

REPORT

THE Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, are again, in the Providence of God, permitted to meet the friends of the Institution, to lay before them such statements as may be necessary to acquaint them with the transactions of the Committee since the last General Meeting, and mutually to evince the unabated desire which they are confident exists to persevere in the work of benevolence and mercy, in which they are engaged.

The Committee would have fixed upon an earlier period of the season for the present meeting, but that they were anxious to be favoured with the presence of the Rev. James Thomson, the General Agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and whom they have now the satisfaction of introducing to the Meeting, on his arrival from Canada and New Brunswick.

Mr. Thomson has, for very many years, been the indefatigable Agent of the Parent Society in various parts of the American Continent, and his present visit cannot but yield sincere gratification to every friend of Scripture truth among us, as affording such ample evidence of the deep anxiety felt by the munificent Society with which we are connected, for the promotion of its great and disinterested purposes in this Colony.

Although we have not, from various causes, so interesting a detail to make of the operations of our own Auxiliary and its different Branches, as it has been our privilege to communicate on many occasions in times past, yet it is our duty to state whatever circumstances may deserve notice in our history for the last two years.

In reference to the Branch Societies, we would observe, that our principal means for forming a judgment of their labours are obtained more from the amount of their pecuniary returns, than from any communications we have received. The Committee, however, are happy to observe, that, in several instances such judgment must be highly favourable to their zeal and activity.

The Returns paid in by the St. Ann's Branch Society for the year 1838, amounted to £30 17s 3d, and for 1839, to the sum of £50 15s 4d. The unwearied and long tried liberality of the Society, and of our worthy friend, the Rev. Norman McLeod, its principal supporter, deserves, and we trust receives—our warmest acknowledgment. But we doubt not they enjoy a richer meed than any we can bestow.

The Cornwallis Society, since its revival three years ago, has done nobly, and well redeemed its original character as one of our most efficient Branches, having paid in to the Treasurer, in 1838, the