

has enabled them to profit by these ordinances. These consequences are visible. But may we not go farther, and admit the gratifying presumption, that the gospel, thus promulgated, has become the power of God unto salvation in many who have received it.

At the last Anniversary of the Parent Institution, its net receipts for the preceding year amounted to £103,802 17 1 sterling, and during the same period, there has been in its depository 118,796 Bibles, and 136,173 Testaments, making with those issued at the expence of the Society from foreign presses, since the commencement of the institution 3,563,974 Bibles and Testaments. Since the commencement of the Institution it has collected more than £1,800,000 Sterling.

It is highly gratifying to observe the prosperity of many other Bible Societies in various parts of the world. But at present the Committee would with peculiar satisfaction advert to that of the Protestant Bible Society at Paris; as the rapid progress which it has made encourages us to look for the most beneficial consequences from its labours, in a country in which the scriptures have been so little known, and in which an ignorance of the Scriptures has been lately accompanied with the most dreadful effects. It is not yet four years since that Society was instituted, and it is now surrounded with 40 Auxiliaries, and 12 Associations. During the year before last its income was very little more than 40,000 francs, and last year it amounted to more than 100,000.

The British and Foreign Bible Society continues to enjoy as it eminently deserves, the countenance and support of Christians at home, of every rank, and of every name; or rather, it is still rising in the public estimation. The attempts of enemies to defame, and to injure it, have only served to enhance its reputation, and to extend its influence. Of this it may be regarded as an ample proof, that its income, last year, considerably exceeded that of any other year since its commencement.

The exertions of the British and Foreign Bible Society, form a very prominent feature of this eventful age. Much more has been done, during the few years which have intervened since its commencement, for spreading over the face of the earth the knowledge of our holy religion, than had been done for more than a thousand years before. And the magnitude of the exertions which have been made, instead of exhausting, has continually served to invigorate the benevolent spi-