

ALLAHABAD.—The report of this Auxiliary contains a review of its operations during the period that its present efficient secretary has had the management of its affairs. This will be best stated in the writer's own concise language. He says :—

"No one is more conscious than the secretary of our Auxiliary Bible Society, that the annual report of its proceedings cannot be interesting to the public generally. He can seldom do more than state the new editions of the Scriptures that have been published, the numbers of copies that have been put in circulation, the money realized from subscriptions and sales of Scriptures, and also insert a few letters from Missionaries, relating some incidents connected with the circulation of God's Holy Word. Yet, however dry and uninteresting the annual report may be to the public generally, Christians, who believe that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, that it is the sword of the Spirit, that it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, cannot but rejoice in the fact that a Bible work is being vigorously carried on among the forty million Hindus and Mohammedans who live in these provinces, that more than thirty thousand copies of the Scriptures in the Vernacular are purchased every year by the natives, that, in not a few instances, the reading of the Bible has been blessed in bringing its readers from the kingdom of darkness into the marvellous light of the Gospel; and when we think of the Bible work that has been carried on, not for one year, but for thirty-three years, in connection with the North India Bible Society since its establishment in 1845, we have reason to thank God that this Auxiliary has been privileged to bring within the reach of so many of our fellow-citizens, in their own languages, that blessed Word which maketh wise unto salvation.

"Confining himself to the seventeen years during which he has been connected with the society as its Secretary, the writer of this report, from his personal experience, can testify to the good solid progressive work that has been done by this Auxiliary. During that period, the North India Bible Society has brought out two editions of the Roman-Urdu Bible; two editions of the Hindi; the Urdu-Arabic, the Urdu-Roman and the Diglott New Testament; one edition of the Urdu-Arabic Bible, and of the Urdu-Persian Bible; one edition of the Hindi Old Testament; the first translation of the New Testament into the Pushto language, and of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark into Gondí; also large editions of portions of the Scriptures in Hindi, Urdu-Arabic, and Urdu-Persian.

"The annual reports show, that within these seventeen years no fewer than 381,820 copies of the Scriptures have been sent forth from our Depository, from the sale of which the goodly sum of Rs. 56,181 9 11 has been realized, and that the comparatively large amount of Rs. 52,510 10 0 has been obtained from subscriptions.

"In 1863 an extensive system of Colportage was inaugurated, which has brought thousands of copies of the Scriptures within reach of the natives in all parts of these provinces, who otherwise would never have obtained them.

"It is but right to state, that it would have been impossible for us, with our limited resources, to have brought out and circulated so many and so large editions of the Scriptures, if the British and Foreign Bible Society had not given us substantial pecuniary assistance. In addition to their printing in London editions of the Urdu-Roman Bible, the Hindi, Urdu-Arabic, Urdu-Roman, and Diglott New Testament, and giving large grants of paper, they have given for the colportage and printing operations not less than a lac of rupees within the last seventeen years."

THE PUNJAB.—The tenth report of this Auxiliary has been received and evidences satisfactory progress in the work of Scripture distribution.

Some idea of the advance that has been made towards leavening the country with Divine Truth may be gathered from the fact, that not many years ago it was very difficult to induce natives of the Punjab to accept the Gospel as a gift, whereas now it is freely purchased by them. During the last year they