

REPORT.

YOUR Committee, in yielding up their charge at the end of another year, would wish to congratulate you on what has been done, whilst they lament that their feeble exertions have not been more successful. They know, however, that the cause is Jehovah's, and that all their success must arise from his power. He who rules the waves of the sea, rules also the hearts of men; and whenever he sees it meet to order, he will dispose to obedience. The circulation of the Bible, and the means for the accomplishment thereof, are the work of God; and it is for us to use the means he has put in our power. That carelessness on the one hand, and opposition on the other, tend to mar our progress, is evident; but while we engage in a work which God has said must prosper, we must neither fear the indolence of professed friends, nor the open opposition of avowed enemies. Some tell us one thing and some another, but we know that "the word of the Lord endureth forever."

Those who engage in Christ's warfare must count the cost. Our business is to circulate the word of God, without note or comment. Can we engage in a better or more glorious object? Is it possible to produce any writing on religion equal to the Scriptures? Holy men of old spake (anciently) as they were moved by the Holy Ghost: Christ and his Apostles approved of them, and also spake as they were moved by the same Spirit. Can we engage in a better work? Can we meet for a better purpose, or for advancing a better object? No! it is impossible! The amelioration of the suffering of the bodies of men, though a good object, is not to be compared with the saving of their souls. Our wish is to give every sinner the Gospel, or glad tidings of salvation, in his own tongue, so that the whole world may know the character and will of Jehovah, and thus become Christians. The very nature of the Bible Society must open unto it a wide and effectual door in all lands. It shows the whole human race that one great principle of union and operation which belongs to all Christians as such. It sets aside all party feeling and all party operations, and establishes the great centre of union whereon all the Lord's people meet. This is the centre point—as all must cry out, This book, without note or comment, is the standard of our religion. The Bible is the object of faith, and the true standard of morals with every child of God, and the only source of consolation in trials, in sickness, and in death.

We have the happiness to report the great progress of the parent Institution. This heavenly fabric not only moves on with steady steps, but increases, every year, in raising funds, and circulating the Scriptures of truth—while the harmony of its friends, and their increase, are not only silencing its enemies, but putting them to the blush, many of whom rank now among its most zealous friends.