

We have now, therefore, 156 BIBLE Lady Superintendents, 26 Nurse Lady Superintendents, 12 Bible Pioneers, 4 Nurse Pioneers, 3 Matrons of Houses and 5 Central Workers, for the oversight and help of 275 Bible-women and Nurses, for whom the mission is responsible, as well as for all needful changes and current revisions among them.

FOREIGN AND SPECIFIC FUNDS.

We have paid salary from our Foreign Fund in aid of 32 native Christians employed as Bible-women abroad, or chiefly hitherto as Scripture-readers. We have one Bible-woman in China, one in Caffraria, eight in Syria at Beirut and Damascus, with Abou Selin, one Bible-man; 10 in India, 3 in Burmah, 2 in Madagascar. We have not just now any suitable agent in Jerusalem, which we much regret. We have 2 in Berlin, 1 in Warsaw, 2 in Paris, 1 in Bordeaux.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD.

We still observe, for our own encouragement and as a proof that God is yet enabling our Bible-women practically to remember the main aim of our Mission, the *increasing* sales of Scriptures. We have an increase during the year, allowing for all changes and losses, of six Bible districts, the total number served in the year being 203. For the last seven years our sales of Bibles among the lowest poor have been gradually on an ascending scale:—

In 1860 and 1861 they had amounted to 10,533, and 11,592 copies in the year at a cost of £833 and £1,059.

In 1869 they had dropped to	4,910	copies at a cost of	£719
In 1870 they rose to	6,025	“ “	785
In 1871 were still rising to	6,830	“ “	937
In 1872 were	7,483	“ “	1,039
In 1873 “ “	8,769	“ “	1,198
In 1874 “ “	11,129	“ “	1,503
In 1875 amount to	12,269	“ “	1,659

We may, therefore, this year announce a greater sale of Bibles in the lowest quarters of London *than in any former section of our nineteen years' history*, and we have greater proof than ever that this sale has been accompanied by an increase of spiritual results. We think we owe this to the steady pressure on each of our women of the very moderate requirements of *one new subscriber a week*, and sometimes also perhaps to the circulation of a Christmas card of “loving approval” to those who have observed the rule.

Our twelve PIONEERS are still very important helpers in keeping the Mission perseveringly to this its first aim. Forty-six districts are necessarily under their care, for which we have no Superintending Ladies. The attendance at the Mother's Meetings they hold have, during the year, been over 37,525; the Bible money their women have collected has been £537 8s 11d (once again a *third* of the total sum of the year) and the number of *new* Bible subscribers obtained by them has been 3,806.

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We can truly state, and from continual evidence always before us, that a *real* Bible Mission *always* bears fruit of souls, because it is the Lord who speaks and it is He who opens the ear.

EXTRACT FROM REV G. ROBBINS' HALF-YEARLY REPORT.

The following extract from the half-yearly report of the Rev. George Robbins will be read with interest. It gives evidence of unabated attachment to the work of the Society on the part of its friends, and does credit to the advocacy of those by whom its cause is pleaded.

“A review of the eighty meetings I have attended strengthens my conviction that there is not in the Church of Christ an agency more calculated to promote His glory than the Bible Society. By its means the Book which,