

JUBILEE REMEMBRANCER.

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REPORT OF JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

The Jubilee Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society take the opportunity, afforded by the publication of the last number of the *Jubilee Remembrancer*, to give briefly the result of their operations in behalf of the Jubilee movement of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

It will be remembered that on the receipt of the information by the Committee of their Auxiliary, in the early part of last year, that it was the intention of the Parent Society to observe the year then entered upon as a year of Jubilee. Means were immediately taken, by the appointment of the Jubilee Committee, to co-operate in this important movement. This duty having been thus assigned to the Jubilee Committee, they commenced their efforts by the publication of the *Jubilee Remembrancer*, for the purpose of disseminating throughout the Province the information derived from the Parent Society, as well as other important and interesting intelligence bearing upon the proposed object. Three numbers of this paper have already been issued, the last of which contained an account of the Jubilee meeting of this Auxiliary held in this City in October last, and having been widely circulated, and acting upon the public mind, the friends of the Society have been thereby stimulated to assist the movement by affording to it their countenance, and by contributing to the fund proposed to be raised. And the Committee have gratefully to record that this appeal to the Christian public has been most nobly responded to throughout the limits of their Auxiliary. Mr. Isaac Smith, whose assistance was secured by the Committee, as mentioned in a previous number, has visited most of the branches, and solicited contributions both in town and country, and the result is shown in the subjoined statement furnished by the Treasurer. From this it will be seen that, including the sums subscribed on behalf of the Jubilee Fund, but di-

rected particularly to be applied to the Chinese Testament Fund, there has been raised the large sum of £690 18s. 8d. currency, by the friends of the Bible in connection with this Auxiliary. And the Committee have the gratifying statement to make, that after defraying all expenses connected with their effort, they have been enabled to remit to the parent Committee, for the General Jubilee Fund, the sum of £496 17s. 7d. stg., and for the Chinese Testament Fund the sum of £34 2s. 8d. stg., making together £471 0s. 3d. stg., equal to £583 18s. 2d. currency.

The Committee, however, would not merely refer to the amount contributed, large as it is, but they would mention, with grateful feelings, the beneficial effect which the movement has had upon the cause of the Bible throughout the Province. Everywhere a deeper and warmer, and, it is believed, a more abiding interest in the circulation of the Word of Life has been excited among the people of every Protestant denomination, and the friends of the cause have become more united and determined in the support of the parent Society, whose object and operations are now more thoroughly known and appreciated. Mr. Smith—the valued agent of the Committee—includes particularly to this in a recent letter received from him, from which the following extract is taken:—"On reviewing," he says, "the whole, I feel deeply thankful to the Lord for the measure of success which has attended these efforts, and the efforts of the Jubilee Committee from the commencement. The diffusion of the "Jubilee papers," and the "Jubilee Remembrancer," and the additional information elicited at our meetings, and by extended visitation among the people, have all resulted well, everything considered, not only for the Jubilee fund, but for the objects of the Auxiliary generally. The importance of Bible circulation, and the claims of the Parent Society, were never so well understood by many, nor ever so deeply interesting, as now."

In almost every place I visited, and sometimes under circumstances untoward and forbidding, I was cheered and encouraged by the Divine presence and blessing, and by the spirit manifested by the people. Our meetings were often large, and truly spiritual and refreshing; and so promptly and efficiently was I assisted by ministers of the gospel, and others, of almost every denomination that I was impressed with the conviction that the hand of the Lord was directing and controlling the Jubilee movement for some more special manifestation of his purposes of mercy to mankind. I could mention names and places which I shall ever remember with gratitude, but they are so many that it would occupy too large a space. I must forego the pleasure of a more special reference."

The Jubilee Committee having now, by the blessing of the Almighty, discharged the duty assigned to them by the General Committee, have only in addition to express their own devout and grateful acknowledgements to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for the success which He has been pleased to vouchsafe to their humble labors in so good a cause.

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Halifax, Feb'y 7th, 1854.

The subjoined statement, referred to above, exhibits the total contributions received for the Jubilee and Chinese Testament Fund, following which will be found the names of the several donors.

Contributions to the Jubilee Fund.	
Halifax, N. S.	£236 3 0
Newport and Avondale	14 3 4½
Windsor	20 9 4½
Falmouth	3 10 9½
Apple River	6 0 0
Milton	6 1 0
Horton	12 13 1½
Corwallis	35 17 6½