

nished the Committee with an opportunity of manifesting a benevolent regard to the best interests of her crew. They ordered what French Testaments were at that time in the depository to be sent to Capt. Epron, for the use of his men, accompanied with a letter from the Secretary, regretting that they were able to send only so small a number, and expressing a hope that what were sent would be of benefit to those for whom they were intended. A letter was soon afterwards received from Capt. Epron, very politely thanking the Committee for their attention.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, aided by a multitude of similar institutions, still prosecutes, with unwearied zeal, its benevolent labours. The multiplicity and the wide extent of its operations, though such as to fill Christendom with wonder and delight, do not so much engross its attention as to prevent it from continually looking out for, and promptly improving new openings for the exercise of its beneficence. Through its instrumentality we are growing, from day to day, better acquainted with the countries and nations of the globe on which we live. From the records of its transactions the names of places and tribes are often for the first time introduced to the knowledge of the civilized world. And whithersoever its influence extends, it fails not to produce the most excellent effects. The darkness which has for many generations, overspread so great a proportion of our race, is visibly beginning to dispel. The knowledge of the only true God, and of Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, is penetrating the most sequestered regions. Superstitions which have been venerated for thousands of years, are losing their hold of the human mind. Entire nations are, with one consent, casting their idols to the moles and to the bats. Nor are the beneficial effects resulting from the dissemination of the Scriptures more discernible in heathen lands, than in countries which have long borne the Christian name. "If it be asked," said the noble President Lord Teignmouth, at the last anniversary of the Institution in May, 1822, "If it be asked what consequences have flowed from the extraordinary distribution of the Scriptures? it may be replied, many and great: it has checked the progress of immorality, vice, and scepticism; it has raised the tone of moral feeling; it has produced an extensive reformation of life and manners; and has disposed many to attend the ordinances of religion, by whom they had been previously neglected; while, at the same time, it

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