

issued by the trade in this country, as noticed in 1877. In 1885 they had increased to 24, and introduced, they amounted to 125. Since

Colporteurs of this Society in every state and people its valuable publications, exciting among them nearly twelve millions of which hardly be estimated. Inquiry has been made an army of readers has been created—the and other publishing Societies, but of the and to-day the demand for the issues of by a home in which the first desire for books Colporteur to their dwelling. Not only do meet this demand, but private publishers active books, which, going to the homes of n manhood, fitting them for the duties of

s extended this evangelizing agency South and has now an Agency and Depository Colporteurs on the Pacific coast, of in this report. Such blessing has crowned and in this last year, that a vast expansion ly needed, if the ten millions unevangelized th the gospel of Christ."

ious Tract Society," of London:—

RELATION.

Society's depot in Paternoster Row have 2,288 were Tracts and Handbills. If to sign depots, which cannot have been less over 49,000,000, raising the whole since 000.

circulation during the year has amounted

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ance of last year, were £119,790; total in the Treasurer's hands of £2,635.

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ulture caused by the war, has made the ttle less than £5,500. This your Com- may enable them to recover; as it must and Tract Societies, which are business a reserve equal, at least, to one quarter's tion.

st confined to details of its missionary constitute a comparatively small part of ls of distribution. The object of your vants of every district through the special ir auxiliary committees, but also to gain into all ranks of the community, the who can be reached only by free gift. e ordinary channels of trade. While, ed upon his path by free grants, while en induced to establish libraries both for s are encouraged especially for the sale

of tracts, strenuous efforts are made to induce booksellers to keep a stock of the Society's publications for their ordinary customers. Thus these publications actually find their way into large circles outside those conventionally distinguished as evangelical. This, of course, involves the ordinary use of advertisements, travellers, and other means necessary to make the book-selling trade acquainted with the varied issues of the Institution, involving a large outlay.

"The success which has attended the plan is its highest justification; as perhaps three-fourths of the Society's sales are to the book-sellers. But it must be ever remembered that the business department of the house is as much for the Lord's work in the spread of His truth as in the missionary. If your Committee trade, it is because they are striving to scatter the precious deposit of evangelical doctrine, through this medium over all the earth. That doctrine—your Committee would remind their readers—is, Salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; that faith being not a mere hereditary assent to certain facts, nor a mere intellectual assent to certain propositions as consistent with those facts, or logically deducible from them, but an earnest, simple TRUST IN THE LORD'S PERSON AND WORK. This trust it is which makes us, according to His teaching, one with Him; and from that oneness arise both the justification and sanctification of the believer; as it is written, 'There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit,' (Rom. viii. 1), we in Him are accepted by the Eternal Father as just; while His Spirit flowing into us, sanctifies our body, soul, and spirit, and prepares us for the exceeding weight of glory that is to follow."

TO THE CHRISTIAN PUBLIC—You are well aware that the Colporteur work of this Society is not self-supporting. It has to be sustained by the donations and subscriptions of the Christian public. We have, therefore, to endeavour to conduct it as economically as we possibly can; and we are glad to find that in travelling through their several districts, our Colporteurs are relieved of a great deal of outlay by the considerate kindness and hospitality of the people among whom they visit. They are generally entertained free of expense. Seldom are we called upon to meet bills for board, lodging, &c. Nor could we. Our limited resources would not allow us to carry on the Colporteur work, as we are now doing, if we had to pay for every meal and every night's lodging that our Colporteurs require.

We, therefore, in the name and on behalf of the Directors of the British American Book and Tract Society, beg to tender our warmest thanks to all those who, by their kindness and hospitality to our Colporteurs, have cheered their hearts, and helped them on in their good work. May Heaven richly reward them!

And having experienced your kindness in the past, we confidently rely upon it for the future. Brethren aid the Colporteur in every way that you can in his labour for Christ; and "you shall in no wise lose your reward."

Yours in Christian bonds,

D. HENRY STARR,

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