

sterling, in liquidation of the debt which had long been due to the Parent Institution ; and in regard to Receipts, it will be scarcely necessary to observe that even if the Committee had been called upon to report a decrease in the pecuniary resources of the Society, an easy explanation would have been afforded by a simple reference to the obviously untoward circumstances of the times. But when your Committee, notwithstanding these peculiar circumstances, find themselves enabled to announce an actual increase of £15 10s 9d. in the total Income of the year, which, according to the Treasurer's Account, has amounted to £256 14s. 2½d. they cannot but regard the fact as furnishing continued evidence of augmenting interest in the operations, and approval of the Catholic principles, of an Institution, which, recognizing none of the severing distinctions which destroy the unity, and mar the symmetry, of the professing Church of Christ, seems to present at least one spot of common ground on which the followers of Jesus can forget the spirit, and lay aside the weapons, of sectarianism, and, without a compromise, combine for the attainment of the most important object in behalf of which the energies of man can be employed—the universal distribution and perusal of the Word of God.

Among the customary sources from which the revenue of the Society has been derived, the Committee are again enabled to particularize Congregational collections in the St. Andrew's and St. John's Churches, and in the Wesleyan Chapel, making together somewhat more than the total sum thus received last year, although varying in their separate amounts. From the Female Bible Association also, a further liberal donation of £45 has been received, augmenting the free contributions received from that source, within a period of four years, to the sum of £175.

A brief review of the proceedings of this Association, having been blended in former years with the Annual Report, it becomes the gratifying duty of your Committee to state, according to request, that although some diminution of interest in the operations of that Institution may seem to be deducible from the fact that it has been found difficult to obtain labourers for certain districts, to fill up vacancies occasioned from time to time, either by the removal of some Visitors, or by other causes ; and although the actual results fall short of those which their predecessors were enabled to report last year, there is enough discernible in the aggregate of those results to suggest a sentiment of heartfelt gratitude to God, that, amid the manifold diversity of means employed by Him for the dispensation of His grace, He has been mercifully pleased to command continued blessings to descend on the