

REPORT.

"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?" enquires one of old, in regard to the impending judgments of the Almighty. The enquiry is again awakened, in view of the "*Signs of the Times*" among the Nations of Europe. The news coming across the broad Atlantic, these few weeks past, have been most astounding: every ear is open, every mind directed, to the arrival of each succeeding mail, anxious to know what will be the burden of the next report. It appears as though God had arisen to shake terribly the earth; not in the usual way of kingdom against kingdom, but of kingdoms against themselves: the trembling of the political earthquake passing in rapid succession from nation to nation, threatens an entire overthrow of the Social and Religious state of Europe—thus affecting, to a great extent, every country of the Earth.

In the midst of this general consternation and anxiety, and doubt as to the final result, how consoling to the mind of the believer is the thought, that "the Lord reigneth," and rideth upon the storm; that he will cause the "wrath of man to praise him, and the remainder of wrath he will restrain;" and that, whatever may happen to the political systems of the Nations, whatever convulsions may break up the long-established orders of human society, the Church which he has redeemed is safe, no weapon formed against her shall prosper; for she is founded on the Rock of everlasting truth—"THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOR EVER."

Such are the consolations derived from a knowledge of that "WORD" which has emanated from Heaven: in the dissemination of which your Society has the honour to be employed.

It is, also, very pleasant to the Christian observer, to notice the operations of God's providential hand, in providing for an approaching emergency, by previously calling into existence men and means most suitable to meet the coming event. When He would redeem his covenant people of old, from the yoke of Egyptian bondage, he raises up a Moses and an Aaron: when he would subdue and dispossess the Cananites, and put his people in possession of the Promised Land, he raises up a Joshua to go before them: when he would found his Gospel Church, and extend it among all Nations, he provides a chosen army of Apostles, Confessors, and Martyrs to go forth, attack, and subdue the formidable and long-established holds of Pagan Idolatry, Pharasaic malice, and Sadducean Infidelity: when he would check the overflowings of Ungodliness, and arrest the daring, naughty progress of the "*Man-of-Sin*," he raises up a Luther, a Zwingle, and a Calvin: when he would enlarge the borders of Zion, enlighten the long-neglected Heathen, heal the divisions of his People, sap the founda-