

railroad, telegraph, and postal extension, the hopeful condition of the national finances, etc.—but he has solid ground for complacency; he richly deserves the honors heaped upon him.”

EUROPE.

Great Britain.—The British and Foreign Bible Society distributes on an average over 13,000 copies of the Bible daily, nearly 4,000,000 a year. Its influence is continually extending more widely over the whole world; the Bible being now translated into the languages of nine tenths of the human race. At the beginning of the century it had only been translated into the languages of one fifth.

—One of the vice-presidents of the British Bible Society has issued a pamphlet which shows that the Bible is now printed in 381 languages, no less than 52 versions having been added in the last five years. Forty-two of these versions are credited to the English and Scotch translators and societies, and to American societies, 5. What toil this meant to the translators is easily seen from the fact that in the list 23 languages and dialects belong to the African Bantu family, 4 belong to each of the following: Malayan, Chinese, and Melanesian; 3 are Indian languages; 2 each belong to the negro, Turki, Druidian and Hamitic groups, and 1 each to the Tibeto-Barman, Aryan and Micronesian families. Such a description is strikingly significant.

—The National Bible Society of Scotland had an income of £25,976 in 1895, which exceeded that of 1894 by £3338, but the expenditure was £30,642, being larger than that of the previous year by £1066. The issues of Scriptures were 814,408, the largest circulation yet reported. The total issues since 1861 amount to 15,654,307 Scriptures. On the Continent 198 colporteurs circulated the Scriptures in 12 countries, from Norway to Macedonia. In India, Korea, and Japan, Bible work has been vigorously prosecuted. In China the society

had a very successful year, the efforts of 9 agents and 131 native colporteurs having been crowned with much blessing. The Hankow Press printed 13,000 New Testaments, and 350,000 portions, with nearly 1,000,000 tracts. A second annotated Gospel, that of St. Matthew, is about to be issued from the same press. To various parts of Africa, to South America, and to the Colonies, Scriptures have been sent for circulation through various agencies. Among other versions published or issuing from the press, is the Mang'anja version by Rev. David Clement Scott, of the Blantyre mission.

—The Universities' Mission of the Church of England has sent into the African field no less than 7 bishops, of whom 3 still survive. Of the other 4, 1 is buried without memorial in his cathedral in a lone grave by the Zambesi; another, the builder of the cathedral, rests alongside of its altar; a third sleeps also without a memorial in his cathedral, beneath the waves of the Indian Ocean, and now the fourth has sunk to rest in the waters of the Nyassa, hard by Cape Maclear.

—The foreign mission work of the Irish Presbyterian Church is carried on in the province of Juarat and Kathiawar (Bombay Presidency, India), and in Manchuria (North China). It has 23 missionaries at work, 3 of them medical missionaries, and there are 3 native pastors and 194 native Christian workers (evangelists, teachers, etc.). There is an annual collection taken up in all the congregations of the church—561 in number—for the foreign mission. *The collection taken last January was the largest in the history of the mission*, amounting to somewhere about £6600. This is all the more satisfactory as a sum of above £1400 has been recently raised by a special effort to send out a number of our student volunteers, who, on the completion of their course, offered themselves to the Church to go to the foreign field on any terms that the funds of the mission would permit. Three of