

take advantage of so prominent an event, and unfurl the banner of the Cross where hitherto pagan delusion had held undisputed sway.

The British and Foreign Bible Society laid before its friends the proposition to put into circulation among the Chinese as soon as possible one million copies of the New Testament in their own language. This they designed as a special effort, and sent forth their circulars for this purpose. It was to that object you were pleased to apply your contributions, and they will aid in diffusing the sun-light of Gospel truth among the benighted Chinamen, and assist in placing that great empire now torn asunder by intestine warfare upon an equal footing with the most enlightened nations. The aggressive nature of Christianity leads her to step forth at the earliest opportunity to take possession of the spiritual wastes of the earth, as if they were hers by a Divine gift or by the rights of inheritance.

We may draw encouragement for the prosecution of the Bible cause in the no longer doubtful results upon minds degraded by the lowest heathenism. The Gospel, radiant with celestial truth, has approached the confines of moral darkness and scattered the impending gloom, to diffuse its own invigorating rays where hitherto the midnight pall of ignorance and superstition had rested undisturbed. It has gone to the land deeply sunk in all the debasing rites of Polytheism, and proclaiming the truth, that, "God is a Spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth," has caused thousands to cast away their idols, it and devote themselves to the worship of the one living and true God. The Bible wages an exterminating warfare upon idolatry, in whatever form it may be found, and though we are remotely situated from the regions where it obtains in its grosser and more repulsive exhibitions, we can send to its attack a foe so formidable as to break down its time cemented walls, and bid its blinded devotees to look for brighter prospects, than any which his imaginary divinities have promised him. To the honor of the Bible we may now ask whence the decline of idol worship in India? Where that brutalizing idolatry which lately held its revelry in the Sandwich, the Tahitian, Society, and the Friendly Islands, what has swept the curse from Eastern Polynesia? let the touch of the inspired volume upon those shores, and the consequent abandonment by 400,000 idolaters of their images, as objects of worship, and turning to own the God of the Bible as their God, be the reply.

Think of the more than 200,000 children, most of whom would have been devoted to an early death as offerings to heathen deities, now sitting at the feet of our Missionaries, and receiving from the fountain of truth those pure principles which will elevate them in the scale of being, and more than all, those truths which can make them wise unto salvation. But the limits of a Report forbid us to enlarge upon what the Bible has been the grand instrument of accomplishing. Suffice it to say, that it is the greatest legacy which one generation can transmit to the succeeding, or which one portion of the human family can send to alleviate the sufferings and miseries of another. Where the Word of God is read it will have its affect in elevating the standard of public morals. It holds in restraint the fierce and savage passions of men, it elevates woman to the sphere of influence and refinement for which she is designed, and makes the domestic circle the attractive type of the family above.

It responds to the felt cravings of man's nature for a higher good than any which earth promises, and answers in a manner which imparts peace and joy, the question, which has been written in blood by successive generations, how can man be