

statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

It may be asked: What is the British and Foreign Bible Society doing to accomplish its special mission?

In the first year of its existence—1804—it had not sufficient means to print a single copy of the Scriptures; the second year a thousand copies were issued; this year—1891-92—it has issued and circulated nearly four million copies of God's Word in different languages throughout the world, being 62,680 copies over 1891 and 196,952 over 1890.

The total issues of the Society since its birth to the close of its last fiscal year (31st March, 1892), are: One hundred and thirty-one million eight hundred and forty-four thousand seven hundred and ninety six (131,844,796) copies.

Thirteen thousand copies of the Bible, in whole or in part, are asked for at the hands of the Society for every working day in the year, and it employs more than one thousand Colporteurs and Bible women to carry the message of Salvation to the homes of the people in various countries.

Dr. Cust states that the Bible may now be obtained in three hundred and thirty-one (331) languages, and of this number the British and Foreign Bible Society publish and circulate it in three hundred and two (302) languages.

Versions of some part of the Sacred Book in over seventy (70) languages claimed the careful attention of the Translators and Editorial Committee of the Society during the past year, and nine of these languages find a place for the first time among those privileged to convey the Gospel message to men in their own tongue.

In reflecting on such a prodigious work as this, embracing the translation, publication, and distribution of all those different languages, we are led to exclaim, "What hath God wrought?"

From last year's Abstract Report (1891-2), we regret to note that for the third successive year the revenue has not been equal to the requirements of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the expenditure amounting to £43,430 more than the receipts during that period. The total revenue for the past year was £211,384 10s. This is less by £5,764 7s. 3d. than in 1890-1. We trust this deficit will be speedily covered.

At the present time a pertinent question is:—What has been done by the Upper Canada Bible Society to meet and discharge the responsibilities of service devolving on it, and with what success?

Since the organization of the Society the blessing of God has rested upon it, and steady progress has marked its course. The issue of the Scriptures, and the revenue, has largely increased from year to year, and the work of the Society has been greatly extended, embracing the whole territory from Kingston to the Pacific Coast, except a small portion occupied by the Western Ontario Society in the neighbourhood of London. (For detailed statement of income and issues see page 7.)

During the past year our numerous Branches and Depositories have, as usual, been visited by agents, with a view of deepening and intensifying the interest and extending the work in Ontario, Manitoba, and the North-West.