

Many of the facts contained in the last Report of the Parent Society lead to such a conclusion. In consequence of circumstances which it is not necessary to detail, a vast reduction has taken place in the price of the English Scriptures, all the editions of which most in demand, may now be procured from the Stores of the British and Foreign Bible Society, at a reduction of one fifth of their former prices. The commoner kinds are reduced nearly one half.

We rejoice to observe by the Report that a greatly increased circulation of the word of God, has taken place in France, and new avenues are daily being opened for its diffusion.

There is also strong reason to believe that the vast Empire of Turkey and other Countries under the sway of Mahommedanism, hitherto sealed against the word of God, will soon become accessible to its life-giving truths.

In India the exertions of the various Bible Institutions that are sending forth the pages of Divine truth among the benighted inhabitants of that vast country, are every year reaping more abundant fruits from their toils, and there is the strongest ground of hope, that China will soon be thrown open to the united efforts of Bible Societies and Missionaries, to reclaim her unnumbered myriads from the reign of darkness and everlasting death.

The receipts of the Parent Society in the past year were upwards of £101,000, and the Expenditures nearly £134,000, a larger sum than has ever yet been expended in one year. The Issues of Scriptures from her Depositories during the year amount to 900,912 copies or almost a million.

To turn to the subject of our own finances and operations during the year, Your Committee have the gratification of stating that the Treasurers account shews a receipt of £379, an amount much larger than in any previous year. They have remitted to the Parent Society during the same period the sum of £547 2s. 8d. currency.

The whole number of Scriptures issued from the Society's Depository since the 18th day of August, 1840—is 4075 copies, of which 499 Bibles, and 1255 Testaments, making 1754 copies were sold for cash, and 998 Bibles, and 1323 Testaments, making 2321 copies, have been delivered to order, either to Societies or individuals—of the above 153 Bibles and 332 Testaments have been issued for the use of Sunday Schools.

There have been ordered and received from the Stores of the Parent Society since our last Report, 2532 Bibles and 3588 Testaments, in all 6120 copies, and there now remain in our Depository 514 Bibles, and 347 Testaments, in all 861 copies.

A further order has lately been sent for 257 Bibles, and 1625 Testaments. By comparison with former issues it will be seen that the number of Copies distributed during the past year forms a very large increase.

Such are a few of the circumstances connected with Bible operations, either in our own land or abroad, of which your Committee have deemed it necessary to take a succinct review, and which they feel assured will not only be gratifying to all who take an interest in the blessed object of the universal dissemination of God's word, but will operate as a powerful stimulus to awaken them to greater exertions. Looking at the fruits of our own labours in the Capital, in reference to those of several of our