

equally opposed to the glory of God and the welfare of man, the messengers of the Churches have been planting the tree of life, where thousands partake of its fruit and repose under its peaceful shelter.

The state of *Ireland* has long awakened the sympathies and called forth the benevolent exertions of the Parent Committee and Society. When they have contemplated the natural advantages of that kingdom, when they have admired the generous and ardent temperament of its inhabitants, and have seen all these favorable circumstances thwarted and blasted by religious errors and civil dissensions, their hearts have yearned over this interesting, but injured and benighted land; and influenced by that charity which is full of mercy and of good fruits, they have endeavoured by the employment of zealous Missionaries, the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and the establishment of Schools, to do their part towards mitigating the evils under which *Ireland* groans. Nor have their benevolent efforts been altogether in vain. Their various Missionaries have been preserved amidst the dangers to which they have been exposed—have quietly pursued their work of faith and labour of love amidst storms of political agitation, and by their instrumentality, very many have been rescued from a life of reckless abandonment to every thing that was erroneous in opinion and vicious in practice, and are now walking in the paths of wisdom, holiness and peace. In many an Irish cottage, the shouts of the Bacchanalian have been exchanged for the sweet songs of Zion; the time formerly spent in dark and murderous plotting, is now employed in searching the Scriptures of truth; and the hearts which once burned with hatred and discontent, are now softened by charity and calmed by resignation. In *Ireland* we employ 24 Missionaries; occupy 15 stations; and have 5,000 children and adults in our Sabbath and day schools.

The attention of the Parent Society to the continent of Europe, and several of the Islands of the Mediterranean, has been painfully awakened by the notorious fact, that while in these countries Christianity has been generally and outwardly acknowledged, infidelity, popery and socinianism have to an awful extent obscured its glory and counteracted its beneficial influences. Mental degradation, political discontent, and spiritual barrenness too generally characterize those nations which were once enlightened, elevated and enriched, by the blessed diffusion of that Gospel which so directly promotes personal, domestic and national happiness and prosperity. To restore

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