

The WHAT and WHY of



The
American
Bible
Society

Century of Progress
Edition

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

WHAT IS IT?

An incorporated, undenominational Organization of Christian People.

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

To translate, publish and circulate the Holy Scriptures, —our Bible.

WHEN WAS IT ORGANIZED?

In 1816.

WHO ARE OR CAN BE MEMBERS OF IT?

Anyone paying \$5.00 is an Annual Member.
\$50.00 at one time pays for a Life Membership.

WHAT ARE THE OFFICERS?

A President, 48 Vice Presidents (one for each State), two General Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and a Board of Managers of 51 Members.

WHERE IS THE HEAD OFFICE?

In New York City,—Bible House, Astor Place.

ARE THERE OTHER SUB-AGENCIES?

Yes, 12 in Foreign Countries and 10 here in the United States.

HOW IS THE SOCIETY SUPPORTED?

By contributions from churches and individuals.
By receipts from invested funds, and
By sales of Annuity Bonds.

WHAT IS AN ANNUITY BOND?

An agreement whereby the Society in consideration of a gift, pays the donor a yearly interest on the amount given. After the death of the donor, the principal reverts to the Society for the work.

HAS IT THE BIBLE IN ALL LANGUAGES?

No. A part or all of the Bible is now translated into some 966 different languages, and yet there are many dialects into which not one single word of the Bible has as yet been translated.

DOES THE SOCIETY PUBLISH BIBLES?

Yes. Formerly it had its own printing plant in New York City. Now it lets out all its printing to Commercial Plants. Practically all of the Foreign Language printing is done in Foreign Lands. The first book printed on a movable type printing press was the Bible. Since that day, "The Bible has never been off the Press."

WHAT KINDS OF BIBLES DOES IT PUBLISH?

All kinds. In various languages. In different types and styles. "Missionary Editions" for general use, and de Luxe Editions for those who desire that kind. Pulpit and Pew Bibles.

Bibles for every purpose.

HOW DOES IT DISPOSE OF ITS BIBLES?

Sells them at strictly non-profit prices, especially the Missionary Editions. Makes grants where necessary and possible.

THROUGH WHAT AGENCIES DOES IT WORK?

Through the colporteur going from door to door. He is one of the most romantic figures in history. He it was whom Pres. Wilson said, "He is weaving the warp of humanity together."

Through the Churches, Sunday Schools and Christian Workers everywhere the Bibles are supplied at lowest rates possible.

WHAT WAS THE SOCIETY'S RECEIPTS LAST YEAR?

\$582,863.15 apart from Receipts from Sales.

WHAT WAS ITS BUDGET OF EXPENSES?

\$580,544.81 apart from costs of its printing.

HOW MANY SCRIPTURES WERE CIRCULATED?

Bibles	244,410
Testaments	426,129
Portions	7,396,617
Totals for 1932	8,067,156

WHAT WAS THE TOTAL LAST YEAR?

Exact figures cannot be secured, — but

By the B.F.B.S.—(British Society)—10,552,284

By the N.B.S.S.—(Scottish Society)—4,615,109

Other Societies and Commercial Houses do not give Reports, but it is safe to estimate a total of at least 35,000,000 copies last year.

HOW MANY COPIES ISSUED IN ITS 117 YEARS?

A grand total of 248,046,560.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SOCIETY?

Write to the Home Office, New York City, or to any one of the different Home Agencies.

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