

The Committee urge that all the city churches, country Branches, and subscribers who have not yet sent their subscriptions to our Treasurer, do so before the end of February, and hope for a generous offering to the Society for the following reasons :

1. The benefits conferred on our own people. By selling the Bible at cost price, and the editions generally used by the poor below cost, the Holy Scriptures are put within the reach of all classes of our population.

2. Many thousands of Bibles and Testaments are yearly supplied to Sunday and week-day schools.

3. Aid is also extensively given in placing the Scriptures in prisons, hospitals, infirmaries, asylums, hotels, boarding houses, and police and railway stations. Institutions for the benefit of the blind, the deaf and dumb, widows, orphans, and other afflicted classes, are liberally supplied with the sacred volume. The various agencies for the benefit of soldiers and sailors are aided, directly or indirectly, by this Society.

4. The Bible Society is the best friend and most efficient helper of missionary institutions of all kinds. Missionary societies find sufficient difficulty in raising funds for the training and support of their missionaries, and the carrying on of their operations, without incurring the further expense of printing large editions of the Scriptures for heathen or Mohammedan countries. This department of missionary labor is always cheerfully undertaken by the British and Foreign Bible Society. As missions spread, the demands on the Bible Society increase.

5. The work which remains to be done. The population of the globe is estimated at fifteen hundred millions. For this vast number it is believed that above two hundred and sixty million copies of the Holy Scriptures have been provided in a printed form. More than three-fourths of this number have been prepared and circulated by the Bible Society and kindred institutions in Europe and America. But how have these copies been distributed? Protestant nations have received more than half the number. And the fact is, that among one thousand million of heathens, Jews and Mohammedans, only some twenty-five million copies of the sacred volume have been circulated. Well it may be asked, "What are these among so many." Who can think of these multitudes without compassion?

The first resolution was moved by **REV. DYSON HAGUE**, and seconded by **REV. J. A. ROGERS** :

"That this Meeting express their thanks to God for the extended circulation of His Word, and for the funds