

and the order for £100 worth of books not having been carried into effect, it has since increased by order of your committee to £200 currency, and a supply to that amount to meet the demands augmented in a great degree by the formation of the Sunday School Society is expected in the course of the summer, The stock on hand having become very low it was found necessary to purchase a number of Bibles from the Quebec auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society, on which occasion 40 Bibles were obtained at the extremely reduced price, of half a dollar a copy—with an understanding, however, on the part of the Committee, that they should not be re-sold either to subscribers or to the public, but kept exclusively for the use of Sunday Schools, in order to encourage which excellent Institution the Society is willing to suffer a material loss; the sum demanded being very much below the intrinsic value of the book.

The other branch of the Institution which embraces the education of the poor on the Madras system, has engaged the anxious attention of your Committee, and it is with much pleasure that they are enabled to announce that the central schools in this city under their inspection and control have been ably and zealously conducted by the respective master and mistress. More than 240 children have enjoyed during the year all the advantages of religious and moral instruction, which that excellent system, under faithful and judicious application, can bestow. The excellence of the system under which these schools are conducted, and that which recommends them to the members of the Church of England, is the circumstance, that with the instruction requisite to fit the children for the discharge of their duties as members of society, and to acquire an honest livelihood, the care of the soul is not neglected, nor that knowledge which is above all price forgotten to be imparted. When it is considered how small a portion of time the labouring classes have it in their power to dedicate to the religious instruction of their offspring, how little capable they are of affording that instruction as it ought to be given; even supposing that there be no apathy or unwillingness on their part, (which is not unfrequently the case,) to take upon them the

discharge of these establishments in their hands, the scripture promises to those who appropriate to education, and the happy results will abundantly compensate with a highly useful and precious use of the soul.

In imparting with the education, particularly the Holy Scriptures, of that pure and the Church far from the diffusion of of the children with injuries not given; which religious minds of the same the same fairest to a formed, nation of Christ.

The whole National Society probable number 79—in the the last Report the institution schools.

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