

uninterrupted assistance of all who have at heart the interests of the Gospel, and the dissemination of that knowledge which can make "wise unto salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus."

The Committee have not yet received the Report of the Parent Society, for the last twelve months, but it is satisfactory to know that the most powerful exertions are making by them to stem that torrent of infidelity to which so much of the recent distress in England may be attributed. Infidelity in the mother country, within the last few months, has reared its head with unusual boldness and daring; poisoning the morality of the nation, and ministering ruin to the peace, the honesty, and happiness, of her inhabitants, and ruin to their souls. That publications which were capable of producing such unhappy results should have been ever produced, is an evidence of the blind inveteracy of human nature: that they should have found purchasers, is a stain upon the national reputation. There are, however, no fears for the result. The well-directed efforts of our venerable Society, in the cause of morals, wisdom, and Christianity, will be amply sufficient, with the blessing of Almighty God, to arrest the evil in its progress. She will triumph, as she has triumphed more than once, with her only legitimate weapons, Reason, and the word of God.

A new field for the operations of the Parent Society has been opened in Ireland, for the application of their resources.

In the Report of the Parent Society, published in 1829, the last which has been received here, it is stated that by the aid of £1000, granted by them to the Lord Primate of Ireland, added to funds raised in Ireland, an experiment had been made, of communicating scriptural information to the Roman Catholic population, through the instrumentality of agents under the controul of the Parochial Clergy, and the general superintendence of the ordinary. The experiment has been made on a moderate scale in four different Dioceses, and the Report states that the success of the undertaking has been quite as great as under the very peculiar circumstances of the times, it was reasonable to expect. Upon a review of what has a ready been effected by them, it is confidently stated, that, notwithstanding the obstacles opposed to them, by political excitement, they have been the instruments of great good. The agents, in many instances, have been found useful auxiliaries to the parish minister, and it seems highly probable that by steadiness and prudence they may gradually gain the confidence of the Roman Catholics, and induce them to study the Word of God. The number of agents then employed in the Diocese of Armagh, is stated to be twenty seven.

The Committee conceive that the plan might in these provinces be adopted with success. The Committee have the satisfaction of being able to state that the district Committee alluded to in the last report, as then about to be formed at Cornwall, has been instituted there, and is now in active operation. A lending Library in con-

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