

About thirty per cent of the year's issue were in England and Wales.

The total expenditure for the year was about \$1,093,000, of which \$514,000 was for translating, revising, printing and binding Scriptures; and \$579,000 for grants to home and foreign agencies, colportage, depots, and all other charges. At the present time there are more than 7,600 Auxiliaries, Branches and Associations in different parts of the world—nearly 5,700 of these being in England and Wales.

The Society has 725 colporteurs employed, who have sold above 1,500,000 copies of the Scriptures. These colporteurs are mostly natives of the land in which they work.

Last year 552 native Christian Bible women were maintained, their fields being principally in India and Ceylon.

On an average nearly 32,000 women have been read to each week, or over 1,500,000 yearly. Nearly 2,000 have been taught to read for themselves, and over 20,000 copies of the Scriptures put in circulation by these Bible women.

The work of translation and revision shows in each year an increase and expansion over the preceding year. The record of 1898 shows a marked advance over 1897. Active work is now in progress in over 130 languages.

Respectfully submitted,

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