

Jubilee, the Committee resolved to place this remarkable country prominently forward among the Special objects to which the fund, then proposed to be raised, should be appropriated. In the Circular and Resolutions of the Committee of Dec. 6, 1852, under the head of "The Jubilee Fund" was included "Special grants to China, and such other parts of the world as may appear open to special operations."

And in their second Circular, issued by the Committee in August last, they state that "they are also watching with deep interest the progress of events in China, and indulge the hope, that Providence is about to mark out a field for the employment of a considerable portion of the Jubilee Fund in that increasingly important empire. An additional sum of £500 has just been placed at the disposal of the corresponding Committee at Shanghai, for printing and distributing new editions of the Scriptures in the Chinese language, with encouragement to ask for more."

Thus it will be seen that the Committee have not been unmindful of the claims of China generally, nor inattentive to those recent extraordinary movements which have given to those claims peculiar strength and urgency, and overwhelming interest.

When, therefore, a proposal was brought forward in the public papers to send *A Million* copies of the New Testament to China, the Committee immediately felt that if such a work was to be done, or ought to be attempted, it fell within their province to undertake the responsibility of it; and they forthwith resolved, and made it known, "that they were prepared, relying on the sympathy of the British public in this desirable object, to take upon themselves all the measures necessary for printing, with the least practicable delay, One Million copies of the Chinese New Testament."

The Committee must leave it very much to others to rouse, and stimulate, and keep alive, public sympathy and liberality in favor of this new and interesting movement. They rejoice that this has been, and is likely to be, so well accomplished. The design of the present Circular is, simply to explain the course the Committee think it right to adopt in reference to this enlarged project; to which they have thus become unexpectedly pledged.

It cannot but be looked upon as a remarkable coincidence, that this new and urgent call should have reached the Society in the midst of its Jubilee celebrations,

and that it should be for a country already embraced in its Jubilee scheme. The contemplated effort, however, is of too large a magnitude to be wholly met by any existing arrangements; besides which, it has awakened, and is gathering around it, an interest of its own, not to be disregarded or undervalued. The Committee, therefore, have determined, "in connection with their Jubilee Fund, to open a separate account for printing a Million copies of the Chinese New Testament; and they will be happy to receive Special contributions to this object, whether in sums of any amount, or in the exact value of a specified Number of Copies, estimated at 4d. a copy." A separate list of these Special Contributions will be published from time to time.

The Committee wish it to be understood, that while no practicable means will be neglected for producing the desired number of copies as early as possible, that they may be ready for the anticipated opening, still a considerable time must elapse before so large a project can be fully realised. Not a day was lost in forwarding communications to those friends in China on whom the execution of the work will, in all probability, chiefly depend. It must, however, be some months before a report can be received of the measures which it may be in their power to adopt, or of the help which it may be practicable to render from this country.— These friends are, however, empowered to commence operations at once, according to the facilities they already possess.

The Committee, in conclusion, desire to commend this undertaking to Him, whose word they seek to circulate, earnestly imploring the requisite grace and wisdom for carrying it forward in the way best adapted to promote His kingdom and glory.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

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