

Your Board, being desirous to have the sympathy and cordiality which have always existed between the two Societies publicly manifested, requested the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society to send a representative to our anniversary, and they regret that this seems to have been impossible on the present occasion. They rejoice, however, that although no official representative of the American Bible Society has been sent, we are privileged to have with us to night one of its most prominent members, and one of the most Catholic spirited friends of the cause on the continent. Unable to be officially represented at our anniversary, the Board in New York kindly invited this Society to send a delegate to the annual meeting of their Society, which will be held in Philadelphia on the 16th instant. Your Board very gladly accepted this invitation, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Ross to the honourable post, in which, with his thorough knowledge of the work and other qualities, he is well fitted worthily to act as the mouth-piece of this Society on that auspicious occasion.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

After looking at the various Societies on this side of the Atlantic, and finding that it is the day of the East wind with most of them, it is comforting to turn to our great Parent, the British and Foreign Bible Society, which, although past its three-score and tenth year, keeps on steadily increasing its strength. It has, it is true, during the past year been subject to the blasts of a rough wind in the shape of essays widely circulated, criticizing its practice in Roman Catholic countries, but, like the English Oak, it has only become the more firmly rooted in the soil which gives it nourishment.

The Board regrets that the statistics of the Parent Society for 1875-6 are not yet received, but by the condensed Report of the District Secretaries, which is for the calendar year 1875, it is seen that the free contributions from the English Auxiliaries, Branches and Associations amount to £5,149 more than in the previous year, and the payments on purchase account, from the same sources, to £4,130 more than the average of the last three years. The total number of issues from the London Depot to the various Societies in England and Wales is 51,801 more than in 1874.

As usual, we give a few extracts from the Report of 1874-5, to show what the Society is doing in foreign lands.

PROGRESS IN THE WORK OF TRANSLATION AND REVISION.

It has been well said, that the grandest conquests of the world's mightiest heroes sink into littleness beside the work which a faithful missionary has done when he has made the Bible speak in a new tongue. If then we have been thrilled in reading of the indomitable perseverance and courage of our brave soldiers who worked their way to Magdala and Coomassie, that they might give liberty to captives and lessons to tyrants, should we not turn with deep interest to that part of the Parent Society's report which tells us of the doings of still greater heroes, whose conquests are adding provinces and sometimes whole empires to the field of the Society's work, and whose