

resolved, according to the practice of other Bible Institutions, to appoint some of their number to solicit personally from the inhabitants of Halifax, subscriptions to the funds of this Society. And accordingly, a Sub-committee was soon afterwards appointed for the management of this business. The Sub-committee were at the same time charged to endeavour to ascertain whether, and to what extent, there existed in this town, a want of the scriptures; and whether those who might be destitute of the Scriptures, were able and willing to pay for them, in whole or in part; and also to give copies, gratis, or at reduced prices, where they might judge that such a mode of procedure was expedient. The Sub-committee have since performed part of the work assigned them. They have visited a considerable part of the town, and found a number of families destitute of the Bible, some of which would not accept of copies, while others said that they were able to pay for them, and have since made purchases from the depository. They distributed 34 Bibles among others, some of whom cheerfully paid a part of the price. The Sub-committee also procured some subscriptions; though this part of the work devolved upon them has as yet been but partially performed.

Since the last anniversary, contributions to the amount of £235 4 1½ currency have been received; which, with former contributions from the commencement of the Institution, make the sum of £3478 2 1 currency. The sum now in the hands of the Treasurer, will be remitted by the first opportunity to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Since the last anniversary to the first inst. 126 Bibles and 285 Testaments have been received from the Parent Institution; besides a donation from the same Society of 176 Bibles and 270 Testaments, chiefly in the Gaelic and German languages, for sale or gratuitous distribution. Since that time, also, 55 Bibles and 144 Testaments have been forwarded to the Branch Societies; 29 Bibles and 41 Testaments have been sold at reduced and cost prices; 141 Bibles and 97 Testaments have been distributed gratis, or placed in the hands of Agents of the Society, for sale, or gratuitous distribution; and there now remain in the depository 102 Bibles and 159 Testaments in the Gaelic language, 38 Bibles and 62 Testaments in the German, 48 Bibles and 50 Testaments in the Irish, and 30 Bibles and 174 Testaments in English; in all 218 Bibles and 445 Testaments.

The shipwreck of the late French Frigate L'Africane, fur-