

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

We are under very great obligations to the Religious Tract Society, of London, for the liberal and very generous support given to the work of our Society. During the past year the Committee very kindly made a free grant of £100 worth of Tracts; also, supplied £155 worth of S. S. Libraries and 6,000 Illustrated Family Almanacs at half subscribers' prices, and 1,000 Young People's Almanacs at half price.

We glean the following statements from the very interesting and valuable Report last issued:—

"During the past year the Religious Tract Society made grants to the amount of £43,362, whilst its total benevolent income has only been £26,217. The excess of grants over the receipts available for its missionary work, therefore, is no less than £17,145 during the year.

"The total amounts received from sales, missionary receipts, and all other sources, including last year's balance, is £149,125 12s. 10d. The total expenditure in both trade and grant department has been £145,930 18s. 8d., leaving a balance in favor of the Society of £3,194 14s. 2d.

"The total amount received from subscriptions and other contributions, part payment for grants, dividends, and legacies, is £26,217 8s. 1d., the whole of this sum being available for the missionary objects of the Society. The missionary expenditure has amounted to £43,362 11s. 10d. It consists of foreign money grants, foreign grants of paper, electrotypes, and publications, grants to emigrants, to congregational and individual applicants for tracts, libraries to schools, seamen, coffee palaces, prisons, workhouses, colporteurs, &c.

"The amount of grants thus exceeds the missionary receipts by £17,145 5s. 9d.; this sum has been supplied from the trade funds, which have also borne the entire cost of management both of the business and missionary departments.

"There have been issued during the year 624 new publications, of which 217 were tracts.

"The total circulation from the Home Depot, including Books, Tracts, Periodicals counted in numbers, Cards and Miscellaneous Issues, has reached 60,341,750, of which 28,899,035 are Tracts. The Issues from Foreign Depots may be safely stated at 10,000,000, making a total circulation of 70,341,750, and of very nearly 1,853,341,750 since the formation of the Society.

"The fact that, apart from the numerous grants made to individuals, foreign grants have been given in 50 different countries, through 130 different societies and institutions, each with its own system and

channels of distribution, influence exercised by those of last year, influence at home.

"The fact of Christian tracts in collecting missions, in building times the effect traced; how which the work prepared gro of the spirit

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