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THE two great objects of the Branch of the great Society instituted here, of which we form a part, are the Diffusion of Christian Knowledge, among all orders, and especially among the poorer classes of Society, and the education of the children of the labouring poor at our day schools.—No Society can embrace designs more important. The distribution of the Word of God, which is “able to make wise unto Salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus,” is a work in which the Christian cannot but consider it a privilege to be engaged; and the bringing up of the little ones of our own communion, in the principles of the Church of Christ, and imparting a portion of our wealth, to provide them with the means, not only of gaining an honest livelihood, but of themselves perusing the Word of God, must necessarily be an offering acceptable to the Most High.

The Managing Committee of every Charitable Society, it is believed, have cause to lament, that their exertions are not always attended with a like degree of success. Some years may be marked by a much greater progress in the good work, than others: again, in others the seed sown may have fallen apparently, by the way side.—But, perhaps, this is only in appearance, it may not be the case in reality; and seasons in which, to the external senses of men, there may appear almost nothing done, may yet through the blessing of God, have been times distinguished for important accessions of good. We are not always to found our judgment upon what meets the eye, or conceive, because the general aspect of a country is barren and unfruitful, that there are no spots which carefully cultivated, bring forth fruit an hundred fold.