

assorted stock, an income double that of the present revenue would be required at the lowest estimate ; and if exceeding that amount, any surplus would be easily applied towards a further support of Colporteurs.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY,

that glorious institution of which this Auxiliary is the honored representative in this District, continues its onward, may it not be said, *triumphant* course, scattering broadcast the incorruptible seed.

The Holy Scriptures are now published in 152 languages or dialects, so that almost "ALL PEOPLES, NATIONS AND LANGUAGES," "MAY HEAR IN THEIR OWN TONGUES THE WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD."

The issues have exceeded those of any previous year of the Society's existence by 83,348 copies, having reached the extent of 1,450,876. The receipts from all sources were £124,478 9s. 6d., being only £1187 9s. 4d. less than the unprecedented receipts of the previous year ; while the expenditure was £149,040 13s. 9d., being an increase of £27,782 18s. 8d.

In France the promulgation of the new dogma of "the Immaculate Conception" is producing its fruits in the increasing demand for New Testaments. In crushed and down-trodden Italy the word of God finds an entrance. At Florence the Roman Catholic Archbishop, in order to exclude Protestants from the field, has authorised the printing and sale of "Martini's" translation of the New Testament. Light and knowledge are spreading in the Romish Cantons of Switzerland, the sales having nearly doubled those of the year preceding.

The openings presented by the war have been taken advantage of, and the Committee learn from recent advices, that 250,000 (one quarter of a million) copies of the Scriptures have been issued, for the use of friends and foes. The soldiers and sailors of the allied armies and fleets have been supplied, mainly through the instrumentality of Colporteurs sent out by the Society. French and Sardinian soldiers gladly receive the word of God, and large numbers of the Russian prisoners have also been supplied. Constantinople has now its Auxiliary Bible Society ; depots have been established, and Colporteurs openly pursue their labors. Thus even "violence and bloodshed" may, through the overruling providence of God, be made subservient to His wise and gracious purposes.—"SURELY THE WRATH OF MAN SHALL PRAISE HIM, AND THE REMAINDER "OF WRATH HE SHALL RESTRAIN."

Further details may be found on reference to the annexed abstract of the Parent Society's Report, which will amply repay the careful perusal of the Christian reader.