying fact that upwards of 12,000 copies of the Scriptures had been distributed among the Catholics in that kingdom.

The already numerous and active Societies in Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands are increasing in number vigour and enterprise, and give good promise that the pure word of God will ere long be universally and permanently spread throughout those extensive and populous countries, and that powerful aid will be also afforded in dispersing the Scriptures among the Heathen.