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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PARENT SOCIETY'S OPERATIONS.

THE SOCIETY was founded in London in the year 1804, for the purpose of circulating THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, without note or comment, throughout the world. The constitution of the Society admits of the co-operation of all who are favourable to its object, and who desire that God's way may be known upon earth, and His saving health among all nations. At the beginning of the present century it is probable that there were not more than *four or five millions* of copies of the Sacred Volume in all the world, existing in about *fifty* different translations.

Since the establishment of the BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, more than *sixty-five millions* of copies of the Word of God, in whole or in part, have been circulated from its Depots, while other kindred Societies which have sprung out of it, and have been aided by it, have distributed about *forty-six millions* of copies more; so that during the present century about *one hundred and eleven millions* of copies of the Sacred Scriptures, in whole or in part, have been put into circulation by Bible Societies alone in various parts of the world.

The number of languages and dialects in which God's word is translated has been raised from *fifty* to *two hundred and two*, while the number of versions of the Scriptures, in whole or in part, hitherto prepared (there being sometimes more than one version in the same language) is *two hundred and fifty*.