

## REPORT.

The Committee of the "New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society" greet their friends and patrons once more at their Annual gathering. Twelve months have elapsed since last we assembled. During that time, at home and abroad, in Christian and in Heathen lands, the prayer of an Inspired Apostle, put up 1800 years ago, has, partially at least, been answered—"The Word of the Lord has had free course and been glorified." While Infidelity without, and, alas, *within* the Church also, has been assailing the truth of God, denying the inspiration of His Word, and predicting its speedy discomfiture. "He that sitteth in the Heavens hath laughed them to scorn." And in the increased and increasing circulation of the Holy Scriptures, God has been adding another to the very many proofs we already possess, "That the Word of the Lord endureth for ever."

To aid in the circulation of that Word, so that its perusal, blessed by God's Holy Spirit, may make the readers of it wise unto salvation, this Auxiliary, with its Branches, have been laboring the past year. Before, however, referring to what has been done in New Brunswick, your Committee would glance at the general work of the Parent Institution, simply premising that the 66th Annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society is one of unusual interest.

The excitement in *France*, in connection with the declaration of the Pope's Infallibility, had, in many places, led to an increased sale of copies of the New Testament. While thousands of Frenchmen received with shouts of derisive laughter the dogma of Papal Infallibility, others were looking into the Scriptures to learn what they say. The Report says:

"In what manner these events bear upon the immediate work of this Society may readily be conceived. The Bible cannot be ignored in such