

session, persecution has ceased. In the language of an earnest laborer in that field, "the priest has been removed from the Custom-House—boxes of Bibles and Evangelical books daily cross the frontier, depots have been established, and colporteurs, under the sanction of the law, are vending the Bible from caife to caife in all the large towns, as well as from hamlet to hamlet, in the agricultural districts. Instead of an outburst of infidel sentiment attending the present political crisis, its leading characteristic has been the desire everywhere manifested to obtain a copy of the Bible, and hear the Gospel preached." In view of such facts, your committee cannot repress the exclamation, "It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes."

The cheering appearance of things, on the European continent generally, is somewhat marred by the persecuting attitude still assumed by the Spanish Government; which has recently treated two men most barbarously, simply for the crime of reading the Word of God. It is to be hoped that an effectual remonstrance against this outrage has already been sent by the British Government to that miserable and decrepid power, as an earnest and influential appeal for that purpose has been made to the Foreign Secretary, by a large deputation representing the allied Protestantism of England.

The noble parent Society of Great Britain shows no symptoms of weakness or decay, but on the contrary seems renewing its youth, and girding itself for its gloriously expanding work. Its last report contains these charming passages: "The prominent characteristic by which the Society has been distinguished during this fifty-fifth year of its history, is *enlargement*. The receipts amounting to the noble sum of £160,062 tell of enlargement. The issues reaching to more than 1,625,000 copies, tell of enlargement. In fields of labor already occupied, there are enlarged demands for the Scriptures. There is enlargement, too, in the opening of countries, where hitherto, little or nothing has been accomplished for the dissemination of the Bible."

An interesting movement has lately commenced in the British metropolis, designed to provide "Bibles for the Million." Its objects are "the reading aloud of the Word of God in the squares, lanes, courts, roads, &c., of the City of London and its suburbs,—together with the sale of Bibles at cost price, and the giving away printed papers containing small portions of the Word of God only."