

Respecting China, your Committee cordially fall in with the sentiment expressed in the Parent Society's Report, "that the present aspect of that country is one of deepest interest, and devoutly must every Christian pray that passing events may be over-ruled for the triumph of the Prince of Peace, and the wider diffusion of heavenly truth."

In Madagascar, a severe persecution is still carried on by the Queen of the Island against the converts to Christianity and the holders of the Bible; but your Committee rejoice to say, in every part of the Continent of Africa, where the Society has obtained a footing, Bible distribution goes on apace.

Though ignorance and superstition still brood over the vast continent of South America and Mexico, and forbid the general diffusion of the light and life-giving Word of God, yet, it is pleasing to know, that the Scriptures are kept on sale in various parts.

Coming nearer home, you will rejoice to find the energies of Bible-loving men, both in Republican and British North America, actively employed. The revenue of the American Bible Society amounted last year to upwards of ninety-five thousand one hundred and twenty dollars, and its issues of the Scriptures to 134,937 copies. In the accounts from Canada, the labours of our friend, the Rev. James Thomson, occupy a very prominent part. While he has been instrumental in enlarging, revivifying, and increasing the Bible Societies generally in Canada, your Committee would mention, as not the least important of his labours, the formation of no less than nine Bible Societies among the Aborigines of the country. The success which Mr. Thomson has met with in thus establishing new Societies in Canada, encourages your Committee to hope that, through his means, this Auxiliary will be greatly extended in its sphere of action by the formation of new Branches and Associations in this Province.

In thus alluding to Mr. Thomson's labours, your Committee would express their regret that Mr. Thomson's arrangements will prevent him from visiting much of this Province, at present; but, from the following extract from a letter lately received from him, your Committee rejoice that he may be expected again next Spring, when his stay will not be so hastened in its character:—"I am sorry", says Mr. Thomson, "I shall be obliged to leave so many places in your Province unvisited this season. It is probable that the Parent Society will wish me to continue in these Provinces another year, and should this be the case, I should particularly attend