

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY, LONDON.

OUR Society is under continued obligations to the Religious Tract Society, of London. It affords us great pleasure to note that the Society's eighty-ninth Report contains ample evidence of continued progress and prosperity. Receipts from all sources during the past year £209,290 9s. 5d. Of this sum, £167,532 2s. 0d. were from sales (including £10,065 8s. 2d. from part payment for grants), and £29,340 10s. 3d. from donations, subscriptions, and legacies for the Society's missionary work. The free contributions show an increase over those of the previous year of £13,982 7s. 8d., due almost entirely to legacies, which were exceptionally large.

The total EXPENDITURE in both the Trade and the Grant departments has been £195,725 6s. 10d.; besides which the sum of £12,937 10s. has been invested from legacies and trade funds for future needs. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is £2,445 8s.

GRANTS during the year, £41,708 7s. 3d., apportioned under the following principal heads: Grants to Foreign Missions, £16,812 13s. 0d.; and home grants of various kinds, chiefly of tracts, and of books for libraries, etc., £24,895 14s. 3d. Net value of the Society's gifts during the year £31,642 19s. 1d., being an excess of grants over the missionary receipts of £12,539 18s. 10d., which has been furnished by the trade department, in addition to its bearing the whole expense of the Society's missionary work.

The number of new publications issued during the year amounted to 757, of which 214 were tracts and leaflets. The circulation has reached 61,061,050, including 24,590,600 tracts. To this number must be added that of the issues from Foreign Depôts, 15,000,000; the total amount being thus 76,061,050. Circulation of the tracts has shown an increase of 870,300, proving the continued appreciation, in all sections of the Church, of this method of reaching the minds and hearts of readers old and young.

The Society has published in 191 languages.

Its total issues amount to 2,602,390,390.

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