

Britain has the Society warmer friends than in the Principality.

To the LEEDS TOWN Mission has been made a grant of 1000 Loan Testaments and Psalms.

The MANCHESTER and SALFORD TOWN Mission has also applied for and received a further grant of 1000 Loan Testaments and Psalms.

The LIVERPOOL Auxiliary Bible Society has received a grant for emigrants of 465 Bibles and 700 Testaments, in various languages.

The Ladies' Society for the Reformation of FEMALE CONVICTS has received, at different times, 655 Testaments with the Psalms, chiefly for the use of persons of this unhappy class when put on board the convict ships.

There have been also granted for distribution to REFUGEES from various nations—to EMIGRANTS, and other persons proceeding on voyages, 812 copies of the Scriptures in various languages.

To the BRITISH AND FOREIGN SCHOOL SOCIETY a grant has been made of 200 English Bibles.

The sum of 50*l.* has been voted to the London Society for teaching the BLIND, in aid of printing the Psalms in raised characters.

SCOTLAND.—The remittances from Scotland have amounted to 394*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

The Committee for the relief of the unemployed poor in PAISLEY have received a grant of 250 Bibles and 500 Testaments for the use of Schools, in which were, at that time, 3000 young people from seven to sixteen years of age.

To the INVERNESS Association for Religious Purposes have been granted 1125 English and 375 Gaelic Bibles and Testaments.

The Society's valuable correspondent at LOCHALSH has received a further grant of 500 Gaelic Bibles, for distribution in the Highlands and Western Islands of Scotland.

Correspondents in the ISLE OF SKYE have received 218 Gaelic and 86 English Bibles and Testaments.

500 Manks Bibles have been placed at the disposal of the Auxiliary in the ISLE OF MAN.

IRELAND.—The HIBERNIAN Bible Society has lately held its Annual Meetings. Its issues have been 62,473 copies, being more than in any preceding year. Its *free* Contributions also have been more than in any previous year, and its total receipts more than for the last 13 years. The total issues of this Society now are 1,055,304 copies.

The LONDON HIBERNIAN Society has received a grant of 10,000 English Testaments.

The SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY for IRELAND has renewed its application for aid, and

received 2500 English Bibles, and 21,500 English Testaments. It has also remitted the sum of 150*l.*

To the KILDARE-PLACE Society, for promoting education among the poor in Ireland, a grant has been made of 500 English Bibles.

CONCLUSION.

Does it not afford matter for praise and thankfulness, that the Society, in this the thirty-eighth year of its history, should have such a Report to present? The charm of its novelty has passed away, and the freshness of its youth is gone: Societies have sprung up around it which were not thought of when this was formed; some of them are indeed allies, but some of them are competitors,—all occupy some space in the public mind, and draw to themselves attention: many of the early friends of the Society have been called to their rest and their reward: the union which distinguishes this Society has been endangered by a confluence of circumstances; and it has suffered with kindred Institutions from the commercial depression of the year:—yet the position which the Society occupies at the present moment is both striking and highly gratifying: the numerous band of its supporters spreads through every rank of society, from the palace and the throne itself, to many an humble cottage in the land. Our funds are, on the whole, well sustained; and our issues so large, that if we were not accustomed, in connexion with this Society, to speak of thousands and tens of thousands, the number might seem almost incredible. And then, what fields of labour and usefulness are still opened to us, and in part occupied, at home and in our colonies, in Christendom and in heathen lands; and above all, what continued, and refreshing, and enlarged tokens of Divine benediction are manifested to us, in the manner in which the sacred books are received and read, and evidently prized, and in happy instances, not a few, wherein they are rendered, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit, the means of reclaiming and transforming our fellow-men, “making them wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus”!

With an object like this in view, shall we seek for excuses, or accept them? Shall we speak of discouragements, or fear them? Shall we dwell on the distinctions that divide us, important though in some respects they be? No: rather let us hasten to bear each his part in putting into the hands of the whole human family the common record of our Heavenly Father's love. Angels might envy us our honourable employ,—angels, whose song best expresses its catholic and ultimate design—“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST! ON EARTH PEACE! GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN!”