

destination by an Omniscient hand : each volume containing the promise, " It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please ; and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I send it."

But while your Committee has been excusing abroad, they would not forget the deep indebtedness of their own favoured land to Bible Associations, which have put this inestimable treasure within the reach of every individual. That which, a few centuries ago, required the industry of years to purchase, can now be obtained for one shilling and threepence.

And still farther, your Committee would humbly hope that their own neighbourhood has been profited by the increased diffusion of the Word of God.

They are assured it has lost none of its original potency, but is still " the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." They would therefore earnestly pray that it may not only be individually possessed, but individually received in the heart, by faith.

Your Committee will now proceed to lay before you a brief account of their operations during the past year. The income of your Society, from all sources, during that period, amounts to £28 14s. 1½d., being £8 2s. 1½d. over the previous year. And it will be seen, by referring to the Treasurer's account, that the sum of £9 15s. 6d. has been remitted to the Upper Canada Bible Society, for stock received ; also the sum of £4 5s. to the Religious Book and Tract Society, for Bibles and Testaments, with the Scotch Metrical Version of Psalms and Paraphrases ; also £15, as a Free Contribution to the Parent Society ; and 8s. 3d. for incidental expenses ; making the total expenditure during the year, £29 8s. 9d., being £14 3s. over that of the previous year.

The number of issues from the Depository during the past year is—

Bibles,	79
Testaments, . . .	86
Issued gratuitously, .	2
Total,	167

Equal, in value, to £12 9s. 4½d.

The issues of the past year exceed that of the previous year by 76 copies.

The amount of stock on hand, March 2nd, 1849, £13 2s. 8d., consisting of 76 Bibles and 71 Testaments ; to which was added 98 Bibles and 66 Testaments, of the value of £13 18s.

The stock now on hand is 94 Bibles and 51 Testaments, amounting in value to £18 7s. 1d.

In thus presenting a statement of their proceedings for the past year, your Committee are much encouraged by the success that has attended their feeble efforts. May this act as a stimulus to renewed exertion. May we " work while it is day : the night cometh, when no man can work ;" constantly imploring the blessing of Him who alone can give it efficiency. " Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it : except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

A. WILLMOTT, Secretary.

Trafalgar, March 22nd, 1850.