

extract from a letter of its respected Secretary, will give a general idea of its present condition:—

"I am not able at present," he writes, "to give such a statement of the affairs of our Society as would shew our actual position, owing principally to the fact that the Collections for the past year have not yet been completed.—The duty of collecting is performed chiefly by the Ladies' Committee, and circumstances have this year caused some delay. I may, however, state generally, that we are entirely free from debt, and have, independently of the collections for 1851, a sum of about £12 on hand, applicable to the purchase of books, which we now require to keep up our stock."

DEPOTS.

BARRIEFIELD continues under the charge of Mr. Forbes. He has received during the year, 15 Bibles and 12 Testaments.

PORTSMOUTH, under the charge of Mrs. Moodie, has received 19 Bibles and 21 Testaments.

STORRINGTON, under the charge of Miss King, has not received any during the year, but several copies have been sold, and a new stock is ordered.

WILLIAMSVILLE, under the charge of Mr. J. Coward, has received no new supply.

BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Still advancing in her career of usefulness our noble Parent is labouring with unflagging zeal. During the past year severe loss has been sustained in the official department. "Mr. Cockle the faithful Depositary died towards the end of October; before the close of December its invaluable Clerical Secretary was numbered with the dead, and within a few short weeks the remains of the noble and venerable President were laid beside those of Mr. Brandram, "These all died in faith." We cannot even glance at the vast field occupied by this truly Catholic Society. The following extract taken from its last Report, will however indicate the character of its past year's history. "The floods" of opposition have in some quarters lifted up their voices, the floods have lifted up their waves, but the Lord on high has shewn Himself mightier than the voice of many waters, yea than the mighty waves of the sea. The Society has maintained its ground. "Blessed be our Rock." Nor has success been wanting. The receipts have largely increased: its issues have not been less; while gratifying intelligence from almost every part of the globe confirms the belief that our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The Bible has been published directly or indirectly in 148 different languages. The number of versions is 175. Of these 21 are Translations never before printed. The issues of the year

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