

work of Bishop Thorlaksson. To mark the event your Committee have presented twenty memorial Bibles in Icelandic, that one may be preserved in the principal church of each of the deaneries which are under that most cordial friend of this Society, Bishop Pjetursson.

"Reverting from things in progress to things which have been completed during the year, some other marks of growing work in far-off lands must be recorded.

"The promised subdivision of the vast Australian Agency has been carried out by the appointment of the Rev. H. T. Robjohns, B.A., as your Agent for New South Wales and Queensland, and the Rev. E. Wilfred Robinson as your Agent for Western and South Australia and Tasmania. These appointments have, at present, been made for only a limited period, so as to admit of such readjustment as circumstances may require. The Colony of Victoria has appointed a local Agent of its own.

"In promoting the wider circulation of the Bible abroad, it is, as a rule, your Committee itself which has to lead the way in stimulating the action of others. But in one case a zealous friend has been for some years applying to the Committee the welcome incentive of princely donations for colportage in China to promote extended operations in that open field. Another gift of £2,000 was last year placed unsolicited at the Committee's disposal, under the suggestive signature, 'Man's best gift to Chinamen.' During the year five more young men have been sent out to China in the capacity of European Head Colporteurs, to travel with, and superintend the work of, native colporteurs. To promote the extension of the Society's Bible work in China, your Committee resolved some time ago to raise the number of its Agents there from one to three, as early as suitable men could be found. The sub-division has been carried out to the extent of appointing the Rev. Evan Bryant to be the Society's Agent for its Bible work in the six northern provinces of China, together with Mongolia, Manchuria, and Corea, as far as practicable. Mr. Bryant was formerly for many years a valued Missionary of the London Missionary Society in China. For the Agency in South China no appointment has yet been made; and that in Japan has lately become vacant.