

heaven-born energy to fulfil the glorious destiny now awaiting that truth, which 'shall fill the earth, as the waters cover the sea.' May the Lord hasten that blessed era, and crown with his enriching blessings every institution whose object it is to bring it round.

The following synopsis, prepared by the London Committee, affords most gratifying evidence of what the British & Foreign Bible Society has been the honored instrument of accomplishing for the diffusion of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God:—

ITS OPERATIONS, AND SUCCESS.

The commencement of the Society was small, its progress gradual, but, by God's blessing, its success has been truly wonderful. This will be seen by the following statement—

(1) The Bible Society, formed in London in 1804, soon became the parent of many others. At the present time, the societies in connection with it are—

In Great Britain	3249
In the Colonies and other dependencies,	498
Ireland has	510
Fox Societies, with branches, about	4000
Making a total of	8257

(2) When the society was first established, the translations of the Bible, in whole or in part, may have been about Fifty; but since then the number has greatly increased.—There are now One Hundred and Forty-Eight *Languages or Dialects* in which the

Society has promoted the Distribution, Printing, or Translation of the Scriptures,
Directly, in Languages or Dialects, 97
Indirectly, do do 51
Total 148 —

The number of *Versions* (omitting those which are printed in different characters only) is 175. Of these, 121 are translations never before printed.

(3) The circulation of the Bible shows also a great increase:—

During the first four years the number of copies was 81,157
Last year alone, at home & abr'd, 1,154,642
Total from the commencement, 25,402,809

Assistance has been given to other Societies in the distribution of about Eighteen Millions more; so that the circulation, by means of these combined societies, cannot be less than Forty-three Millions of copies of the Holy Scriptures, in whole or in part. It is not too much to say, that, by the translation, printing, and circulation of the bible, within the present century, the Records of inspired Truth have been rendered accessible to about Six Hundred Millions of the human family.

Such is a brief summary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. These statements are given, not in the spirit of self-boasting, but with humble thankfulness to that gracious Being, who has condescended to employ the Society to do His work, and thereby to accomplish His purposes.

Contrary to expectation, we have no intelligence whatever from Aneiteum of later date than has already been published.

Home Department.

The Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society was celebrated in Pictou on the 8th ult., under the superintendence of the Committee of the Auxiliary in this place. The attendance was so numerous that it was found necessary to adjourn from the Assembly Hall to Prince Street Church. Rev Chas Elliott, President P. A. B. S., acted as chairman, supported by the Rev. A. W. Herdman and Robert McKay Esq., Vice Presidents P. A. B. S. The Choirs of St James', St Andrews, and Prince Street Churches, were associated as leaders of the sacred music, which had been previously selected and arranged for the occasion. Notwithstanding

the disarrangement of the different parts, consequent upon the unexpected alteration of the place of meeting, they performed with much ease and effect the several pieces, which were appropriately interspersed with the different subjects of address. Indeed, to their able and well directed efforts, must be attributed a large amount of the *eclat* which happily attended the meeting throughout.—During the four hours which were fully occupied with the proceedings, scarcely an individual was observed to leave the building, and when dismissed, no appearance of lassitude or want of interest pervaded the audience. The subjects of address were