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NOR is the Benefit of this pious Undertaking confined by the Boundaries of this our Nation, the Morals of her Sister-Kingdom of *Ireland* have been happily improved by it. Yea, the Accounts sent us from Persons of the most eminent Learning and Piety, in distant Countries, inform us of the sensible Vigour and Life of Religion, which has been excited amongst them, by what they hear of its Increase amongst us.

THE Pious and Learned Dr. *Franck*, Professor of Divinity in the City of *Hall* in *Saxony*, writes thus concerning this Matter to some Gentlemen in *London*.

Jan. 21. 1700.

THE Eminent Success of your pious Undertakings has been made known to us in Germany, by the Reverend Doctor *Jablonski*, Chaplain to the newly Crowned King of Prussia, who hath Translated the Account of your Societies out of the English, into the German Language. Nor has this Gentleman's Pains proved unuseful. For besides the Good it has done to many particular Persons, who have been thereby awakened to a greater Concern for their spiritual Edification; a great Number of the Citizens of *Nurenburg*, who had a little before begun to meet at each other's Houses, in order to their mutual Improvement in the Knowledge of the Truth; are by this Book mightily Encouraged and Envigorated in
good

good Things; as a very Pious Minister (who, with two other Divines, is wont to preside at these Meetings) has, in the Name of them all, informed me from the Place. And indeed, the Field of our Lord waxes more and more White unto Harvest. And the true Savour of the Gospel daily increases amongst Persons of various Ranks and Conditions, both Men and Women; with a general Desire of living suitably thereunto.

THE eminent Monsieur Jurieu, writes in a sort of Transport concerning these Matters, in a late Letter of his to one in London; rejoicing and praising God, that amidst the many Societies which he had observed to be made about the Concerns of Gold and Silver; he had at last, thro' the Goodness of God, received a most reviving Account of pious Persons united in prudent and effectual Methods for the Extirpation of Vice, and the Advancement of Religion.

A very worthy Gentleman writes thus from Schaffhausen in Switzerland.

Jan. 12. 1700.

DR. W---'s full Account of the Religious Societies in London, is Translated and Printed at Berlin; and is Dedicated by the Translator to the Princess of Brandenburg, who is lately Married to the young Prince of Hesse Cassel. We have here some Examples of the same Sort of Societies,