

5,000,000 of the sacred Scriptures in 140 different languages and dialects are distributed in every part of the habitable globe.—This is the work you have aided; this is the work that calls this day for your assistance, and every shilling cast into the treasury swells the stream that bears the word of life to those that are near by, or afar off, and may those who cannot increase our funds, aid by hearty prayers for the success of so gracious a cause; and that many turned from heathenish darkness to the living God, may bless the name of him who raised you up to send those messengers of peace and good-will to men, to lead them from serving dumb idols, to serve the living God, is our concluding wish and earnest prayer.

Report of the Cumberland Auxiliary Bible Society. For 1827.

"Let us not be weary in well doing" says the inspired apostle. That such an admonition is necessary we have but too many proofs; among others we regret to say, that the manifest diminution of zeal and activity in the Bible cause, in some parts of this Province furnishes a lamentable instance in demonstration of the proneness of men to become remiss in a good undertaking; that the cause is good, no man who acknowledges, that the Scriptures are able to make men wise unto salvation, can consistently deny; indeed comparatively few profess to call this point in question, yet alas! how many decline to afford the cause, that countenance and aid which its magnitude and importance demand! We rejoice, however, to perceive, that the Parent Society, with many of its numerous auxiliaries, is still actively persevering in the work of faith and labour of love, and is regaining strength since the recent trials and difficulties in reference to the circulation of Bibles with the Apocrypha, and the adoption of the judicious resolution, henceforth to aid other societies only in the distribution of the canonical scriptures. Inviting and promising fields, for the dissemination of the Sacred Volume, are opening in various parts of the world. Many of the Greeks have lately manifested an ardent desire to possess the Scriptures in modern Greek—have gladly received such copies as have been furnished, and there is reason to hope, that numbers have derived benefit from the perusal of them, in the times of their trouble; now that there is a prospect of their deliverance from tyrannical oppression, it is highly desirable that they may be supplied with the word of God, which is calculated to deliver them from the more baleful tyranny of ignorance, error, superstition, and vice. In some parts of the Continent of Europe, in various sections of Asia, and also in South America, the Bible is sought for, received, and read with avidity.

Instead, therefore, of remitting our exertions, it behoves us to engage in this best of causes, with increased activity and energy, seeing there are so many pressing calls, and such favourable opportunities of doing good, and that there yet remains very much land to be possessed.

At our last Anniversary, and shortly after, the sum of £13 5s. was received, which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, and the amount received in Bibles and Testaments, viz: 24 Bibles and 50 testaments; these and the copies before on hand, make 39 Bibles and 66 Testaments, now in the depository; 11 Bibles have been sold, and 2 given gratuitously, and 5 Testaments sold, and 1 given away, in the course of the past year. The amount of Bibles sold since a remittance was made, deducting the expense of freight, is £15 19s. 7d.

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