

"The Bible sales in the streets of Paris go on at a remarkable rate. It is quite an occupation, independently of our usual engagements to supply the Colporteurs, as far as our share is concerned. Every day we have reports of a curious and interesting nature: as our men go up the streets the people call from their shops, and are quite glad to be able to purchase these volumes. They find *young men* anxious to possess the Scriptures; they assure me, says Professor Kieffer, that they scarcely ever pass the corner of a street without placing one or more with the Porters who are stationed there. If they are not all rich enough to purchase a two franc Bible, they agree to lend one to each other till they can find a sous to have one of their own."

A fact not less interesting perhaps, fraught with the happiest consequences, may be properly introduced to the consideration of the meeting. From the Report of the Merchants' Seaman's Auxiliary, it appears that the distribution of the past year amounts to 5599 copies of the Sacred Scriptures, of which number no fewer than 5369 copies have been *sold* to sailors of *all countries*. At a former period of the operations of this Society, the aggregate amount *sold* was 597 out of no less than 5773 copies. It is true that many, nay multitudes of sailors are yet without copies of the Word of God, but the fact that 5369 copies have been *purchased* by *individual* sailors during the year, is surely a token for good concerning that important part of the community. It almost tempts to think the fulfilment of the prophecy, "*The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto him,*" begins to emerge like the Sun from the bosom of the deep, and will continue its course till it reach the zenith of its glory, and send forth the portion of its light on the sons of men.

However easy it were for your Committee to multiply instances from the operations of the past year, equally promising, they feel it necessary to draw the Report to a close. Events in Providence gave sure indications of the Messiah's first coming, though many did not believe the signs of the times. Indications of the approach of that period, when the "light of the Moon shall be as the light of the Sun, and the light of the Sun as that of seven days," are not now wanting. We hail them with pleasure, and pray God to hasten it in his time. Hitherto, cloud after cloud have sent its chilling shadows over the prospects of man, but at length we know they will break away, and a scene of beauty and brilliancy succeed. The Sun of Righteousness, so long hid, will burst on the bosom of darkness, and kindle the bow of peace over the sky. The strife of nations will subside—fearful apprehensions yield to the repose of friendship—and the springs of