

teresting correspondence has taken place between your Committee and this Auxiliary, which furnishes gratifying evidence of the increased activity which it has assumed, and from which the happiest results may be anticipated.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, your Committee would remark, that while the indications of Providence, in all parts of the world, are encouraging and full of promise, to the friends of bible circulation, they also call most distinctly for increased diligence and zeal. His Royal Highness Prince Albert has constituted himself a Life Governor of the Parent Society, by a donation of £50. Into pagan lands, the word of God has free access, especially into China, that great country, which contains such a large portion of the population of the world; where the word of God is read, *and never burned*. It is gradually leavening the masses in continental Europe, in spite of the opposition of the Pope, and his adherents. Germany, Prussia, and Belgium, are pervaded by the system of Colportage. The same effective machinery is employed in France, with very decided success, though there, it is beginning to meet with greater opposition than formerly. Every where, the work is assuming more and more the form of a contest between the word of God, and the authority of man; and of such a contest, the issue cannot be considered doubtful. "The law shall go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The removal, by death, during the past year, of some who took a prominent part in the Bible Society, calls on us to "work, while it is day." Two Vice Presidents of the Parent Society have died during the year, the Lord Bishop of Norwich, and the Dean of Salisbury. To these may be added the late Revd. Edward Bickersteth, a minister of Christ, whose praise is in all the churches. Dr. Jackson, who, for 25 years, has discharged the duties of Assistant Foreign Secretary, has been obliged to resign in consequence of ill health. But the Society has met with a severer bereavement still, in the death of the Revd. A. Brandram, who, for 27 years, has ably filled the office of Secretary. A letter was received from London a few days ago at your Depository, bringing intelligence that he was so sick, that no hopes were