

will in due time be followed by the happiest results, even the overthrow of idolatry and the evangelization of that interesting land.

In China, several important events are noticed, especially the death of that devoted man—Dr. Medhurst, who has been instrumental in doing much for the spiritual good of China, chiefly in the translation of the Scriptures. From several parts of China there are interesting tidings, but the hostilities that are at present being carried on, have done much, in the meantime, to arrest the work of Bible circulation and missionary operations.

Several interesting particulars are stated as to Australia, to which a deputation was sent by the Parent Society. There were formed eleven Societies, six auxiliaries and five branches. About 100,000 had been circulated by the Societies. The Rev. Mr. Beecher, one of the members of the deputation formed 88 new Societies.

In New Zealand, the South Sea Islands, and Africa, especially in Southern Africa, South America, and the West Indies, the work has been carried on with more or less success.

The total issues of the Parent Society during the past year was 1,517,858, and the receipts £138,749 17s. 3d. The total issues of the Society now amount to 32,381,759 copies.

While referring to the Parent Society, it would be ungrateful to omit acknowledging its liberality in granting us still £200 sterling per annum towards the expense of agency. We have pleasure in further acknowledging the receipt of a valuable collection of Scriptures, being specimen copies of a hundred different versions. We regard this as a most interesting and valuable gift. The Directors hope that they may soon be placed in a suitable case, so that the members and friends of the Society may have an opportunity of inspecting them.

From a review of what God is doing through the instrumentality of the Bible Society, we may see that there is loud call for effort and abundant cause for encouragement. Let us prosecute the work in faith, and with unremitting perseverance. The world needs the Bible. The dispensations of God's providence are loudly calling upon us to give the Bible to the world. New channels, too, are being presented to us for the circulation of the Bible, as in Africa, where Livingstone has gone to open, as we trust, a highway to the tribes that crowd the interior of that continent. Let us seek then, in God's name, to put the Bible into the hands of the human family. What else can meet their circumstances and suit their several cases? What but the Bible can give comfort and hope to the suffering sons of men? What but the Bible can give peace and rest to the wearied, careworn, disappointed men of the world? What but the Bible can break the chains of the slave, and constrain man