

fulness with much anxiety, and employing what means were at his disposal with patience and perseverance, acknowledges with thankfulness the measure of success which has attended his labours. The issues of the past year have amounted to 18,955 volumes, and though these numbers show a slight decrease when compared with those of the preceding year, yet when the fact is taken into account that Eastern Bulgaria and Macedonia were, from causes which your Agent could not control, left without Dépôt or Colporteur during seven months of the year, the deficiency is easily explained. It is right, however, to state that 4,960 copies have been sold to the American Bible Society, and 522 copies to the National Bible Society of Scotland, so that strictly speaking, the exact number circulated through the agency of your Society, amounts to 13,473 volumes, for which the sum of £702 12s. 4d. has been received. And when it is remembered that it is from the peasantry of the country that this money has chiefly been drawn, and that comparatively few of them are able to read, your Committee feel that they have much reason to thank God, for the comparatively larger number of Scriptures that have been circulated.

CHINA.

Mr. Wylie has completed another year of arduous labour in the service of the Society. His intimate acquaintance with the habits and manners of the people, and the facility with which he speaks their language, render him a most valuable and efficient worker in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. Nor are these his only qualifications. The deep interest which he takes in the progress of your Society's work may be gathered from the fact that family circumstances have for some time required his return to England, but he has consented to forego such claims as these upon his attention, pressing though they were, that he might devote himself unremittingly to the great object on which his heart was set; at least five years had expired from the time of his appointment. The number of Colporteurs now employed under the superintendence of the correspondents with whom Mr. Wylie's mission is connected amounts to twenty-nine. Two or three of these are Europeans, but the greater proportion are natives, and it cannot but be acknowledged to be a subject of thankfulness that these have for the most part been faithful to the trust reposed in them. It is difficult when occupying so large a field as China, to collect statistical information from all sources and at a given time, so as to enable your Agent to furnish reliable returns of the Scriptures which have been put into circulation during the year. Mr. Wylie has, however, taken great pains to accomplish this object. His returns show that he is a man of method and of business habits, and though he does not profess that they do more than furnish an approximately correct statement, yet the details are so copious and particular that it is evident they can be safely trusted. The issues of the past year amount to 75,491 copies, and exhibit an advance upon those of last year of 11,927 volumes.

DOMESTIC.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating that the names of the following noblemen and gentlemen have been added to the list of your Vice-Presidents:—The Earl of CAVAN, the Earl HOWE, the Very Rev. Lord MIDDLETON, J. REMINGTON MILLS, Esq., M.P., JOSEPH TRITTON, Esq., and JOSEPH PEASE, Esq.