

Its expenditure during the year was £700 more than the year before, over £190,000 sterling, and the income fully as much—for sales nearly £100,000 being received, and as free income a little over that sum, making the total receipts almost \$1,000,000. The Society's funds, its work and its success all demand our congratulations; nevertheless it is but virtually entering upon its mission and has its noblest triumphs yet to win. All those names of countries that appear in its reports are rather suggestive of what it has yet to do than descriptive of what it has already accomplished. In many of these countries, e. g., Africa, China, New Guinea, etc., it has as yet but skirted the coast, while the interior is still a dark unknown. But should the same success attend the efforts of this Society during the next seventy-eight years as has crowned its labours in the past, then may we confidently hope that every country in the world will be fully occupied, and the Word of Life, in the multiplied reverberations of human speech, will be intelligible and accessible to all.

The large fields still to be occupied, the advance of missionaries who call for new versions of the Scriptures, the spread of education multiplying the number of readers, and other considerations justify an appeal to the friends of the Society for renewed activity and increased contributions. The wants of the world, as well as our past success, emphasize the apostolic injunction "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

St. John, N. B., 11th Jan., 1883.