

tions of superstition, and restore primitive Christianity to the Nations, he increases the number of his Sacramental Hosts, and moves his people to the formation and support of Societies expressly for the purpose of sending forth Missionaries and Bibles, with various other subordinate instrumentalities; such as we have seen arisen in goodly numbers, from among the various sections of his professing people, within the last half century.

Among these Providential means stand forth, in bold relief, the Bible Societies; which originated in England, and which are now ramified throughout almost every part of Europe and North America.

It is with much satisfaction that your Committee contemplate the fact, that for more than forty-three years the Parent Institution, with its numerous Auxiliaries and kindred Societies, has been diffusing the Word of God among the Nations; so that, by their united exertions, more than thirty-two millions of copies, in whole or part, of the Sacred Volume have gone forth, in about one hundred and sixty different versions; and that the Continent of Europe, now so agitated, has participated largely in these benevolent labours. May we not hope, that a sure foundation is thus laid for the final establishment of the minds of all men upon the quiet and safe basis of Divine Truth. The effect of Scriptural knowledge will be as oil on the troubled waters. When the usurped dominion of a pretended infallibility has lost its power to hold men's consciences in subjection, the ultimate appeal on all controverted points will be to the paramount authority of the Word of God—the only infallible guide.

So far, then, from relaxing, in the least degree, our efforts to disseminate the Scriptures, because of the present appearances, your Committee feel the more strongly prompted to increased exertion, not only to sow the seed of righteousness in this remote Province, but also to bring forth our resources, however feeble, to aid the Parent Institution in its work of mercy. The Auxiliary relation which this Society sustains to the Parent in England, while it secures to us the advantages derived from the character, influence, and patronage of that noble Institution, imposes on us the duty not only of meeting the wants of our own people, but of bringing the increasing resources of this country to the aid of the general work in which that Society is engaged. Your Committee, therefore, trust that it will not, for a moment, be considered by any one as foreign to our principles to advert, as we have done, to the condition of Europe, or any other part of the World. The Christians of this land are as much interested in the success of the Gospel, the prosperity of Christ's kingdom, and the Evangelization of mankind, as they could possibly be did they live in the heart of England itself.

May we not reasonably hope, that the bread which has been cast upon the waters by this humble Auxiliary, which has been the means of distributing ninety-three thousand six hundred and fifty-two copies of the Scriptures among the settlers of this Province, within eight years, will be seen after many days: in the peaceable fruits of righteousness, and in the improvement of our social, moral, and spiritual state. With the blessing of God, and his blessing is secured by his promise, this will, undoubtedly, be the result.

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