

## REPORT.

The Committee of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society have peculiar satisfaction in presenting this their Fiftieth Annual Report. It is always pleasant to them at each recurring Anniversary to greet the friends of Bible circulation; but especially on the Jubilee year of our Auxiliary is the pleasure greater than on common occasions. Referring to a subsequent portion of their Report for a recital and acknowledgement "of all the way the Lord our God hath led us" during the past fifty years of our existence as a Society. The Committee would, as usual, present a brief sketch of the doings of the Parent Society during the past year.

One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-nine has been memorable as the year on which the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society formally entered the new Bible House erected in London. From that building there will issue, it is to be hoped, millions of copies of those "leaves of the tree of life which are for the healing of the nations." About the beginning of May the building was opened by a CROWDED PRAYER MEETING, in which old and tried friends of the Society took a prominent part. With regard to the house itself, the Committee say:

"The building is not for man, but for God—dedicated to the Divine Glory, and to be henceforth employed as the great storehouse whence copies of the Holy Scriptures shall go forth in all the multiplied languages of the human race, and to every part of the habitable globe. It is with sincere satisfaction that the Committee now report that the great undertaking has reached its final stage, and that the Society occupies the spot where for generations to come, long after the builders have gone to rest, its operations will be conducted—and may it not be hoped, conducted with growing success and richer tokens of the Divine blessing, so that in truth, and not in figure merely, the glory of the latter house shall eclipse the glory of the former. From first to last your Committee have been impressed with the conviction that "Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it," and His help and direction have been invariably invoked; and there are circumstances, to which brief allusion may be allowed, which cannot fail to demand an explicit and grateful recognition of the Divine