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REPORT.

THE Nova Scotia Bible Society this month has attained the fiftieth year of its existence, and the Committee feel that they can congratulate their friends and patrons upon the position which it occupies on this its Jubilee Anniversary.

A few years since many of us were privileged to celebrate the Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, that great institution with which we feel it such an honor to be connected, and we then were enabled to behold the wondrous results which in the good Providence of the Almighty had flowed from a very humble and feeble commencement. To day we are permitted to view the still mightier progress of that great Society, and at the same time to trace the course of our own institution during the past fifty years. And we will commence with a brief view of the parent Society's operations during past year, leaving the few remarks which our Jubilee year will naturally suggest, to the close of this report.

We refer then, first to the foreign field of the Society's operations, and commence with FRANCE, that great country in which it has so long and so successfully labored.

The circumstances which have marked its operations in France, during the past year, have been somewhat varied in their character, in many respects propitious, but occasionally otherwise. The people are awaking to the value of the Bible in many a city and village over the length and breadth of the land, but the pressure of the commercial distress has in many instances crippled the usefulness of the agents employed. Still there is the gratifying statement that 83,893 Bibles and