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REPORT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1906

THE Pāli Text Society has now been working regularly for a quarter of a century. It has printed, published, and issued post-free to its subscribers fifty-nine volumes (this Journal itself making the sixtieth), containing upwards of 17,000 pages, at the price of 25 guineas. The price is extraordinarily cheap—not much more than half the price which publishers of similar books have found it necessary to charge. But subscribers will never forget the generous donations which have so increased the receipts as to enable the Society to plod steadily on in its good work. Nor will they lose sight of the peculiar conditions under which the Society has been carried on, with no expenditure for the multifarious charges rendered necessary by a business establishment. I have been somewhat keen to complete the work—at least, as regards the canonical texts, and a dictionary summarizing the results—before I die; and there is reasonable hope now that that will really be accomplished. The balance of cash showed by the accounts, and the stock of back issues (for which there is a slow but steady demand, and which represents, therefore, an additional balance of realizable assets), make it fairly sure now that the remaining work will be carried on to a successful termination.

I had intended to give in this issue a full report of the

present state of the Dictionary scheme, but I write with the utmost difficulty, confined to my bed by a painful sickness, and can only say that the necessary funds are nearly all in hand, and that, with the help of the distinguished scholars who have promised to collaborate in the work, it is hoped that it will be carried out in the immediate future.

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