

The following supplies will be forwarded to Calcutta.

16,300 English Bibles and Testaments.

3,000 Persian Pentateuchs.

5,000 Bengalee and English N. Tests.

From the Calcutta Auxiliary Society no printed report has as yet been received.

MADRAS.—Shortly after the last Anniversary, your Committee proceeded to give further consideration to the truly important plan that had been brought under their notice, for a very extensive distribution of integral portions of the Holy Scriptures throughout the whole of the districts where the Tamil language is spoken. The measure, it is calculated, will occupy, in its completion, a period of about three years, and involve an expenditure of 5000*l* per annum. Your Committee have deemed it right to pledge the assistance of the Society for the first year.

1000 reams of paper have lately been forwarded to Madras.

Another important measure, which was suggested by your Committee in 1837 to the Committee of the Madras Auxiliary, is also in progress; and Christian communicants will be furnished, at a very trivial cost, with a copy of the entire New Testament in their native tongue.

The issues of the Madras Auxiliary for the year have been 50,372; more than twice as many as were ever distributed in any of the previous sixteen years.

The calls upon the funds of the Madras Auxiliary being unusually large, an appeal has been put forth at Madras, containing among other matters, the following very striking statements:—

"The people are prepared to receive the word of God, and are disposed to hear it.

"Men of talent and learning are found ready to afford their aid in forming acceptable versions.

"Agents are not wanting to distribute widely and judiciously.

"Missionaries are rising up on every side, to explain the written word, and enforce it on the conscience.

"Nothing is now required but a simultaneous effort on the part of those who possess the silver and the gold.

"In the name of Him, therefore, who is described as the Light of the world, it is respectfully urged upon every one, in this emergency, to contribute to this end a more than ordinary share of the funds which he may devote to the promotion of Christianity, and to recommend a similar course to his friends."

BOMBAY.—The Report of the Bombay Auxiliary is not yet arrived; and your Committee have only to notice, that they have cheerfully met an application for 200 Bibles and 400 Testaments in English. 200 reams of paper have also been requested, and forwarded; together with 200 Hebrew Tests.

COLOMBO.—A small grant of English Bibles and Testaments has been made to the

Auxiliary at Colombo; and your Committee have been informed by the Secretary that an edition of 2500 Bibles and 5000 Testaments in the Cingalese has advanced at press to the end of the Psalms.

The **JAFFNA** Auxiliary is diligently pursuing its course.

The **SINGAPORE** Auxiliary Bible Society has remitted 100*l*. as a free contribution. From its First Report, it appears that it has issued 956 Bibles and Testaments, and parts, in the various languages employed in the wide field open for its exertions. This Society circulates the Scriptures in twenty-three different languages.

At **MALACCA**, as the Rev. Messrs. Evans and Dyer have informed your Committee, an Auxiliary Society has been formed, but particulars have not as yet been received. During the year ending Oct. 31, 1837, 18,164 volumes of the Scriptures, put up according to the Chinese mode, have been issued from the depository under the charge of the Missionaries. A Society has likewise been formed at **PENANG**.

CHINA.—With reference to China, your Committee grieve to say that all the communications from their Agent, during the year, have been of a very unfavourable character; and so few opportunities have been afforded him of effecting any thing at all commensurate with the unavoidably great expense attending his mission, that your Committee have deemed it right to recal him; or rather, not to extend the original engagement made with him.

Your Committee do not, for one moment, regret the experiment that has been made. They believe it was the duty of the Committee to make it; and they are no less satisfied that it is their duty now to relinquish it.

To the **NEW SOUTH-WALES** Auxiliary there have been forwarded between 800 and 900 copies of the Scriptures. This Society has remitted 225*l*.

The **VAN DIEMAN'S LAND** Auxiliary at Hobart Town has remitted 200*l*., and ordered 740 copies of Bibles and Testaments in English and French.

50 Bibles and 100 Testaments have been placed at the disposal of Lieut.-Col. Gawler, proceeding as Governor of South Australia. And Mr. C. J. Latrobe, going out as Government-Superintendent to the rising Colony of Port Philip in New South-Wales, has received 100 Bibles and 300 Testaments.

The Rev. Henry Nott, on his return to **TAHITI**, took with him supplies of Tahitian Bibles printed under his superintendence.

AFRICA.—From **CAPE TOWN**, the Rev. Dr. Philip writes:—

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