

some way to manage these things, so as to dispense with the time and expense of agencies. May such a period speedily arrive. With these suggestions I close my second year's report. May the God of revelation scatter light in the paths of the Managers of the American Bible Society, and bless all its patrons and friends.

With affectionate regard,

I beg leave to subscribe myself

Your sincere friend and brother,

THOMAS SHEPARD, *Agent A. B. S.*

Amherst, October 1, 1834.

Letter of Thanks.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY ROOMS, BOSTON, Sept. 17, 1834.

DEAR SIR—I take great pleasure in communicating the following resolution of the Board of Managers of the Baptist General Convention, adopted at their meeting on the 8th instant:

"Resolved, That this Board entertain a grateful sense of the important and truly Christian co-operation of the Managers of the American Bible Society, manifested in their recent appropriation of *three thousand dollars* to aid them in printing and publishing the sacred Scriptures in Burmah.

It will doubtless be gratifying to you to know, that in addition to the four presses already in operation in Burmah, a power-press will speedily be sent out, to give all practicable facility to the publication of the Scriptures in that interesting country.

I am, dear Sir, with Christian regard, truly yours,

L. BOLLES, *Cor. Sec. of the Baptist General Convention.*

From the "Monthly Extracts" of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

May 13, 1834.

The Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society having liberally placed a supply of the German and Polish Sacred Scriptures at the disposal of our Agent, Dr. Giustiniani, for distribution among the Polish exiles at Portsea, I feel it right to make to you some report of their disposition and reception. On the arrival of Dr. Giustiniani at Portsea, he was introduced to three Polish officers, well educated and agreeable men, but who seemed only to know patriotism as their god, and Poland as their altar. He then visited 210 Polish soldiers, who, living upon public charity, were compelled to make a stable their lodging-house, and straw their bed. As the majority of them understood the German language, he found frequent opportunities of addressing them, both in public and private; and their serious attention and grateful acknowledgments proved how gladly they received the word. After one of these services, a soldier passed through the crowd, of whom the Doctor inquired if he had read the word of God: he replied, "Yes," and took from his pocket a very dirty book, a Polish copy of the New Testament, which had been given to him when in Prussia. He said it was the only Polish book they had with them; that he read it to his companions on board the transport, and since he had been on shore; and that it was a very good book to his heart,"—and, with affectionate reverence, kissed it. At this visit Dr. Giustiniani had only eight copies of the Polish Sacred Scriptures; and he expresses,

in his report to our Committee, the regret he felt, when 210 hands were held out to receive this boon, at being compelled to witness the withdrawing of 202 unsatisfied. In consequence of the grant from your Committee, he paid a second visit to these interesting strangers; who hailed his return, and the copies of the New Testament, with great satisfaction and thankfulness. Some doubts having been entertained respecting the sincerity of their profession, a gentleman undertook to watch their conduct in the stable where they slept, and where, about ten o'clock one evening, he approached the door: all were silent, except one individual, whom, on looking through the shutter, he saw reading the New Testament, while a large company of his poor comrades were kneeling around him to listen. As some of these outcasts were sick, a builder lent one of his workshops as a little hospital; and the soldier who had the care of his comrades was the individual already referred to, who was constantly employed in reading the Sacred Scriptures to the sick; and the owner of the premises remarked, that he never saw an Englishman more diligently devoted to the word of God.*

Extract of a letter from the Rev. W. Young, Secretary of the Sierra-Leone Bible Society, by occasion of remitting 34l. 5s. 9d. and ordering a fresh supply of 268 Bibles and Testaments.

KISSEY, SIERRA LEONE, April 22, 1834.

We have perhaps issued more Bibles and Testaments, during these fifteen months, than in a few former years; the issue of Bibles being 75, and of Testaments 96, more this year than the last.

In many, in this colony, it is to be hoped, there is a growing attachment to the Scriptures. The liberated Africans in our schools, who can read, are earnestly aspiring to the privilege of possessing a Bible or a Testament, and cheerfully pay the reduced price. The desire for the Scriptures, we may hope, is not for the sake of an external appearance of religion among us; but the effort of a conviction of their real value, and of their persuasion that therein is revealed the word of God to them.

From the Rev. S. Young.

SALEM, SOUTH AFRICA, January 20, 1834.

I have the pleasure to inform you, that a Society has been formed at Salem, South Africa, which we have denominated "The Salem Auxiliary Bible Society;" and it is the particular wish of the members of this Society to be connected with the British and Foreign Bible Society in London.

The affairs of this Society are conducted by a Committee of eight members, in which are included the *President, Secretary, Treasurer, &c.* £18 sterling have been collected; which we hereby transmit to the Parent Society, by a bill on the Treasurers of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, drawn by the Rev. Samuel Young, Wesleyan Minister of Salem.

This Society has been commenced under promising circumstances;

* The American Bible Society has sent for a quantity of Polish Scriptures for the supply of this same oppressed people.