

In Spain and Portugal the Society's operations are still suspended, but from Malta and Greece interesting accounts are received, particularly with reference to the purchases made in the depot at the former place to supply the wants of the neighbouring Italians, now that the direct means of doing so has been closed.

In Turkey the former encouraging accounts have been continued, particularly among the Protestant Armenians. Their numbers, it is said, augment daily; and the instance is given of a town, which lies about four caravan days' journey to the North of Aleppo, in which the Armenian Protestant Church had, by last accounts, a congregation of upwards of 200 adults. This good work has sprung up mainly by the simple reading of the Scriptures, and similar delightful results have taken place in several other places in Turkey. The number of Evangelical and Protestant Churches is now eight, two more than reported last year. Persecution has in a great measure, ceased in those places where Churches are formed. But in every new place where the light breaks forth, a struggle must be undergone before they learn that the Sultan was in earnest, when he assured the British Ambassador that he would tolerate no persecution for religion during his reign, especially among the Christian races.

From Jerusalem the Lord Bishop writes, "here in Jerusalem, I believe that all those who wish and dare to read the Word of God, are pretty well supplied with Bibles; and of late there have been many evening parties, of ten to fifteen individuals, who meet on purpose to read the Bible under the direction of a Bible reader."

In India the good work is advancing, and there are encouraging prospects of further success. In so large and densely populated a country, bound in the chains of superstition and idolatry, the progress of divine truth is comparatively slow. Still, the various agencies at work for the conversion of the natives, are beginning to tell upon the minds of the people, and, it is stated, that the result of Bible effort, particularly in Southern India, is now apparent in many Native Christian Churches with their Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.

From China the Parent Committee report that the revised translation of the New Testament, for some years in the course of preparation by the joint efforts of European and American Missionaries, is now brought nearly to a close. They have granted aid for the employment of a Colporteur in distributing such portions of this revised edition as had been already printed, and they have also assisted Dr. Gutzlaff in his operations in the translations of the New Testament, into Chinese and Japanese.

Passing over the other portions of the Society's labours from which equally gratifying accounts are given, we turn to the mother country, where we find that the receipts of the Society during the past year amount to £91,634 12s. 7d., being somewhat less than the receipts of the previous year, which however had been principally increased by the contributions to the Special Fund for continental operations. The regular income of the Society shows an increase of £2023 14s. 7d. The issues of the year have amounted to 1,136,695 copies, being 29,177 more than the preceding year. The total issues have now amounted to 23,110,000 copies.

Much interesting information is given of the success of local agents throughout the United Kingdom, but none is more gratifying than that