

"Two years ago your Committee stated that they were ready to go forward provided their friends put it in their power, and kept it in their power, to do so without anxiety as to funds. This undertaking has not been forgotten, and as increased means were placed at their disposal, it has been your Committee's anxious prayer that God would guide them to such a wise expansion of their labours as would be commensurate with the enlarged responsibility which He was laying upon them. They trust that it will be satisfactory to their supporters when they say, that, with watchful care to avoid all wasteful outlay, and with due regard to the claims of different fields, they have expended in encouraging the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures no less than £222,431. 15s. 9d. This EXPENDITURE exceeds that under the General Fund in the previous year by £14,614. 10s. 7d.; as that again outstripped its predecessor by £17,079. 5s. 10d. While endeavouring thus, in obedience to the leadings of Divine Providence, to act up to their present responsibilities, your Committee must remind the Society at large that the extended operations upon which they have entered in the last two years can only be maintained by an outlay corresponding to that which they have just announced. Details of some extension will be found in many sections of the Report; and reference can be made here only in the briefest manner to a few of the more salient features of the year.

"Meaning by *copies*, not Bibles alone, but any integral part or portion of Holy Writ, the Issues from the Bible House in London to meet home and foreign demands have been 1,517,024 copies. Those from depôts abroad have been 1,601,280 copies, making a TOTAL of 3,118,304 copies, or 153,668 more than in the previous year. The issues of the Society for the eighty years since its commencement now reach a total of 100,035,933 copies. Your Committee would have little satisfaction even in these enormous figures, did they not know how much prayer for the Divine Spirit to speak through these Scriptures accompanies their circulation, and had they not daily proof that according to His promise God's Word does not return unto Him void.