

have seen a great light, and upon them that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death hath the light shined. That light discovers to them a God whose glorious majesty fills their minds with sentiments of adoration—whose goodness inspires them with hope—whose holiness presents a standard of moral purity, the contemplation of which elevates and refines their souls—an atoning Saviour, by the value of whose sacrifice their guilt and condemnation are removed—a sanctifying Spirit, by whose regenerating influence all their pollution may be washed away—and a glorious immortality, whose attractive influence gives them the victory over the allurements and distractions of the present world. In this light they may walk, securely and happily, through the ever-changing scenes of their earthly pilgrimage, and pass without fear, through the valley of the shadow of death, to the bright regions of eternal day.

As it is extremely desirable to keep alive in the minds of the friends of Missions a deep and lively sense of the importance of the work which they are aiming to accomplish by their prayers and their contributions, your Committee think they cannot more effectually do this than by giving a statement of the general operations of the Parent Society as well as the Canadian Auxiliary.

So extensive are the fields in which the labours of this Society are being carried on, that it is not possible to give more than a general outline of its proceedings. We shall therefore on this occasion confine ourselves to a brief notice of the most important and interesting Stations in various parts of the world.

IRELAND.

The Society deem it their duty to pay particular attention to various parts of Ireland, especially to those remote and thickly-populated districts where the influence of a regular Protestant Ministry is so little known and felt, and where the native Irish language is chiefly spoken. There the Society employs *twenty-four* Missionaries, six Scripture-Readers, and twenty-six regular Schoolmasters. Their zealous labours during the last year have suffered no interruption, and, there is reason to believe, have, in many instances, been followed with very useful results. New Congregations have been formed in various districts—an additional number of Schools has been established—several Roman Catholic children have been educated in these Schools, and have been made acquainted with those Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation. In the Daily and Sabbath Schools connected with the Irish Missions there are about *six thousand* children.

To SWEDEN and GERMANY the Society still extends its labours. Their great object in the former country is not so much to establish a

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