

of Committee, for their zeal, exertions, and success, in behalf of the Society, during their residence in this quarter.

"The subscriptions and donations to the Society during the bygone year amount to £15 1s. 1½d.

"Your Depositary has sold, during the year, 42 Bibles and 37 Testaments; and your Committee have given gratis, to certain poor persons who applied for them, 2 German Bibles, 5 English Bibles, and 1 English Testament.

"Your Committee have the pleasure of reporting to the Society, that they have paid for the Bibles and Testaments received from Toronto, except a small balance of 1s. 4½d., which it was inconvenient to remit by post. There is now, in the hands of your Treasurer and Depositary, the sum of £2 15s. 4½d. in money, and 34 Bibles and 18 Testaments, of various prices, of the value of £8 17s. 9½d.,—making the stock of the Society at the date hereof, in money and books and arrear, to be £12 8s. 2d. currency—less 1s. 4½d. as above; which, in accordance with the fifth article of the Regulations of this Society, your Committee have set apart exclusively to the Parent Society.

"The sphere of your Committee's operations has been considerably narrowed by the neighbouring Branch Bible Societies; yet within this narrowed limit there is much work for the Society to do. One of the most active and successful of your Committee stated at one of their meetings, that, among eleven families he had visited, consisting of upwards of forty reading persons, there were only ten Bibles; and that he had found one family of eight reading persons without a Bible."

"P. S.—The Report is printed at no expense to the Society, but at the individual expense of the Committee."

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"It is recorded of our Protestant forefathers, three centuries ago, that when the Translation of the Holy Scriptures into the English language was first made, they considered it as the most precious of mercies: those who could read eagerly procured copies for themselves, and they who could not read flocked in crowds to the churches, to listen to the life-giving doctrines and holy precepts of the Word of God: those chains, by which superstition and priestcraft had so long held them in their cruel, soul-destroying bondage, were broken in sunder as in a moment,—and the glorious liberty of the children of God, freely justified by faith in Christ, was perceived by its light, and openly and fearlessly asserted, in defiance alike of the subtlety and violence of Papal opposition.

"O that there had been such a heart in their descendants always! O that their children had known the mercy of God in giving them the Bible, and had remembered the obligations consequent thereon!

"Is it that the more widely the bounties of our Heavenly Father are scattered, the less they are valued? Is this the cause why, in the present day, the Scriptures, which are so easily to be obtained, are so