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GENERAL PROGRESS OF EDUCATION.

From the Christian Observer.

THE last Report of the British and Foreign School Society, in its brief view of the progress of education in those foreign countries with which the Society has had intercourse, relates the following important particulars:

From the Report of the Society for Elementary Instruction at Paris, read April 10th, 1822, it appears that 157 new schools have been formed during the year 1821, making, with those formerly reported, 1400. The French government, it is stated, has uniformly supported the establishment of schools, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant, by grants of money towards their building and outfit. In several of the departments, as well as in the metropolis, schools have been successfully established for adults. The Society is making efforts to multiply Sunday Schools. In several prisons, schools have been formed, with the best effects on the morals of the prisoners. The Bible Society at Paris has granted 6000 Testaments during the last year to the schools connected with the Paris Society for Instruction.

In Spain, the schools mentioned in former reports are continued under the sanction of the Cortes. The government had assigned a convent for the establishment of a Normal or training school, and provided funds for its support. It is intended for 500 boys and 400 girls. Lieutenant Colonel Kehrney had opened several schools in the principal towns, and others attached to military corps. All the schools are making rapid progress. The Cortes, by a decree of April 30th, have ordered the general establishment of new schools in

every district, and in all the military departments.

Education is making considerable progress in the Netherlands. The province of Hainault, in particular, since the year 1817, has doubled the means of education by the adoption of the new system; and in a population of half a million, nearly 60,000 scholars are daily receiving instruction.

In Sweden, M. Gerelius, by order, or with the sanction, of the government, has organized many schools both in Stockholm and in other towns. By the especial desire of the king, he has introduced the new system into a naval and military school for 370 boys. A Society has been formed for the further extension of the improved method. It has also been adopted in the girls' schools.

In Russia, the printing of the British and Foreign School Society's "Scripture Lessons," and their extensive circulation, have prepared the way for schools. It is earnestly to be hoped that the numerous friends of Bible Societies in the Russian empire will speedily turn their attention to this subject.

Some hopeful beginnings have been already made in various parts of Italy; though strong efforts have been used to check the diffusion of knowledge, by the suppression of the schools on the system of mutual instruction, and many schools were actually shut up in the course of last year. The School Society at Florence however, continues its philanthropic exertions; and in addition to the three schools established in the city of Florence, seventeen schools are in operation in various parts of Tuscany.

In Malta, the School Society of Valetta continues to promote the cause of education; the schools in that city, patronized by Sir Manley Power and his lady, maintain their reputation; and a Catholic Priest,