

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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IN presenting the Seventy-first Annual Report of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, and in referring to the Eighty-sixth Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, your Committee have pleasure in stating that during the year the work of the Society has been well maintained.

This wonderful institution, spreading its branches and scattering its leaves of healing over nearly all the countries of the world, may here and there be checked in its growth for a time, by paganism, superstition or infidelity, but, standing firm in the love and loyalty of the Christian people, opposition will but ensure increased support and cause the sturdy branches to spread more widely the blessing of their vigorous life.

The Parent Society reports an increase of issues of over 100,000, having circulated during the year 836,000 Bibles, 1,387,000 Testaments, and 1,568,000 Portions, a total of nearly 3,800,000 copies. The demand for the standard editions shows strong and rapid progress. The receipts have been £212,000, which is nearly the same as last year, of which £113,800 was Free income, and £98,200 for sale of scriptures. Legacies, always an uncertain item, have again been less than in the previous year, but the Free Contributions from Auxiliaries are gradually and steadily rising. The expenditures were necessarily large, being £15,000 more than the income. Altogether the outlook, though not without anxiety, is fraught with encouragement and promise.

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