

needed to accomplish so extensive a design; but will not pious individuals by their own contributions, Ministers of the Gospel, by an appeal to their churches, and members of Auxiliary and Branch Societies and Associations, by putting forth their utmost energy, endeavour to meet the demands of an occasion so auspicious to the interest of truth and righteousness? The Committee feel assured that one answer only can be fitly given to this enquiry. Let, then, all the friends of the Bible exert themselves without delay, and the purpose will be achieved.

Communications to be made to the Rev. HENRY WILKES, Corresponding Secretary, Montreal.

Montreal, October 21, 1837.

SPAIN.—The thick darkness which has here brooded for so long a time, begins a little to disperse. At Barcelona, Lieutenant Graydon, R. N., has devoted himself to the circulation of the Scriptures with the greatest openness, for nearly two years. He has circulated about 2000 copies, and is disposing of 3000 Testaments, which he has lately printed.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has an Agent at *Madrid*, who is publicly printing the *New Testament*.

Yet Spain does not teem with Bibles, although with infidel publications of the lowest kind. Let the prayers of Christians in this land, hasten the day-spring which is about to visit that land.

TRUE KNOWLEDGE.—Bible knowledge, fetched in by prayer, and watered well with meditation, makes the mind humble and serious.—*Ber-ridge*.

IMPORTANT HINTS.—He who cannot find time to consult his Bible, will find one day that he has time to be sick; he who has no time to pray, must find time to die; he who can find no time to reflect, is most likely to find time to sin; he who cannot find time for repentance, will find an eternity, in which repentance will be of no avail.—*H. More*.

AUTHENTICITY OF THE BIBLE.—The following passage from Simpson, contains an interesting outline of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures:—

“There are four grand arguments for the truth of the Bible. The first is the miracles on record—2d, the prophecies—3d, the goodness of the doctrine—4th, the moral character of the penman. The miracles flow from divine power; the prophecies from divine understanding; the excellence of the doctrine from divine goodness; and the moral character of the penman from divine purity. Thus Christianity is built upon these four immovable pillars, the power, the understanding, the goodness and the purity of God. The Bible must be the invention of good men or angels, bad men or devils, or God. It could not be the invention of good men or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book, and tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, ‘Thus saith the Lord,’ when it was their own invention. It could not be the invention of bad men or devils, for they could not make a book which commands all duty, forbids all sin, and condemns their souls to hell to all eternity. I therefore draw this conclusion—the Bible must be given by divine inspiration.”

LIVING TO GOD.—Let us live for God, and then we need not fear the gathering ills of the future. Let us live for God, and the joys and the sorrows of the coming year will alike be the forerunners to us of endless years in a cloudless clime.

#### TO OUR READERS.

Variety is essential to the success of a Periodical; and this cannot be long kept up by an Editor without the aid of others. A sameness of manner, at least, will pervade the work, however diversified its contents. The friends of the *Bible Advocate* are, therefore, requested to send contributions to its pages, in any form which may correspond with the avowed design of the publication, leaving the Editor or the Committee to decide upon the insertion or rejection of any article sent. The Editor is thankful for the few which have been already inserted.