

REPORT.

Your Committee, sensible that the chief interest on such an occasion as this, is to be derived from a view of Bible operations in the World generally, and not from the circumstances of any particular locality, like that which your own Auxiliary comprehends, and which can be detailed within the compass of a very few sentences, would beg leave to introduce to your notice at once the latest Report of the Parent Institution.

Those of you, who have had the pleasure of reading that Report, must have been led to adore the gracious Author of the Sacred Volume, that the same interesting feature, which has characterized some of the preceding Reports, very strikingly characterizes the present one. Your Committee allude to the wonderful effects which the Bible is producing in various parts of the world, not only upon individuals but upon communities, not only on the openly profane, but upon the superstitious and the infidel:—effects, which could result from no agency but that of the Divine Spirit. There are other features which call for fervent gratitude to the Author of Salvation—such as, the more extensive circulation of the Scriptures in countries and districts where great impediments had hitherto existed—the steady and unflinching support which the cause continues to receive, wherever it has as yet found a footing—the uncommon low price at which Bibles and Testaments, even when elegantly bound and with gilt edges, are sold—the demands for the Scriptures by hundreds of Schools established for the education of the poor—and the opening of Eastern Asia to the reception of the Word. These and other circumstances of a most gratifying nature will make themselves manifest to you as we proceed in unfolding the Report.

France appears in the foreview, and justly so, not only on account of the rank which she holds among the nations, but more for what the Bible is accomplishing for her.