

REPORT.

THE BIBLE is not only divine in its origin, but a divine agency must be recognised in its preservation and its spread.—It has the hoar of ages upon it, and while rendered venerable by its antiquity, its history cannot be traced without inspiring the Christian mind with devout confidence. Monuments of human power, and efforts of human genius of a far more recent date have been swept away, leaving no trace of their existence; but the word of God, "which liveth and endureth for ever," still maintains its place, and never has its circulation been so extensive as at the present day.

By the individual and united efforts of Christian men, the destitute in nominally Christian lands, have been supplied with the Word of Life, and by faithful translations, nearly one hundred and fifty different nations are now able to read in their vernacular tongues, the wonderful works of God." The influence of the BIBLE is thus widely diffused. Its holy light is falling gently, but with power, on many portions of our world; whilst its quickening doctrines are transforming vast numbers of our fellow-men some of them once amongst the most benighted and debased of the human family. Secret and silent in its operations, it is destined to achieve still mightier results. It may have to grapple with the false philosophies of the intellect, and the infidelities of the heart,—it may be excluded from the cabinets of statesmen, and spurned from the conclaves of priests,—but no power can prevent its triumph. As it is the light of the past, so is it the hope of the future.

To aid in the circulation of the WORD OF GOD is the design of the BIBLE SOCIETY, and in rendering their report for the past year, the Committee of the Kingston Auxiliary rejoice that they are able to congratulate their constituents on the large measure of success which the GOD of the BIBLE has been pleased to bestow on their feeble efforts. Never has the Society been in more prosperous circumstances. Never was greater prudence and zeal required in its officers, or greater liberality from its supporters. Care must be taken lest our very success prove a snare. While your Committee would, therefore, call on the friends of the BIBLE to cherish devout gratitude, they earnestly hope, that instead of seeking repose, the Society will be stirred up to greater exertion; that instead of resting satisfied with what it has already attained, it will press on towards the mark of the prize of its high calling. The claims of humanity are ever ur-