

## REPORT.

Your Committee enter upon their annual duty with very great pleasure. Whether we look at the wide and general support the Bible Society receives,—the number of Bibles and Testaments diffused throughout the year,—or the grand effects with which the circulation is attended,—we cannot but rejoice and call upon our souls to magnify the Lord, and all that is within us, to bless His holy name. But, some may say, is there no opposition? Yes, friends of the Bible, there is opposition; and there is a vast amount of indifference. And such things will exist until the millennial period arrive, when the “earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Let us, for your comfort and joy, lead you through the various nations of the earth, in which, by the kind and gracious providence of God, the Holy Scriptures have either a general or partial circulation;—and, in doing this, let us take the admirable Report of the Parent Society for our guide. Your Committee would call to your remembrance, that they have frequently remarked, that every succeeding Report of the Parent Society has been marked with wonderful progress in the great cause it has in view. This is the case still. The last Report surpasses all its predecessors. In everything there is an increase. This will become manifest to you as we proceed.

We are first introduced, as on former occasions, to France. The issues of Scriptures from the Parisian Depot, last year, amounted to, 85,836 copies. “I feel bold enough to assert,” says the Parisian Agent, M. Pressensé, in his annual Report, “that the distribution of the past year, regarded from a Christian point of view, possesses a far higher value than those of any preceding year;” and, after having shewn, by various statistics, that the number altogether bestowed by our Parent Society on France, since it commenced its distributions in that important country, about the year 1820, has amounted to 4,400,000 copies, he adds, “that without a doubt, the religious progress made in the land may be attributed to the precious seed thus liberally scattered.” Such a sentence as that, Bible friends, might be adopted as a text, on which a discourse