

of success the Spirit of God took possession of the Conference, and in Christian charity and brotherly love enthusiastic resolutions were unanimously passed, one delegate only out of the 432 voting against two of the resolutions. Committees were appointed to select translators to carry out union versions in the various languages. The strife of forty years was closed. When this great result was achieved, the united Conference, with glad, full hearts, sang the Doxology, an expression of the deepest thanks and worshipfulness.

It was not an unimportant part of the Conference's work that they remembered the blind, and appointed a strong Committee to look after their interests.

The work of the Bible Society in China has always been on a large scale. Up to 1853, £30,000 had been spent, and the expenditure up to the present time has reached a total of £150,000.

This expenditure will go on in an increasing ratio, and with a Union Bible, and a thousand more missionaries to carry it to the people, the Word of God will fly swiftly throughout that great empire.

The field is unlimited, and the influences of the race and its future are also unlimited. The Chinese are the English of the East. They are pressing forward everywhere, pushing out weaker races. If we don't Christianize them, they will heathenize us.

A splendid work lies before the Bible Society. The little seed planted by the portals of this century has grown into a mighty tree, with majestic outspreading branches. The branches extend to China, and truly the leaves of the tree are for the healing of that nation.

THE BIBLE IN 1890.

In the eighty-sixth annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society we have an interesting account of the latest transactions of that venerable society. It is an account of work of the most important kind which, in almost every part of the world, is extending and exerting, year by year, a happier influence, its sole object being to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, in the languages of all people that on earth do dwell. The issues of the year have again been large—rising to a total of over three million, seven hundred and ninety thousand copies. The story of the Bible in France is pleasantly told by M. Gustave Monod, of Paris. There is a light upon its page and a happy energy in its tone contrasting strongly with the accounts of former years. "The circulation has leaped into a total which nearly trebles that of 1889." M. Monod expresses his conviction that the horizon is brightening in France—the current of popular thought and life is, very apparently, less irreligious than it was a few years ago. In Belgium, one of the hardest fields for the society's work, on account of the prevailing socialistic atheism, there has been substantial progress. Some of the educated Roman Catholics in that country are feeling it a reproach that the Scriptures are seldom read by even the most devout of the people. The spirit of enquiry has, however, been awakened, and the Word of God is coming to be in demand. In Germany the circulation of all the Bible societies rose last year to 600,000 copies, and it is gratifying to note that the young Emperor is a warm friend of the work. In Austria, notwithstanding the hostility of the Church of Rome, the agents of the Bible Society are encouraged in their work. In Italy the outlook is hopeful. The total issues from the dépôt in Rome last year were 21,593 copies. In Spain the aspect of affairs is "the quiet and slow, but sure advance of the Holy Scriptures over all the land." The accounts from Africa picture the advance of European civilization and Christian influence. The reports from India