

silent but successful labours of the interesting Association to which they now refer. Forty-eight copies of the Scriptures were supplied, to subscribers, and gratuitously, during the year; and the sum collected in the same period from no less than 220 contributors of, in some cases, only one penny per week, amounted to £56 12s. 2½d. While inviting those who have not yet seriously considered whether they are appropriating as much as Divine Providence has enabled them to give, of their time, and thoughts, and personal exertions, for the promotion of the work in which the ladies have been hitherto engaged; the Committee, at the same time, cannot close their brief reference to that important work, without commending it, in the language of the last Report, "to the persevering prayers of all who feel the value of the Word of Life themselves, that it may please the Lord of Grace and Mercy, for the sake of Him who wept when He beheld a city knowing little of the things belonging to its present and eternal peace, to open for His servants a wider door of access to the thousands upon every hand who rest in undisturbed, contented, fatal, destitution of that blessed Book, which has revealed the only name given under Heaven among men whereby they can be saved."

Requesting now the attention of their friends to those widely extended labours of the Parent Society, of which only an imperfect outline has been annually laid before them, the Committee feel that time and space would fail them in the fruitless effort to convey, within the narrow compass of a document so circumscribed as that which they present this day, any just idea of the nature and extent of the benefits which the British and Foreign Bible Society, among other kindred Institutions, has been pre-eminently blessed of God in scattering through all climes, and nearly in every language of the savage as well as of the civilized portions of the Globe. No adequate description can be compressed within the limits of a brief Report, of the varied workings of a system carried on during the lapse of one-third of a century, which is effecting at the present day a distribution, in 158 languages and dialects, of upwards of half a million copies of the Sacred Scriptures every year. The Committee therefore content themselves by adverting merely to a few of the more interesting and prominent details. The Receipts of the above Society during the last year, amounted to nearly £109,000 sterling, being the largest sum ever received in one year. The issues in the same period were 541,843 volumes, and 10,293,645 copies of the Word of God, formed the total number issued since the formation of the Society. The extra fund subscribed for the specific purpose of placing a New Testament, with the Book of