

which weighed with your Committee, in taking such a step at the present time, will be gathered from the Circular given in the Monthly Extracts.

On the receipt of your Committee's Circular, the Southwark Auxiliary proceeded to pass a series of approbatory Resolutions; and to follow these up by prompt and extensive efforts to obtain special contributions towards defraying the great loss to which, by this measure, the Society has become exposed. The result of this generous effort has been £808 4s. paid to the funds of your Society, in addition to the ordinary contributions from Southwark, which have been larger than usual.

May your Committee hope that this noble example of the Southwark Auxiliary will be followed in other parts of the kingdom, so as to sustain your Society in a sacrifice, the probable extent of which is not easily calculated, but some idea of which may be formed from the fact, that in the three months since this measure has come into operation there have been issued from your Depository 185,218 copies of these cheapened Bibles and Testaments, on which the Society suffers a loss of £6970 3s. 10d.

Two editions of the Bible in the Welsh language are now passing through the press. Your Committee gladly take this opportunity of testifying to the continued activity of their Welsh friends, both resident in the Principality and out of it. They feel bound especially to notice the contributions made the last year by Welsh Congregations in Liverpool, whose collections amounted to no less a sum than £360, as a free contribution.

The Society for the Reformation of Female Convicts has received 595 copies; and other benevolent Institutions, 501. For colliers, boatmen, and seamen, and for working men on the railroads, sundry grants have been made, amounting to 735 copies. To refugees from various nations, emigrants, and others, 549.

Sunday Schools had, before the new measure took effect, purchased 41,737 copies, at a loss to the Society of £822 1s. 4d.

The Remittances from Scotland, from Societies and individuals, have amounted to £640 17s. 3d.

The Glasgow Catholic Schools' Society, has received a grant of 180 Bibles and 240 Testaments.

To the Society's valuable correspondent at Lochalsh have been further granted, on the recommendation of Dr. Paterson, 1400 Gaelic Bibles and 600 Testaments, for distribution in the Highlands and Western Islands of Scotland.

To correspondents in the Island of Islay have been granted 300 Gaelic Bibles and 140 English; and to other correspondents in Scotland, 364.

The Hibernian Bible Society has received a grant of 3000 Bibles and 5000 Testaments.

The London Hibernian Society, whose schools now amount to 2221, in which are found 117,122 children, has received during the year 4000 Bibles and 21,000 Testaments.

The Sunday-School Society for Ireland has remitted the sum of £851 13s. 4d., and received 6500 Bibles and 20,000 Testaments.

To the Irish Society of Dublin have been granted 1500 Testaments in the Irish Language.

After alluding to some of the peculiar difficulties of the times, the Report concludes:—

Your Committee, humbled, but not dismayed, turn from the troubled scene around them, and look up. "The Lord on high is mightier than the voice of many waters; yea, than the mighty waves of the sea." He, to whom all power is given in heaven and in earth, "the Alpha and the Omega," "the First and the Last," will not fail to execute

"His bright designs,  
And work His sovereign will."

They would therefore hear and obey what they believe to be His voice, and would know no watchword but *Onward*, and *Forward*.—Towards such as decline to unite with them, or, having been once united, now withdraw themselves, they would "walk in love." To those who remain—and, thank God! they are yet a goodly host—to the warm, the attached, the liberal, the devoted friends of the British and Foreign Bible Society, your Committee say, in conclusion, "Finally, brethren, farewell: be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."