

Madras.—36,303 integral portions of God's Word. Of these large numbers were placed at the disposal of the missionaries; but by far the largest number was entrusted to a respected and zealous friend of the Society, who volunteered to distribute them under his own eye and in a judicious manner, in the towns and villages west and south of Madras to a distance of about 100 miles. The portions of the Holy Scriptures thus distributed amounted to nearly 20,000, being principally the four Gospels. The issues in *Canarese* have been 3,338, and in *Malayalim*, 513. Total by the Madras Auxiliary, 42,429. The natives have, to a considerable extent, lost that shame and fear which they formerly manifested in making use of the *Vedam* as a school book. Whatever may be said of the drawbacks attending a wide diffusion of the Scriptures in places where they cannot be followed by the voice of the living teacher, we here witness, on rather a large scale, the best effects from the attempt, on this new field, to introduce, gradually at first, but fully, the Holy Scriptures, as a book to be read and studied in Mission Schools. Many Mussulmans have also applied for parts of the Scriptures, specially in Hindostanee, which could not be furnished. It is a matter of thankfulness that the New Testament, in this language, is now in the press. The Providence of God, in the preparation of the field in India, in raising up Colonies, and in furnishing the means through the munificence of the Parent Society, and the liberality of friends in the country, all seem to say, "*Freely ye have received, freely give.*"

156,000 copies of integral portions of the Old and New Testaments, have thus been issued from the press, during the year, in the 5 principal languages of Southern India; and, during the same period, and in the same languages there have been placed at the disposal of the Society's Agents, 50,330 copies, besides English Bibles and Testaments to the number of 1,496.

Bombay.—Here you have the Key to Asia much more effectually than at Calcutta. About 40,000 integral portions, and Bibles, have been sent.

Ceylon—Colombo.—The Edition of 2,500 Bibles, and 5,000 Testaments, in Cingalese, for the use of Schools, is advancing. Since 1836, printed 70,000 copies of portions of the Holy Scriptures. 15,350 vols. issued during the year. Has printed during the year, 5,000 copies of Genesis and part of Exodus in Tamul, and 15,000 copies of the Psalms.

China.—The present aspect of China is one of deepest interest, and devoutly must every Christian pray that passing events may be overruled for the triumphs of the Prince of Peace and the wider diffusion of heavenly truth.

Malacca.—During the past year, from Nov. 1, 1838, to Oct. 31, 1839, much has been done, and larger portions of the Holy Scriptures have been distributed. Our Chinese Assistants have, at different periods, visited various colonies of their countrymen, among whom they have distributed the words of eternal life. We have printed 150 complete copies of the Bible, comprising 3,150 vols. Complete copies of the New Testament 700, in 2,800 vols. Single Gospels, 1,200. Total number of vols. 7,150. The whole of these have been distributed.