

Society has just reached us. It is an interesting document, detailing the measures to which the American Baptists resorted on the refusal of the Bible Society to sanction the versions executed by the missionaries in Calcutta, and which issued in the formation of a new Society, of which the Constitution and some of the proceedings are here given.

Under the head CHINA, we find the following statement :—

"The means at present employed by all denominations, for the spiritual emancipation of China, and the whole of south-eastern Asia, are forty-nine missionaries, besides their assistants. There is one press at Canton; and a printing establishment and type foundry at Singapore, where a printing office was built in February, 1836, and twelve printers were then at work, printing a new version of the Chinese New Testament. There are also four presses in Burmah, and one among the Shyans, belonging to the Baptist Convention. But, as of the five loaves, we may ask, 'What are these among so many?' Brethren, beloved in the Lord, how great is the work to which we are called!—how vast our responsibility! 'The whole world,' but particularly the heathen world, 'lieth in wickedness'—as from a wreck, tossed upon the waves of ocean; the signal guns of distress are heard amid the howling tempest, yes, the cry of despair comes from the lips of many millions; and the impassioned prayer of your own devoted brethren is daily uttered, 'Come, O come over and help us—help us by your prayers, by your faith, and by your contributions!' Shall these men of God—shall those perishing heathens implore our aid in vain? No; the Board rejoice in the hope, that there is not a minister of Christ, not an individual in any of our churches, who will refuse, by personal liberality, or by efforts to engage the co-operation of others; to aid the American and Foreign Bible Society, in sending the word of life to the remotest inhabitants of the world."

In the section on INDIA, it is remarked :—

"The moral wretchedness of India has, since the date of modern missions, been frequently described. But, although much has been done, much more remains to be accomplished, ere that loathsome depravity which has for ages rivalled the orgies of pandemonium, shall be changed into scenes of purity and peace. From the island of the Mahratas, Ceylon, and Orissa in the south, to the remotest part of India beyond the Ganges, with the population of one hundred millions,

there are not at this time more than one hundred and sixty missionaries and their assistants of all denominations, with only six printing presses in operation. This fact calls loudly for the immediate attention of all who pray for the salvation of the world.

Your Board of Managers are deeply afflicted when they reflect, that although the Bible and parts of the Bible have been *faithfully* translated by our beloved Carey, Marshman, Yates, Pearce, and their devoted associates; and every facility is possessed, to distribute thousands of copies every year among the inhabitants of India;—and although Baptist missionaries commenced their labours in India as early as 1793, and it has with justice been said, by the celebrated Dr. Buchanan, that "to this mission chiefly belongs the honour of reviving the spirit for promoting Christian knowledge by translations of the Holy Scriptures,"—and, although it is indisputable that Baptist missionaries have translated the Bible into the languages spoken by more than one half of the nations of the earth, and the *faithfulness* of their versions has never been disputed; yet the Calcutta, the British and Foreign, and the American Bible Societies, have peremptorily *refused* to aid the Baptists in giving to those benighted nations, the unadulterated revelation of the eternal God; without which, as every reflecting mind must be aware, thousands will be annually sacrificed upon the altar of idolatry, and sink for ever to the abodes of despair! Upon their conduct in this case, we pause not now to animadvert. To their own master they must stand or fall in that day, when every man shall be judged according to his works. "Some years since," say the Baptist missionaries in Bengal; "three of the Pædobaptist brethren, unknown to us, though on the most friendly terms with us, wrote to the Bible Society in England, requesting them not to give any assistance to any Indian versions in which the word 'baptise,' was translated to 'immerse.' NONE OF THESE MEN LIVED TO SEE THE REPLY TO THEIR APPLICATION."

The Board of Managers are satisfied, that the providence of God has made it the duty of Baptists to give to the whole world, a faithful translation of the whole Bible, and that, as a denomination, we cannot decline this labour of love and yet remain guiltless. If capacity and opportunity to do good, not only gives a right to do it, but make the doing it a duty, then we are undoubtedly called upon to perform this important service. Brethren, beloved in the Lord, throughout this wide-spread continent, to you do we make our solemn appeal for India, and for the whole world—let prayer be made without ceasing of the church unto God—let your