

note the two points of *finance and circulation*, as taken from an abstract of the report of 1884 :

"It is with humble thankfulness to the Giver of all that they announce to their supporters that the income of the Society's eightieth year has been the largest it has ever received, the TOTAL RECEIPTS having reached the sum of £233,309. 8s. 7d., and having exceeded those of the previous year by £22,708. 15s. 6d. An advance of about £2,000 in Annual Subscriptions, Collections, and Free Contributions is more than counterbalanced by a decrease of about £3,000 in Donations. The substantial increase of income is therefore due to about £9,000 more received from the sale of Scriptures, and about £14,000 more received in Legacies. The last-named source of income is necessarily of such a fluctuating character, that an unusually large sum accruing from it in one year may be followed by unusually small receipts from it soon after. Legacies have yielded £38,181. 10s. 5d., or £16,000 above their average, in the year just closed ; and half the whole sum came to hand in its last three months. Your Committee believe it to be generally the wish of those who leave their money to this Society that it should not be hoarded up, but laid out in meeting any urgent calls for the further spread of God's Holy Word. But, under the unusual circumstances described, your Committee deem it only right, as a precaution against any corresponding fall below the average in Legacies during another year, to hold for a time in reserve a portion of the exceptionally large receipts from that source announced on the present occasion. And they beg their friends in the country not to relax their efforts to maintain and extend the stable income to be relied upon from the Free Contributions of Auxiliary Societies.

"The FREE INCOME of the Society from all sources has been £126,182. 18s. 7d. Adding to this £107,021. 12s. 3d. received from the sale of Scriptures, and £104. 17s. 9d. from the Roxburgh Fund for Indian colportage, the total income of £233,309. 8s. 7d., already mentioned, is obtained, as against the £210,600. 13s. 1d. announced at the last anniversary.

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