

the increase," yet He has ordained and commanded that Paul and Apollos must both plant and water.

It is evident that such a Society, however numerous and wealthy, located in one spot, is incompetent to supply the funds necessary to carry on its designs upon a scale of sufficient magnitude. The friends of the Institution were soon convinced of this, and accordingly an Association was formed at Glasgow to assist the finances of the Society, a second in London, and another at Birmingham. These were followed by others in different places. Still there was no regularly organised Auxiliary Society in existence, to act in concert with the original Society in London. A plan so conducive to the main design, and which has since been found so efficient in promoting it, was not then in operation. The town of Reading, in Berkshire, had the honor of giving to the country and to the world, the first example of a regular AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY. It was a happy thought, second only in importance to that which originated the Parent Society, and without which indeed that Society itself, useful as it has become to the world at large, would never have attained its magnitude or efficiency. The Rev. Dr. Valpy, long a resident in the town above-mentioned, had distinguished himself by preaching for, and otherwise recommending, the Bible Society; and through his persevering exertions and those of others who participated in his sentiments and feelings, the Mayor summoned a public meeting to be held on the 28th of March, 1809, when an "Auxiliary Bible Society" was established for the town and vicinity of Reading, on the principles and regulations of the Parent Society, to "contribute" to its great and important undertaking. The town of Nottingham was not far behind in furnishing a similar example; for as the Auxiliary Society there was

formed only two days after the one at Reading, preparations for both must have been going on at the same time.

The Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society were so much encouraged by the rise of these powerful auxiliaries, and so deeply impressed with the advantage which must result to the interests and usefulness of the Parent Society from such establishments in aid of their funds, that they earnestly recommended the precedents furnished by these Societies to the consideration of such towns throughout the kingdom as might be disposed to promote the object of their Institution,—and "went on their way rejoicing."

The indications which the establishment of these Auxiliary Societies was considered to give of the advancement of the Bible Society in the public esteem, were strengthened by the unequivocal evidence of a growing disposition throughout the empire to encourage its exertions, improve its resources, and promote its success.

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#### FRENCH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

To witness the entrance and progress of Truth in a country, where error, of the most insidious and pernicious kind, has long prevailed, must be highly gratifying to every sincere follower of Christ. The formation of a Bible Society in Paris was from the first hailed by the pious as a token for good, and its continued prosperity and increasing success, have gladdened the hearts of thousands in that and other countries. The last annual Report is full of interesting details. The following extract, relating chiefly to another country near it, long fast bound by the chains of a gross and deluding superstition, will be read with no ordinary feelings by