

mighty operations of our great and munificent parent, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of the numerous Institutions which have originated from her bounty or example, and been fostered and strengthened by her helping hand. In the spirit, and with the blessing of that Gracious Being, whose name and highest attribute is love itself, she proceeds with unabated efforts, causing the light to shine in darkness, dispelling the thick gloom of heathenism and superstition, which lowers over the perishing millions of the human race, and "breaking without hand" the fetters of misery and iron, in which sin and Satan has bound a guilty world.

Receiving with equal gratitude, the magnificent donations of the Kings and Princes of the earth, and the smallest free-will offering of the meanest peasant, she has become the blessed Dispenser of the Bread of Life to all that are in need; and with liberal and unsparing hand, deals out her thousands and tens of thousands, to every people, and tongue and nation, without respect of persons, except as regards the extent of their spiritual wants.

One Hundred and twenty-four Biblical Institutions of various kinds in Great-Britain and her Colonies, were organized during the year ending in May last--upwards of 4,000,000 copies of the Scriptures had been directly circulated by the Society since its commencement in the United Kingdoms and Europe alone.

The Revenues and Expenditures go on increasing with wonderful rapidity from year to year; and almost every month witnesses some successful inroad made into the Kingdoms of Darkness, by the translation of the Scriptures into some language hitherto barbarous or unknown, but now sanctified by containing the words of eternal life.

The Societies which in every quarter of the Globe have sprung up after the bright example, and caught the spirit of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of which, like her own, the simple and undeviating object is, the diffusion of the pure word of everlasting life, without note or comment, are daily increasing in number and strength. A growing ardour in the same cause of peace and good will towards men, now actuates the different nations of Europe, which were formerly distinguished only by the march of hostile armies, and the desolating scenes of human carnage.

In AMERICA the liberation of the Spanish Colonies, now no longer a doubtful question, seems to offer a vast field for the enterprise of the friends of Scriptural light and knowledge; the extensive commerce one of the great blessings of civil liberty, which has already begun to pour in upon the shores of that great populous region of our Continent, from Great Britain and North America, will be accompanied by the richer blessings of the word of God, sent thither by our powerful allies in the propagation of that word.

Among the many trophies which the present age has achieved in the promulgation of the word of God, and which have been obtained

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