

ing the death of his honoured colleague Dr. Nisbet, acknowledges the receipt of 2,000 Bibles, for which the natives had been anxiously waiting. Proceeds of sales £270.

Niue.—Remitted for Scriptures sold, £105 12s 6d.

Harvey Islands.—Rarotonga.—The Rev. W. W. Gill, in pleading for maps in the Rarotongan Bibles, says:—'It is impossible for me adequately to express our indebtedness to your Society for the help you have all along given us in our work. I think the great success of our South Sea Missions has arisen mainly from two things:—1. The employment of a native ministry. 2. The early translation and rapid diffusion of the Scriptures in the native language. So that in a single generation a race which had no written language has become a reading people.' The natives value the Word of God so highly, that they willingly give one or two dollars for a copy, and they cannot bear to have the best of books shabbily bound.

Mangata.—Similar testimony comes from this quarter. For Scriptures sold the sum of £117 has been remitted.

Georgian Group.—Tahiti.—A new edition of 5,000 copies of the Tahitian Bible is being printed in this country, with maps. The Rev. J. L. Green, in sending £149 11s 6d. on account of sales in Tahiti and Raiatea, says: 'It is thirty-nine years since the first edition of the Tahitian Bible was published by the Society; and now, though there is not such a rush for copies as there was, we show a steady sale, which indicates a continued love for the Book among the natives.'

SOUTH AMERICA.—*Buenos Ayres*.—Your Agency here is in a vigorous condition, though its circulation (8,035) is less by 400 than in the previous year. The chief part of the sales has been effected by five faithful colporteurs who have encountered much opposition with a great amount of patience and Christian earnestness. One of them has recently made the longest journey of the kind ever attempted in South America. He travelled mostly by mules, his boxes of books being slung over the backs of a troop of these hardy animals, which carried him through forests and deserts, over precipitous paths and rocky mountain passes, along the outskirts of the perpetual snows of the Andes, and into the tropical confines of Bolivia.