

and donations to this Association, with the amount of sale of Testaments, has been £18.4s. 10d. while we are sorry to find a few of our quarterly subscribers are in arrears we have the satisfaction of knowing it has not proceeded from any unwillingness to continue their subscriptions, but from not being able to realize their hoped for means of contribution, prior to the annual meeting. The number of Testaments received from the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, twenty-four, chiefly of a large size. Eleven have been sold at prime cost; two at a reduced price; and eight have been disposed of gratuitously; leaving three in the hands of the Depositary. A remittance of £7. 6s has been lately made to the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, for which we expect soon to receive, on moiety account, a return of Bibles and Testaments.

Although your Committee regret, that one Testament, of so small a number received, should remain on hand, while there are those in this place, yet unfurnished with the scriptures in their Houses, whom Providence has blessed with the means of purchasing the best of Books, they feel an inward satisfaction on a retrospective view of their proceedings the past year, particularly in reference to their gratuitous distributions: having endeavoured as far as possible, to seek out the poor, and supply every Individual within their knowledge, with a Copy of the New Testament, whom either the want of means, or in some cases a lamentable indifference to the word of God, would have kept destitute. Some portions of the bread of life, have indeed been as it were, "cast upon the waters"—not knowing whether it would prosper or not, whether it would be read with serious and devout attention, or thrown by with indifference. But to Him who commendeth His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners he died for us, is the result submitted! The misuse, or even contempt in any instance of the bounty of this Association, your Committee feel, does in no wise exonerate them, from a conscientious discharge of their own duty.

But it is pleasing to reflect, in some cases that the tear of gratitude has been witnessed, while expressions of thankfulness have flowed from the lips of the recipients. The following remarks, in confirmation of this, are taken from the memorandum book of your Depositary.—"Agreeable to the wish of the Committee, a Testament has been given to Mrs. —, in the name of the Ladies' Bible Association. It was quite an unexpected boon, and received with the warmest expressions of gratitude, and desires that God would reward and bless those who were instrumental in bestowing it. On some enquiries, the following circumstances were related by her; "my husband is a man religiously inclined, we can both read, he used before he came to this place to read in the Bible morning and evening, and pray with his family; but since we came here, we have neglected to do so. We have never been able to get a Bible since we lost our's (alluding to their's having been burnt, in a loss sustained by fire) after we came to this place: we used to send to a neighbour to borrow one, but it was not always convenient to lend it, and became so troublesome to send for it every day, that reading was at last given up, and praying too. She added, my husband will be so pleased with this Book, now he will be enabled to read, I hope it may be a comfort and blessing to us both. What an extensive field of the most happy reflection opens to the mind, if the thought, it may please God, to make us the honoured instruments of leading such persons to himself again, by removing what seemed a connecting link, in the chain of hinderance to His worship, by a gift of the New Testament. But we would not confine our views any more than our efforts, to the narrow limits of our neighbourhood; convinced that although charity, flowing from a right principle, will begin at home, it ought not to terminate there. For notwithstanding this Association was formed for the express purpose of contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, particularly among the poor of this neighbourhood, yet it was one of its chief objects, expressed in the 7th Rule. "To yield its mite to the promotion of the Foreign operation of the Parent Institution." Should it

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