

It is difficult to present new phases of work every year. The Society is like a great river flowing on its course, ever-deepening, ever widening, ever increasing. The British and Foreign Bible Society was only possible as a Christian British enterprise. Its colportage work, in many countries, could only be carried out with the knowledge that the British power and influence were behind it. Wherever the British flag flies, or wherever British influence is felt, there the colporteur and his books are safe. We hear of annexation, but the British and Foreign Bible Society annexes new languages every year. The Empire annexes countries, and gives them good laws and staple government, while the Society gives the peoples of these countries the good books and the knowledge of the Way of Life. The chairman also gave some statistics of the wonderful growth of the Society since its inception, also spoke of the finances, all of which appears in the abstract of the report. He then called upon the Secretary, the REV. F.-H. ALMON, who read the following report :

The Committee of Nova Scotia Bible Society, in presenting a brief sketch of their report for 1894, would first refer to the work of British and Foreign Bible Society related in their last Annual Report. That Society closed its ninetieth year with the Bible translated, more or less entirely into nearly 320 languages; almost 4,000,000 copies have, since March, 1893, been supplied to the churches or missionary societies, or circulated by the Society's own agencies. In almost all the countries of the Old World, and many of the New, colporteurs, over 600 in number, have been employed, and 400 Bible women have pursued their sisterly work in the zenanas of India and the east. Thus, a band of more than 1,000 Bible missionaries are at work spreading the knowledge of the Word of God.

The net income of the Society amounts to £141,228 14s. 8d., which is £3,683 13s. 9d. more than in 1893. The sales of Scriptures have yielded £91,740 13s. 11d., which is less than last year by £8,093. 3s. 11d. The total receipts for the General Fund have thus been £234,284 19s. 4d., including £1,316 0s. 9d. for the Special Deficit Fund. The expenditure has been £222,847 12s. 7d., which is £1,890 10s. 11d. greater