

But in no part does the cause of God in the diffusion of his holy word now become almost universal throughout the regions of the earth, proceeding with such rapid and amazing progress, as in the Empire of Russia.—The unwearied activity of the Russian Bible Society, and the extent of its labours, may be best appreciated from the words of its zealous President Prince Galitzin in a letter to the pious and noble head of our Parent Institution in the year 1822. “The publication of the Scriptures” he observes “in more than thirty languages, the circulation of them, the correspondence of the Committee with the different Auxiliary Societies scattered over all Russia, from the shores of the White and the Baltic Seas, to those of the Euxine and the Caspian, and from the frontiers of Germany, to the confines of China, are objects which alone require, endless exertions, and most of all, wise counsels, matured experience, and Christian zeal;—In the meantime translations of the word of God are advancing in many new dialects, and proposals of co-operation and solicitations for assistance, pour in upon the Committee from all quarters.

In various parts of the Mediterranean, in Africa, and in the East, the great and important work is proceeding and prospering with various degrees of success and already do our Heathen brethren in almost every nation under the Sun, who have hitherto sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, begin to hear spoken in their own tongues wherein they were born, the wonderful works of God in the creation, preservation and redemption of the human race.

Neither are our brethren in the American States, who are in the enjoyment of civil rights, and religious blessings, so nearly similar to our own backward in zealous and effectual endeavours to extend the heavenly privileges of Gospel light.—Their National Society is daily receiving fresh accessions in means and labourers, and is daily becoming more extensively useful in its operations.

Thus while the Potentates of the Earth, may be forming plans of coalitions to establish present power, or may be meditating schemes for the acquirement of future grandeur, does this truly *Holy Alliance* of the best and most enlightened part of the various nations of Christendom by their united efforts and numerous agents, maintain a systematic and ceaseless attack, upon the strongholds of sin, ignorance and error.

In one hundred and forty languages and dialects have the printed copies of the Scriptures been distributed by the British and Foreign Bible Society; and innumerable copies according to the varied wants and exigencies of mankind, are even at this moment spreading throughout the world, and bearing the tidings of life and salvation to all ranks, and ages of our fellow men.

In such a cause is there any heart which has ever once felt interest in the success of our endeavours, that is not warmed with zeal in the prospect of the vast and incalculable benefit, which must result to religion and virtue from the labours of the Bible Society; is there any that can venture to withdraw the aid it has hitherto afforded in promoting

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