

you could accompany me to a neighbouring Sardinian camp, and stroll about, apparently careless as to what was going on around you, but endeavoured to obtain a side glance into any one of the soldier's huts, you would see a sight you could never forget, the recollection of which would always fill you with renewed joy and thankfulness. Most nights, soon after the retreat is sounded, the men kindle a light, generally three or four lights to each hut; they then all sit down, settle themselves as well as they can, take their New Testament, open it, and, in the midst of a profound silence, read it until late at night, after a while laying it aside to peruse some good Gospel paper that has been given to them. 'It appears like a church,' remarked a young corporal to me, 'the same thing occurs every night, and the camp is at this hour peculiarly still.' I was myself deeply moved at this sight, and really my faith never went so far as to anticipate our seeing a whole battalion of infantry occupied in reading the Word of Life, which maketh wise unto salvation."

From Jerusalem the Committee have been favored with interesting communications from Bishop Gobat, who is vigorously pursuing his various plans of christian usefulness. In his correspondence he adverts to several most encouraging instances of the results following the reading of the Bible among Moslems as well as Greek Christians.

From India the accounts continue to be most encouraging. In all the Auxiliary Societies in this country great efforts are being made to establish a system of colportage which will be the means of effecting a more enlarged distribution of the Scriptures. The principal difficulty is the want of a sufficient number of competent laborers to undertake so great an enterprise among the population of India.

China still continues to occupy a large share of the attention of the Committee. They state that the peculiar junction of political affairs in this country, two years since, and the supposed strong infusion of the religious element into the insurgent movement, raised the expectation of a great work being accomplished in a comparatively short period of time. In that expectation the Committee showed, though not so fully as to induce them to believe, that the large funds placed at their disposal could be very rapidly appropriated. All the bright hopes that were excited have not been realized. All the facilities anticipated for diffusing, far and wide, the Scriptures, have not been presented. The issue of the great political movement is still problematical, nor can the Committee ascertain how far the so-called rebel chiefs are aiding, by their own efforts, in the printing and circulation of the inspired Scriptures. But though unable to report all they could desire, or all that their friends may expect, the Committee can announce considerable, and, they think, satisfactory progress in the development of the 'million' scheme.

Passing over many interesting portions of the work, we hasten to consider the home operations of the Parent Society. In reference to their funds, the Committee state that it is with unfeigned gratitude to Him who disposes the heart to devise liberal things,

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