

second century, made the most extensive use of the New Testament and gave us numerous quotations. All these witnesses testify to the same great truths, and their divergences from each other are generally of small moment; and from the comparison and combination of the whole testimony we can in almost every instance detect the specific errors of each witness, and fix with a wonderful degree of exactness the contents of the original documents for which they are vouchers. For the integrity of what writing of the Augustinian age have we so many witnesses?"—*The Christian Advocate*.

THE NEW YEAR.

"Farewell to 1886! Its record is closed. It saw a new President and a new Treasurer installed in the Bible House. The figures announced at the Anniversary in May were ground for rejoicing, and a call for generosity. The work accomplished had entailed an outlay far higher than that of any previous year in the Society's history. The expenditure had outstript the income by £2,437. For a second year in succession, a circulation of over four million copies of Holy Scripture had been effected. This is very nearly at the rate of eight copies for every minute in the year. The new copies of Scripture printed during the twelvemonth had numbered more than four millions and three-quarters. They were in sixty-one different languages, and in one hundred and four separate editions. And God's promise, that His Word shall not return to Him void, was graciously fulfilled during 1885 and 1886 in many a land."

A new year is now before us. Its story is still veiled from our eyes. "Commit thy way unto the Lord," says God's Book. It says again, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."—*From the British and Foreign Bible Society Reporter*.

HONOURED SERVICE.

Extract from the Agent's Report of the Annual Meeting held by the Branch of this Society, at Norval, on 20th December, 1886.

"Much regret was felt and expressed by the Committee that the venerable and most esteemed President, Rev. J. Alexander, retired from office, after having been officially connected with this branch for thirty-two years, about twenty-five of which he served as Secretary, during which period the branch flourished as few branches flourish. A vote of thanks was moved by your agent and spoken to by several, and carried very cordially."

TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The Rev. Wm. Kay has been appointed as Collector for this Society for the year, 1886-7. We bespeak for him a cordial reception, and trust that the donations to this great work of disseminating the Holy Scriptures at home and abroad will be very liberal. About \$2,500 is yet required to clear the debt on the new Bible House, and Mr. Kay is authorized to receive donations from friends desiring to contribute to the "Building Fund."

CIRCULAR TO BRANCH DEPOSITARIES.

The Upper Canada Bible Society has uniformly sold the Bibles of the British and Foreign Bible Society at cost price laid down in Toronto; and it has required of local Depositaries to sell at the same prices, without any commission. No doubt, in the majority of cases, the Branch Depositaries have