

being nearest to the point of sight, stand out in boldest relief in the perspective of the grand panorama. But rising beyond, one sees on the one side India, with its strange mixture of intelligence and superstition; and China, with its multitude of childish fables and idolatrous rites; whilst, on the other side, the eye rests upon Africa with its swarthy race, and America with its yet undeveloped wealth; and towering in the further distance are ranged New Zealand and Australia, Madagascar and the South Sea Islands, Burmah and Japan."

The issues of the British and Foreign during the year 1868, numbered 2,400,776 copies. Of these, 1,357,989 were circulated in Great Britain, and 1,048,787 in foreign countries. As an example of the number of copies circulated in the respective foreign countries, the following instances may be given: The issues were—

In Germany.....	207,522	In Turkey.....	18,955
In Prussia.....	151,862	In India.....	173,086
In Austria.....	132,460	In China.....	181,952
In Italy.....	48,987		

The work, both at home and abroad, is largely carried on by means of Colporteurs. During the past year there were employed in France 71; in Prussia 28; in Germany 22; and in Italy 34.

During the Exhibition in Paris, a depot was established within the exhibition grounds and kept in operation for seven months, from which a very large distribution of the Scriptures was made by sales and gratuities. Here the work of Pentecost was in a sense repeated; for men, generally speaking, from every country under heaven, had the word of God conveyed to them in their own language. The potentates of earth also were present, and giving their approval. Among those who, in various ways, showed their sympathy with the work, and took an interest in the efforts which they witnessed, was the Emperors of France and Russia, the King of Prussia and Queen of Holland, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Prussia and Prince Galitzin of Russia. By sales and gratuities, there were given of copies of the Scriptures to priests 1200; to soldiers and sailors 15,000; to the police and *gardes de Paris* 6,000; and placed in hotels and boarding houses 120,000. As an evidence of the way in which the desire to possess the word of God increased during the time the depot was in operation, it is mentioned that while in the first week, the number of copies issued was only 241, in the last week it was 20,000.

The pecuniary means for maintaining the extensive operations of the Society, are derived mainly from three sources, viz.: Free contributions, legacies and donations. During the year 1868, there was raised from