

make those personal local appeals to which so ready a response is ordinarily made."

"There can be no greater error than to assume that elements so precarious as Donations and Legacies will remain constant, and that therefore any single exertion on the part of the Society's friends can be spared. It is true that the income of the past two years has exceeded the expenditure; but the *Financial Engagements* of the Society are large and commit it at the present time to an expenditure of £107,777 0s. 4d. Numerous contracts are being carried out by printers at home and abroad, the cost of which is included in the above sum. The editions now passing through the press are here summarized:

In France are being printed	.	.	.	8,000	copies
Holland	"	"	.	38,000	"
Germany	"	"	.	300,000	"
Switzerland	"	"	.	3,000	"
Austria	"	"	.	67,500	"
Spain	"	"	.	35,500	"
Portugal	"	"	.	13,000	"
Denmark	"	"	.	19,000	"
Norway	"	"	.	20,000	"
Sweden	"	"	.	12,000	"
Russia and Finland	"	"	.	102,000	"
Turkey	"	"	.	12,000	"
Africa	"	"	.	5,000	"
Ceylon	"	"	.	4,000	"
Malaysia	"	"	.	1,000	"
China	"	"	.	30,000	"

"The intimate relation subsisting between your Society and those Foreign Missions which are the glory of the present day, has incidentally been touched upon again and again in this Report. It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity of testifying afresh to the sterling worth of men whose path of Christian service has at many points crossed or run parallel with that of your own agents. "We being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another;" for if the Missionary be indebted to the Bible Society for those supplies which are his munition of war, not less is the latter his debtor for exploring new countries, reducing strange languages to written forms, casting the Scriptures into the mould thus prepared, and then aiding in their diffusion. But your Committee cannot avoid perceiving that many Christian people regard missions as the sole instrument for bringing the Gospel to the heathen. Without wishing to subtract any part of the aid deservedly given to those noble institutions, it seems right to claim for your Society cordial recognition as toiling at their side in the same field, and therefore as possessing a title like theirs to public support. While as to the continent of Europe—too often forgotten in the consideration of the world's need—it is not too much to say that the British and Foreign Bible Society is the greatest Evangelical agency employed, and that its colporteurs, without passing the lines laid down for their guidance, convey an amount of New Testament teaching to the victims of dark superstitions that calls for hearty acknowledgement."

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"And, lastly, is it blameworthy if your Committee look fondly upon the dimensions which the Society has attained! With the Psalmist they would cry, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory!" yet is the structure imposing and to be viewed with joy. But if tempted to apply to it the description of the seedling grown into an oak, they are reminded that this description belongs of far better right to the progress of the divine Word itself. Upon the human organization they would set no value