

as to induce the Society to fear that it must be given up. A letter was read from Mr. Johnson, which conveyed the most encouraging tidings of it. Capt. Sabine visited the colony on his way home; remained there six weeks and affirmed, that for the size of it, there was not so well ordered a community on the face of the earth as that of Sierra Leone. It is remarkable that the settlement was founded on the precepts contained in the word of God, and was governed almost without the aid of human laws. Superstition had taken its flight, and fraud and vice were almost unknown. An affecting instance was given by Mr. Johnson of their primitive and simple manners. Two young men approached the communion table, and said, that they were afraid to receive the sacrament, as they had quarrelled, until they had made it up again—This was soon effected, as each accused himself of having done the wrong. A letter was read from Mr. Jowett, who had obtained leave of the local government to establish a printing press in Malta. The Report went on to the Asiatic missions, and the state of the Syriac church, which were afterwards touched on by Major Mackworth. One of the most affecting parts of the Report was the letter of Miss Cooke. It will be recollected that this lady, with great shrewdness, observing how much the conversion of the Hindoos was hindered by the want of female education among them, generously resolved on taking this task in hand herself. Neither the distance or fatigue of the voyage, neither the burning sky, nor the parching winds, nor the scruples of mere worldly prudence, nor the strong barrier of Brahminical superstition, could repulse her. She seems actually to have conquered, or at least to have broken in upon their prejudices, which were considered so consecrated and secure by their age, that many English books have been written by philosophers to prove that the attempt never could succeed.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

From the Report of the Society's Committee read at the annual meeting, May 9th, it appears that, during the past year, the total amount of subscriptions was £10,924, (exceeding last year by £236); 8,824 copies of the Scriptures, in whole or in part, had been issued, and 74,000 tracts. An additional number of Missionaries were going out to Poland, where the efforts of the Society were strongly felt. From the first institution of the Society, about 300 children of the Jews had been educated in the Christian faith, none of whom had, to the knowledge of the Society, ever renounced their profession.

A converted Jew, the son of a Rabbi, returned his thanks to the Society, in behalf of his nation. In the North of England he met a man of talents, who spoke very lightly of the object of the Society, and its effect. He did not suppose they would convert more than 100 altogether. "Be it so (said he) you are a skilful calculator—take your pen now and calculate the worth of 100 immortal souls!"

MERCHANT SEAMEN'S AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

From the report read at the annual meeting, May 8th, it appears, that the number of Bibles sold by the Society the past year, at Gravesend, was 730, and 79 Testaments. The total distribution, from the commencement of the Society in 1818, is 7,190 Bibles, 9,279 Testaments.

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WE have been requested by the Secretary of that important institution, "The British and Canadian School So-