

of its own Parent—the Quebec Auxiliary. The last Report stated the then total sum contributed in this way at £310 Currency. A further liberal donation of £45 was made for the year 1842. The Female Association itself then began to feel the influences already adverted to, and was able to make another Donation for 1843 of only £18; which, however, now swells the amount voted by the Ladies to the large Total of £373 Currency, since their organization in 1832. In other respects, the operations of this interesting and useful local Branch have been more or less restricted by various causes,—one of them, indeed, of a highly satisfactory description,—that of their having in a large degree ascertained and relieved the wants of the several Districts taken under their care. Nevertheless, since the period to which the last Report applied, the Ladies have issued 52 copies of the Scriptures, and collected £57. 15. 6. from between 200 and 300 Subscribers. It is gratifying to contemplate the working of the silent yet successful machinery which the periodical visits of a Female Association bring to bear upon the population of extensive districts, by obtaining access to them in detail. And Your Committee cannot close their brief customary reference to the persevering and generous exertions of the Ladies, without commending their work and themselves anew to the acceptance and protection of Him who Himself went about doing good in the abodes of poverty, and thus bequeathed them an example that they might follow His steps.

Your Committee have received a pleasing account of the proceedings, with copies of the Resolutions passed, at the first Anniversary of the Inverness Branch Society, announced by their predecessors to have been formed in the County of Megantic; and it will be encouraging to their Constituents to learn that the organization of this Branch Society appears calculated to foster a local interest in the work of Bible distribution, and to prove a blessing to that portion of the country. A donation of £3. from the Inverness Branch forms a part of the revenue of the Society for the past year. The Committee would fain look forward to the multiplication of such Township or County Institutions, and earnestly pray that the spirit of love and concord may unite the hearts of all who love the Lord Jesus, in so holy an undertaking as that of furnishing the destitute disciple in the woods of Canada, with that first and best of all the means of grace—the Word of God.

It only now remains for your Committee, in accordance with established precedent, to make a brief allusion to the operations of the Parent Society, and to conclude. A brief allusion is obviously all that *could* be made within the compass of a document like this, to the far spread labours of an Institution, which, carrying the peaceful triumphs of the Bible into every region of the habitable globe, is instrumental in acquiring for the King Messiah a widely extending empire in the hearts of men, on which not merely does the sun of nature never set, but on which, rather, it is emphatically true that the Sun of Righteousness is shining more and more unto the perfect day. The Abstract of the 39th Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the year 1843, will be ap-