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RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY, LONDON.

Our Society is under special obligations to the Religious Tract Society; and it gives us great pleasure to publish the following facts from the Report of that institution for 1885 :

Receipts from all sources, £206,558. Prosperity marked every department of the Society's work.

Grants in aid of missionary operations, home and foreign, amounted in value to £47,675. Works issued 737, of which 182 were tracts. Issues during the year from the Home Depot, including Books, Tracts, Periodicals, counted in numbers, Cards and Miscellaneous Issues, have reached 70,966,650, of which 28,571,750 are Tracts. The issues from Foreign Depots 15,000,000, making a total circulation of 85,966,650, and of 2,368,277,880 since the formation of the Society.

The excess of grants over the missionary receipts (*i. e.*, all contributions received from the public), amounting to £19,719 8s. 10d., have been supplied from the trade funds, which have also borne the entire cost of management both of the business and missionary departments.

The Society has assisted publication work in four new languages—The Takudh, spoken by the Indians of the extreme North-West of America; the Leptcha, in Northern India; the Dualla, in East Africa; and that of the Kvæner of Lapland—raising the total number of languages in which it has published to one hundred and seventy-two.

Four new editions of the *Pilgrim's Progress* have been assisted during the year—in the Malayalam, the Dualla, the Efik, and the Ashantee. This wonderful book has now, by the help of the Society, been published in seventy languages.

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