

REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY, Jan. 12th. 1824



The cause of the Bible is the cause of God; and therefore must eventually prevail. Though the interest of Bible Societies may appear to languish in some few places, it is rapidly advancing in many more. While the friends to that cause are called to lament the death of some of its able and zealous promoters, they have reason to rejoice that others are raised up to fill the place of those whom the Lord of the harvest sees meet to release from their labours, and admit to that rest which remains for the people of God. In many kingdoms, great numbers of wise and learned men are induced to devote their wisdom and learning, their rich their riches, and the influential their influence, to the promotion of the work of disseminating the sacred scriptures among all the children of men.

Will any from hence injudiciously infer that because the means they possess are small, they may consistently withhold their assistance. Such an inference would not only betray weakness of intellect, but depravity of heart. Let such reasoners remember what our Lord said of Mary, (Mark Chap. 14th. Ver. 8th.) *she hath done what she could*, and go and do likewise. Much, very much has been done, and still more may be done for the advancement of this good work, by persons in the middle and lower walks of life. Should all of these classes withdraw their assistance from Bible Societies, a very great diminution would universally be found in their funds. On the other hand, would all within the precincts of these institutions who are able to contribute a few shillings annually come forward and assist, the increase would be astonishingly great. Your Committee, therefore, conclude that the above stated consideration, instead of inducing remissness, is calculated to encourage and stimulate to active exertion: and they would affectionately invite the inhabitants of this County to come forward and share in the pleasure of bearing a part in the promotion of religion and happiness among their fellow mortals throughout the world.

At, and soon after the last anniversary, £10 10 0 currency was received in subscriptions; which sum has been remitted to the Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, as appears by their Report in March last. There is in the hands of your Depository the sum of £4 9 being the balance due for Bibles and Testaments sold previous to Jan. 10th 1823 and also 5 Bibles and 4 Testaments have been sold up to this date; making together the sum of £6 10 9 currency. Since last Annual Meeting two Bibles and one Testament have been distributed gratuitously; which with the 5 Bibles and 4 Testaments sold, as above stated, leave 63 Bibles and 71 Testaments on hand.