

it will be to the end. The report for the past year contained nothing very startling or novel—it was but the record of continuous work, and a slight but steady increase in the sales and gifts in every country which its agents and colporteurs visit. Obstacles gradually disappear, monopolies break down, and as in Portugal, persecution is exchanged for protection. The account of the proceedings in Exeter Hall on Wednesday, will be found full of interest, especially as they relate to the power of the Word of God and its operations in India.”—*English Independent*.

It is entirely beyond our power with the limited space at our command, to re-publish “an account” of the Annual Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, held in Exeter Hall, on the 4th inst. We can just say to you that “the hall was densely crowded;” that the noble the Earl of Shaftesbury, occupied the chair, and was supported by representative men of the Churches, that the Rev. S. B. Bergne, Secretary “offered prayer, and read passages of Scripture;” that the Rev. C. Jackson, Sen. Secretary, read the Report—one of the most comprehensive and cheering ever presented by the Parent Society; that addresses were delivered respectively by the distinguished Chairman, and by the Lord Bishop of Rippon; by Sir Bartle Frere; by the Rev. Dr. Mullins; the Right Rev. Bishop Crowther; Mr. John Macgregor; Dr. Vermilyre (New York), and the Rev. W. O. Simpson. There was variety truly in the addresses, and a vast area embraced in the different fields presented, India, however, receiving prominence; but of the addresses delivered, we may say that they were masterly and inspiring, doing honour to the speakers who felt themselves honoured in being permitted to advocate the claims of the glorious Institution, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and this too before the grandest Protestant assemblage of this world, a representative assembly of England yet Protestant; of England determined to be Protestant. Of the financial results of the year, our own Report has already spoken.

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OUR MAY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the U. C. B. Society, a report of which appears in these columns, was one of deep interest and of much enthusiasm.

For the edification and satisfaction of our numerous friends who were not present on the occasion, we have endeavoured to secure a faithful summary of the able and eloquent addresses then delivered, and we hope that their perusal will deepen the interest already felt throughout our country in the increased exertion necessary to give the Bible to all mankind.