

Scotia between five and six hundred, and this Province over seven hundred pounds. In regard to its operations—that in India the circulation of the Scriptures was, it was confidently believed, producing a silent and effectual revolution—that in Borneo an open door was granted to the entrance of God's Word—that the call for China had been more than doubly responded to—and that advantage had been taken of the late popular movement in Spain, to introduce into that benighted country, through Gibraltar, five or six thousand Bibles and Testaments. I must not anticipate the particulars of the Report, but on one subject I cannot be silent—that which is so engrossing a one at the present moment—the war in the Crimea, and the wonderful victories of our arms, which must stir the breasts of all true Britons, native or colonial, and make us glory in the country to which we belong. An American writer speaks of the cool, calm, determined, unfaltering iron energy as the quality which in war and peace marks the Anglo-Saxon race; but an Englishman uses more appropriate terms, when he speaks of *the sublime courage with which a sense of duty and devotion to his country arm the British soldier*. May we not indulge the hope that what the Bible Society has done may have strengthened this principle? What comfort and support must the possession of the Holy Scriptures have rendered to many of our soldiers while suffering from sickness before they reached the field of action, and from wounds and toil and disease too, since their disembarkation; and what a source of consolation must the knowledge of their fate, and the details given of the improvement made of this precious gift, have been to their friends and relatives at home? We are told that no sooner was the expedition determined on, than measures were taken by the Bible Society to furnish every soldier and sailor, who required and would accept it, a copy of the New Testament; that those noble regiments of Guards, which have so distinguished themselves, and have suffered so severely, had, while at Malta, on their way to Turkey, received a full supply, the officers gladly welcoming the distributors of the Bible, and aiding in the good work. I saw it also mentioned in a late paper that our noble ally, the Emperor of the French, had presented a copy of the diamond French Testament to each of his soldiers who desired it; and that when the French troops were assembled at Bologne previous to their embarkation for the Baltic, the Colporteur was permitted to give two hundred New Testaments to each regiment, and that an English gentleman present, finding that this number was not sufficient, and that some soldiers even wept at not getting one, purchased and distributed a thousand additional copies. But the poor Turks were not forgotten—ten thousand copies of the four Gospels in the Turkish language were prepared, and five thousand in the Russian, in the hope that they might be useful to the wounded and the prisoners. Who will venture to say that all this seed sown will not produce fruit?

The President concluded his address by expressing his regret that though the place of meeting was so much larger than it used to be, numbers could not obtain admission; and while he rejoiced to find the interest of our anniversary meetings still increasing, he would assure the assembly that the Committee had done all in their power to accommodate the friends of the Society, and to make the distribution of tickets as general as possible among all of them, without distinction; and it was no fault of the gentlemen who had kindly undertaken this duty that all could not be satisfied.

The Rev. Mr. HENNIGAR having next read the one hundredth and forty-fifth Psalm, the Senior Secretary, Dr. PATERSON, read an Abstract of the Report; after which, the