

will have remitted from the commencement £1,788, 13s. 5d. stg., of which the donations to the Parent Society would be £1,027, 17s. 2d.; and the distribution of the Scriptures £11,507 copies.

A colporteur has been employed for the last five years, who during the winter months finds his way into the back settlements and lumberers' camps, and every year he has succeeded in disposing of large numbers of the Scriptures. This has become quite an interesting feature in the Society's operations.

There are three depositories; two in Chatham, and one in Newcastle, which make satisfactory annual returns to the Society.

There is a gradual increase from year to year, not only in the distribution of the Scriptures but also in the subscriptions and free contributions to the funds of the Society: and the indications are that the Society constantly grows in the affections of the community.

The Rev. Wm. Alves, A. M., in moving the second Resolution, spoke in substance as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—You will at once perceive that my resolution, in order to support it aright, would require a very lengthened and elaborate speech. The past labors of the British and Foreign Bible Society! The success that has attended them! Why, Mr. Chairman, it were as easy to speak of the *commerce* of Great Britain! I might as well attempt to tell the amount of traffic carried on by the ships that ply from the British Isles to all approachable shores—carrying there the fruit of British industry and the riches of the British soil, and to estimate the physical good resulting therefrom to the inhabitants of the world, as to tell the labors of the British and Foreign Bible Society in past years, and to estimate the value of these labors in the moral and spiritual good which they have effected. Nay, the one thing on many accounts would be much easier than the other. The Bible Society has penetrated with its divine commodity—the Bible—where the material trade of Britain cannot enter. To look back on the past fifty-nine years of the labors of the Bible Society, and form an adequate idea of the success attending them, or the good effected, is a task which I will not pretend to undertake. And to perform it in the brief space of a quarter of an hour! Why, Mr. President, I fear you would have required one of Munchausen's clever fellows to do justice to this resolution. One of them, you know, was a smith by trade, and in order to prove his dexterity, rushed out of his workshop when the mail-coach was passing at full gallop, and took off all the horses' shoes and put them on again, without stopping the coach! Now I cannot pretend to be so clever as that, or to be able to do justice to this resolution in a quarter of an hour. It is too extensive for any one to do justice to it. And this, Mr. President, is only saying that the labors of the Bible Society, and the success attending them, cannot be estimated at all.

Let us, however, refer to a few things. One of the noblest and most commendable works of the Bible Society has been to aid in the production of the Scriptures in new languages; and the extent of its labors in this department is almost incredible. There are probably upwards of 200 languages or dialects spoken on the face of the globe. Now the Bible Society has in whole or part promoted the printing and distribution of the Bible in 164 of these languages and dialects. But for it 151 races of men might have been destitute of the Scriptures in their own language to this day.