

Committee, looking up to the Great Disposer of events as the Guardian of his own word as well as the Ruler of the nations, that He would arise and plead his own cause!

Mr. Melville of Odessa, has communicated much interesting information in the course of the year respecting his labours for the Society in Georgia and Circassia, as well as in the southern parts of Russia. Early in the year, he also had the pleasure to report that he had received permission from the Emperor to introduce 20,000 copies of the Scriptures duty free into Odessa, and much was expected from their judicious distribution, and from an edition of the Georgian New Testament; which he had liberty to print at the expense of the Society; but this work and the operations of Mr. Melville generally, it is to be feared, will be for the present, at least, suspended by the breaking out of the war. May the interruption to labours so peaceful and at the same time so encouraging and hopeful, be but short!

Spain and Portugal continue to present no features of interest. For the former country a grant has been made during the year, on the recommendation of the late Dr. James Thomson, of 950 Bibles and Testaments, or portions. These have been placed at the disposal of a gentleman in the South of Spain, who has undertaken the distribution of them.

On mentioning the name of Dr. James Thomson the Committee proceed to pay a well merited eulogy on one of their most devoted servants, whose memory is still cherished by those among whom it was his lot to labor, and not the least among these may be classed the official members of this auxiliary, who had the opportunity of intercourse with him during his visit to this Province.

From Malta, Greece, and other countries bordering upon the Mediterranean, interesting intelligence has been conveyed by the report of Mr. Lowndes, the Society's agent in that quarter.

Speaking of his visit to Greece, he says he was happy to find in the various educational establishments which he visited in this country the Scriptures were used, and from various public documents it was ascertained that this was the case in schools attended by more than fifty thousand pupils.

In referring to Palestine, he mentions that few men are so well calculated as Bishop Gobat to fill the post he holds there. He is quite alive to the value, and anxious for the dissemination of divine truth. To him the agent had forwarded Scriptures; and a few weeks since there was an urgent appeal from the clergyman attached to the Church Missionary Society, and