

what they denominated The Trinitarian Bible Society, the Committee of which soon gave evidence that if the principle be maintained, that the theological sentiments of members are to be scrutinized, the Society which has, more than all others, promoted christian feeling between individuals of opposite opinions, would be erected into an inquisitorial tribunal spreading discord, and affording materials for the gratification of malevolence; for very shortly did they proceed to the work of expurgation; and excluded from their number certain persons, because of their religious tenets who had been appointed on that Committee by the general meeting. It is impossible to say how far intolerance would exert itself; or what would be the ultimate consequences of acting upon a prin-

ciple, in its application to a voluntary society, so monstrous. And what right? we would ask, has any man, or number of men to say to those who differ from them in any respect, "You shall not do good in our way;" or "your benevolence shall not flow in the same channel with ours." The attempt to establish a Trinitarian Bible Society, as might have been anticipated, has become a failure; but the British and Foreign Bible Society stands unmoved—her members abide steadily by the original plan and object of the Institution; and we trust that she will continue in undiminished vigour to apply her vast resources to the moral melioration of a degraded world. 383,858 copies of the Scriptures had been issued in the last year, and the receipts of the Society were £51,735 16s. 4d.

IRELAND.

THE Irish Conference (Wesleyan Methodists) was held in Dublin in July and was attended by the Rev. George Marsden, President of the British Conference and several other ministers from England; and by eighty of those belonging to the Irish connexion. The various sittings of the Conference, and the public services, were favoured by a gracious influence, and great peace, and love, and unity prevailed among the brethren. The cholera had spread its ravages at the time throughout the City, as well as in several other parts of Ireland: but in answer to prayer the brethren and the kind families by whom they were entertained were mercifully preserved.

Three of the Irish brethren in the course of the year had been removed by death: five young men were received into full connexion with the conference and three others were admitted on trial. The prospects of increasing good in the Irish Connexion, notwithstanding the agitated state of the country, are encouraging. Were it not for the emigrations which took place

during the year, amounting to six hundred and eighty, there would have been an increase to their societies of upwards of eleven hundred. The Missions to Keshmure and Lacle, which were commenced last year, have greatly prospered. The Mission day-schools are in a flourishing state, and contain 2100 children, being an increase of 300 over the return of last year. A considerable number of the scholars are under divine impressions; and a large proportion of them are the children of Roman Catholic parents.

The following is an extract from the Annual Address to the British Conference:—

"The last has been with us a year of more than ordinary events: political excitement has extended to an unusual degree, and caused a greatly increased agitation among our hitherto sufficiently unscattered population. The most appalling outrages and assassinations have been perpetrated, not as heretofore beneath the shade of night, but with barbarous and terrifying effrontery in the open day. When