

Buyers and other Missionaries at Benares.

The issues of Scriptures by the Calcutta Auxiliary during the past year have amounted to 36,378, making, since the commencement, a total sent forth by this Auxiliary Society of 359,325 volumes.

MADRAS.—The Report just received of the Madras Auxiliary opens with the satisfactory statement that their sales for the year amounted to 5000 rupees, being a much larger sum than usual. The receipts of the Auxiliary have been 24,951. 11. 5 rupees.

47,000 copies in Tamul, Hindustani, and Telooogo, have been received into the Depository; and during the year the issues have been, 25,072 copies, in English, Telooogo, Canarese, Malayalim, Hindustani, and other languages.

The Madras Committee express their hope that in many cases through the teaching of the Spirit, and by the instrumentality of preachers and teachers, they are contributing very efficiently towards the diffusion of that Christian knowledge, which shall gradually, but imperceptibly and effectually, undermine all that is false in doctrine, and all that is vicious in practice; and introduce, in their stead, the sublime truths, the heart-renovating principles, the peace-promoting precepts, the soul-cheering promises, and glorious prospects of the Gospel.

500 reams of paper, and 1000*l.*, have been granted to the Madras Society during the year; and there have been also forwarded to Madras 588 Bibles and Testaments, including 268 Irish Bibles and Testaments for the use of Irish soldiers found in the army.

BOMBAY.—Various portions of the Scriptures have been printed in the Marathi Language, and also in the Gujerattee Language. For the Hebrew Scriptures there has been an uncommon demand, chiefly for Jews resident in Persia and Arabia. The desire of these descendants of Israel to obtain the Scriptures, both in their own and in the native language, is referred to once and again, as in the following extracts.

Mr. Sayson writes:—

"Every Saturday my house is frequented by Beni-Israel, anxious to obtain the Scriptures. I have given them the few copies that were left with me of the last year. The desire for the word of life is very great among them, and they consider that in possessing the Sacred Volume they have an inestimable treasure.

450 reams of paper, and 700 volumes of English and Portuguese Scriptures, have in the course of the year been forwarded to Bombay; also 200 Hebrew Bibles; and binding materials to the amount of 120*l.*

CEYLON.—No Report has been received during the year, either from the Auxiliary at COLOMBO, or at JAFFNA. To the former have been granted 456 English Bibles and Testaments.

CHINA AND THE STRAITS.—It is gratifying to learn that 500 copies of the Chinese New Testament had been forwarded to Calcutta, for the purpose, it was understood, of being entrusted to benevolent and pious individuals who accompanied the warlike expedition from that country.

The distributions of the SINGAPORE Auxiliary have amounted in the whole to 3445 volumes, besides 500 copies of the Chinese New Testament, procured for Calcutta, as above referred to. To this active Society a grant has been made during the year of 200 Dutch Bibles and 200 Dutch Testaments.

The Rev. Mr. Röttger of RHIO, near Singapore, to whom your Committee voted a sum of 50*l.* towards defraying his expenses in visiting the adjacent islands of Lingin, Banca, Sumatra, &c., has rendered an account of a tour made by him, in the course of which he disposed of 837 volumes in Chinese, Malay, Tamil, and various other languages.

From BANGKOK, the capital of Siam, the Rev. W. Dean thus writes to your Secretary:—

"You may be interested to learn, that, in this place, portions of the Sacred Scriptures have been extensively circulated among the Chinese, who are in number more than 300,000."

The Rev. W. H. Medhurst, of BATAVIA, has applied for and received 150 English Bibles and Testaments, and 25 Dutch Testaments on behalf of a Chinese Boarding-school, containing 25 children, all of whom can read, and of the Parapattan Orphan Asylum, containing 52 children, receiving an English and Dutch education.

NEW SOUTH-WALES.—The Auxiliary at SYDNEY has remitted the sum of 175*l.*, and received 300 Bibles and 300 Testaments.

The Auxiliary recently formed at MELBOURNE, Port Philip, has sent 60*l.*, and an order for 258 Bibles and Testaments.

The VAN-DIEMAN'S-LAND Auxiliary, at Hobart Town, has remitted 200*l.* Their last Annual Meeting is reported to have been of an encouraging character. His Excellency Sir John Franklin presided.

50 Bibles and 200 Testaments have been granted to the Rev. R. R. Davis, proceeding to Van Dieman's Land.

SOUTH SEAS.—From the interesting islands of the Pacific Ocean, where have been witnessed triumphs of Christianity resembling those of the primitive age, little direct intelligence has been received by your Committee during the year. They rejoice, however, to gather from the published correspondence of other Societies, that the Sacred Scriptures, printed in several of the languages of those islands, and thousands of copies of which are now found in the hands of the people, have been

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