

At several points in India, Northern and Southern, and at all Mission stations in China, there are increasing opportunities for preparing and distributing the precious Word.—Incipient measures are also taken for procuring a translation into the Japanese.

At several of the missions in Western and Southern Africa, portions of the Bible have been translated into native tongues, and others are in progress.

At the Sandwich Islands, such is the extensive use of the Bible, that a standard edition is now contemplated through the co-operation of our Society.—The missionaries at the Marquesas Islands also inform us that they are preparing portions of the Bible in the tongue there used.

We could cite additional instances in the West Indies, in the Protestant portions of Russia, Finland, and other places, where the way is open and opening for this Bible work. Indeed, it may be said that among almost every people in the world the way is thus opening, by an *unusual* willingness to *receive* and *read* the written Word.

These providential arrangements in all directions for the *reception* of the Bible are full of encouragement. Let us now look at the arrangements of the same Providence for an enlarged preparation and distribution of the same.

In the first place, the Society is put in possession of a House (furnished by funds given for this *special* purpose) of such dimensions that Bibles and Testaments on a great scale can be printed and bound annually at a very low expense. Nearly one million copies were thus prepared the past year in the various tongues spoken by *our* people, besides more than fifty thousand dollars furnished toward publishing and distributing them *abroad*. These numbers might be augmented fourfold, if funds and other instrumentalities could be secured. But can *funds* be furnished for such an extended publication as the wants of the times call for? We reply, that they can be furnished, with but little sacrifice, if the friends of the Bible, now millions in number, will but move systematically in the work.

Allowing that every dollar will purchase one Bible and twelve cents a Testament, in the *various* tongues requiring them, how many individuals are there who have the ability to furnish two Bibles per annum, and many children one Testament? How many are there who can furnish ten, twenty, fifty, yea, even hundreds every year, if but disposed? Funds, then, all the funds wanted for this object, can be furnished. No one will doubt it. To do it is among the *plainest* of all things.

The next topic to be noticed is, the remarkable facilities now presented for distributing the Word of God when published. In our own country, numerous sailing vessels, the navigable rivers, steamers, railroads, canals, and other modes of transportation, afford every opportunity for scattering the Word of Life through all our States and Territories, even to our long Pacific border. We have then some three thousand local societies, more or less active in keeping up a supply of books and in putting them in circulation.

Look then once more at our connexion, through foreign commerce, with nearly every portion of the earth—Papal, Mohammedan, and Pagan. Where is the continent or island where we cannot to some extent send this Revelation from Heaven? In how many places too, at this day, are Protestant missionaries already on the ground, ready and anxious to aid in this glorious work of distribution!—Let individuals, families, and churches *ponder this state of things*, and follow their convictions, and the issues of this Society will soon be more than doubled, both in the home and the foreign fields. Shall it be done?

Respectfully submitted with fraternal regards,

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