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being made both at home and abroad will also suffer, if the Bible Society does not keep step with them in its ability to furnish the Scriptures in the many new languages they require. The translation, printing or distribution of the whole or part of the Bible has been promoted by the Society—directly in 268 languages or dialects, indirectly in 65. Total 333. Six new revisions have been added to the Society's list, but the great work of the year has been the continuation of versions already begun, and the revision of translations long in use. In India and other eastern lands where millions of women are shut up, ignorant of God's Word and its lifegiving truth, and prevented from attending Gospel preaching, four hundred and seventy-three Bible Women subsidized by the British and Foreign Bible Society are devoting themselves to the work of carrying to the inmates of the Zenanas that story so certain to interest, of the love and death of our Saviour and Lord. When they cannot read, and few can, the Bible Women will read to them, and will teach them to read. Within the past year 1,455 native women had been thus taught; almost 30,000 have, week by week, been visited; 4,223 copies of the Scriptures have been given, and 14,425 copies sold. Such is the world-wide work the Nova Scotia Bible Society is collecting for. In March, 1896, our Treasurer sent free contributions £300, for purchase account £249 6s. 8d. in all \$2,685.05. As our Treasurer's account is not closed till March 31st, 1897, we cannot state amount of contributions, but we hope they may exceed those of previous years. The sum received at the Halifax Depository for Bibles and Testaments amounts to \$597, an increase of over \$83.60 over the year's receipts of 1895. Eighty-nine Branch Societies are united in the Nova Scotia Bible Society. In Pictou and New Glasgow separate societies are contributing to the British and Foreign Bible Society. Our esteemed and zealous travelling Secretary, Mr. McKelvie, reports: "You may be assured that our cause will continue to be liberally sustained by the country branches. Responses to my appeals at public meetings often express the avowal that of all Christian philanthropies the Bible Society is the noblest and ought to be the last to suffer for lack of support. Still, as the number of benevolent societies seems to increase in every part, the difficulty is greater in maintaining our former measure of financial aid. In the southern parts of the province and in Cape Breton, there is a falling off in contributions, but elsewhere there is generally an advance so far as the returns have been made.

In conclusion, we ask our friends for increased and liberal support, because of the work the Bible Society has done for the long neglected Indians of our Dominion, having given them the Bible in whole or in part in sixteen