

of books manufactured or purchased in foreign lands will make the total more than one million and a third. Owing to an exceptionally large amount received from legacies, our aggregate receipts greatly exceeded those of last year, and amounted to \$603,342. Our colportage work has yielded very gratifying results, and has reached the people who most needed to be sought out and supplied. We shall prosecute it this year with renewed confidence."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

During the past Bible Society year, very important changes have been made in the staff at the great centre of operations in England, which, though inevitable, cannot but be regretted by those in correspondence with the head office, and must be felt for some time especially by the Committee of the Parent Society. The two experienced secretaries, the Rev. C. Jackson, and the Rev. S. B. Bergne have both been obliged by failing health to retire from the active duties of their office. The latter is to continue to hold a consultative secretaryship, in which we trust he may long be spared to advance the cause by his experience and wisdom.

The last Report of our Parent Society begins by impressing upon us that "there are few thoughts that need to be cherished more constantly than that of the infinite preciousness of man to God. When gazing on the sublime works of nature, and still more when pondering on human sin, one is constrained to ask, with a sense of abasement, 'What is man that thou art mindful of him?' But the Gospel reveals the high value set upon him by his Maker. The death of the Son of God upon the cross, gave the measure of the costly sacrifice which the Father was ready to make for man's salvation. To remember this as regards oneself is to gain new impulse, and to be possessed with that sense of privilege and responsibility which belongs to those who know themselves to have been made in the Divine image and redeemed with the precious blood of Christ."

"This same thought must form the mainspring of effort for the good of others. God will have all men to be saved. He is the Saviour of all men, specially to those that believe. All Christian missions are based on the theoretical acceptance of this doctrine; but, oh! what access of power and enthusiasm would be theirs if it were vividly present to the minds of their promoters!

"Your Committee would seek to deepen in their own hearts and in those of their supporters the impression of this great truth. Their work has no foundation or defence, unless men of every tribe are capable of receiving the glad news. This is the faith in which they and their predecessors have laboured for three-quarters of a century, making translations for Bushmen and Gipsies, Circassians and American Indians, and sparing no pains to circulate them. May the present Report, containing as it does instances of men in various lands who have been raised and purified by the Truth, impart fresh courage, and awaken a stronger desire to speed the Bible on its way!"

The Report then goes on to give its usual interesting account of the worldwide work of the Society.

PROGRESS IN THE WORK OF TRANSLATION AND REVISION.

Translations and Revisions have been advanced with various degrees of progress in the following languages and dialects: Albanian Tosk, Amharic,