

the Gospel, before whose influence the clouds of superstition must be scattered, and by whose potency the shackles of unhallowed domination must be rifted asunder, is the alone and sedulously pursued object of our Missions; and, though limited in their success—owing to the host of evils and the amount of opposition which they have to struggle—yet have they not laboured, in vain; many have been delivered from the captivity of sin, and, through the agency of the Scriptures, and the growing influence of our schools, the dawns of brighter days gleams over those mountain obstacles which almost every where present themselves. The Parent Report states, that—

“At no period in the history of Missions were there such obstacles in the way of the spread of scriptural truth in *Ireland* as at present; and, with a few exceptions, the efforts of the Missionaries appear to establish the mournful fact, that the generality of the people of *Ireland* are shut up from the direct influence of evangelical teaching.”

On the Continent of *Europe*, and in the *MEDITERRANEAN*, the Society have 19 Missionaries.

The Mission at *Stockholm* is in a prosperous condition. “It sustains,” says the Report, “its peculiarly interesting character; there are many doors of usefulness opening there; and a very marked success attends the Missionary’s endeavours to improve all the opportunities that are presented to him.”

At *Winnenden*, in the Kingdom of *WERTENBURG*, the Missionary, though called to much opposition, in the prosecution of his work, has laboured with some encouraging success. “Many, who previously had no more than the form of godliness, have been brought to experience the saving power of the Gospel; and not a few have finished their earthly course in a peaceful and triumphant manner, and have died in the full prospect of a blissful immortality.”

In *FRANCE*, the most encouraging indications now present themselves—the time, even the set time, for the Gospel visitation of that region of spiritual desolation, is apparently approaching.

In *Paris*, the prospect is truly cheering. One of the Missionaries informs us that a marked and unexpected conversion has recently taken place there, the subject of which is a Nun. A place of divine worship has been lately opened by Dr. BUNTING; the senior Secretary of our Missions—the services were highly interesting.