

the Society, leaving a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association. In the general statement already made of the contributions to the Society, only the £25 paid to the Treasurer on account of the Association, is included—but in fact the entire sum of £41 6s. 9½d. is so much contributed to the cause, thus making the total of voluntary contributions to the Society amount to £173 6s. 8½d.

Your Committee are the more desirous of drawing attention to this Association, inasmuch as *its* fair members cannot fall under any charge of indifference and inactivity; and also as *their* success affords another proof how much good may be effected by the efforts of only a small number, when sincerely and systematically directed: and your Committee trusts that an example so set, and by such a portion of the Society's members, will be followed by many and successful imitations, not only in the city of Toronto, but wherever there are eyes to read, and ears to hear the good tidings of salvation.

From the combination of these two principles, sincerity in the desire, and system in the means, of promoting the objects of the Society, (always to be exerted in prayerful dependence on divine aid,) your Committee are persuaded that the most extensive good may be expected to result: whilst many designs, excellent in themselves, have partially, or totally failed, from the absence of one or the other of these principles.

Encouraging, however, as is the statement of the Society's funds, your Committee earnestly beg to impress on its friends, that a flourishing state of finances is no further a real subject of congratulation, than as it affords the means of carrying into more extensive effect, the grand object of this and every other Bible Society—THE CIRCULATION OF THE BIBLE. What then has this Society done towards the furthering of this object? The total number of Bibles and Testaments which have issued from its Depository, during a period of five years, is 6265; whilst the issues for the last year have only reached to 1306. Your Committee would ask, can these numbers, not quite 2000 Bibles, and something above 4000 Testaments, be at all adequate to the scriptural wants of that large proportion of Upper Canada, in connexion with this Auxiliary during a period of five years? in the course too of which, so many thousands of poor emigrants have been added to the population? Or, confining our considerations to the last year, can we hope that out of so large a population, only 1306 were without the word of God? Or, must we conclude that only that number could be found willing to receive it? Your Committee neither dare persuade themselves that so unusual and happy an approximation to the universal possession of the Scriptures exists in this Province: nor would they willingly believe that out of the much greater number of those who, it is probable, have not a Bible, so few could be found ready and desirous to receive it?