

thousand copies were called for in a few months. Among the Free Grants of the year were 30 copies of the parable of the Prodigal Son in Japanese raised type for the Blind. Four books of the Old Testament, translated by English missionaries, are now in circulation.

Bible Women.—In 1881 the London Bible and Domestic Female Mission employed 179 Bible women at home, and 43 abroad, viz., 12 in India, 10 in Syria, 6 in Madagascar, 3 in Burmah, 3 in Berlin, 2 in Madrid, 2 in Bordeaux, and one each in China, Cairo, Smyrna, Milan, and Rome; the one at Athens died. In the last 24 years the Bible women in London have collected £25,417 15s. 4d. in small sums for 205,360 copies of Scripture. Your Society's grant towards their support last year was £434 17s.

But the multiplicity and the variety of Home agencies for Christian work, which it has been your Committee's joy to assist by grants of Scriptures, defy enumeration. Suffice it to add their gratitude to all the Auxiliaries, Associations, Branches, and devoted friends, to whom they owe it, that it has been in their power to make those grants.

Other Bible Societies.—Your Committee rejoice in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures effected in all parts of the world by many other societies. They are especially cheered when a common object brings them into intimate and friendly co-operation with the Bible Societies of America and Scotland, and they offer to the Hibernian Bible Society their warm sympathy in its noble endeavour to stem disorder and disaffection by a wider diffusion of God's Word.

Appointments.—Your Committee have much pleasure in announcing that the office of Vice-President has been accepted by the Right Hon. Earl Cairns; the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough; J. Hampden Fordham, Esq.; William McArthur, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. Dr. Lewis Edwards, of Bala; the Rev. Dr. Owen Thomas, of Liverpool; and the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

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