

of superstition had goaded the human mind to desperation, the arch-enemy wheeled round and overwhelmed the fairest portions of Europe with the flood of Infidelity, which threatened to inundate the whole earth. At this important crisis, the Spirit of the Lord lifted up His own Word, without note or comment, as the standard around which all His people might rally, and most successfully combat the foe. All, then, who are engaged in the dissemination of the Bible, should feel that they are fighting under the banner of God, receiving their earnest in the good already achieved, and expecting to share in the ultimate triumph of the Captain of Salvation, when he shall divide the spoil with the strong.

In entering upon the detail of local affairs, your Committee feel bound to record the loss which the Institution has sustained in the death of Mr. JOHN PALMER, one of its earliest and most efficient supporters. But he is gone; and we are thereby reminded that our time of labouring in this department will also soon terminate.

The issues from your Depository exceed those of the past year; the amount from sales is £1 1s. 5d., besides the donations to the poor.

The sums obtained by your Collectors stand as follows:—By Mr. J. A. Palmer, £2 7s. 3d; by Mr. D. C. Stilwell, 17s. 4½d.; by Mr. George Clark, £1 17s. 6d.; and by Mr. Alexander Clark, £1; amounting in all to the sum of £7 3s. 6½d.,* to be added to the funds of the Auxiliary Society, St. John.

Your Committee need no stronger argument to encourage them in their work, than the opposition manifested to their glorious enterprise by the kingdom of darkness. They need only glance at the moral map of the world, to be struck at once at the glaring contrast between those places which are favoured with the light of revelation, and those that are denied that blessing, by their pretended Ghostly teachers. These facts, with the full assurance that the Word they circulate is destined ultimately to remove the yoke from every galled neck—extract the thorns from every bleeding heart—and pour the balm of consolation into every wounded breast—may well stimulate them to labour, while their day shall last, with unremitting diligence.

The Meeting was but thinly attended, the roads being almost impassable by snow; but it was delightful to observe the deep interest manifested by those who were present, in the cause of

* The above sums are the avails of the present year; but from this must be deducted 5s. 1d., being an error in a former remittance, which will leave for the Auxiliary's Funds £6 18s. 5½d.