

received from many of the Branch Societies, it appears that the sums raised during the year which has just elapsed, exceed the amount of those which were received during the year which preceded it; although some of these sums have not yet been forwarded to Halifax. The contributions indeed of some of the Branches have diminished; but those of others have considerably increased. The Branch at Horton, too, the revival of which was announced in last Report, has this year made a respectable remittance. A new Branch has also been formed on Truro Road, called "The Gay's River and Upper Shubenacadie District Branch Bible Society," from which the sum of £19 16 0 has been received.

The Branch Society of Annapolis County has formed subordinate Branches at Granville, Clements and Sissiboo, and this arrangement has been found beneficial. The Directors of these Branches appear to be zealous and active, and, as their labours have already proved beneficial, it is hoped that they will yet be productive of more excellent results.

There is no Branch Society whose contributions have dwindled more than those of the Society at Chester; and this may perhaps be ascribed to the high rate of their subscription, in conjunction with the pressure of the times. The reduction of the general rate from one pound to five or ten shillings would probably enable many, whom necessity has compelled to withdraw, to re-appear in the number of their contributors.

The Gay's River and Upper Shubenacadie Branch has divided itself into a Male and Female class, each of which has its appropriate officers, and this Constitution promises to be advantageous. "The Females," says the Society's Report, "have manifested a very praiseworthy and spirited conduct, and by their interest, influence, and example, have added much to our collection, and merit our warmest acknowledgements." It is also provided, by the regulations of this Society, that subscriptions may be paid in produce of various kinds, at a certain specified rate; and that if the produce be afterwards sold to better advantage, the surplus shall be placed to the credit of the contributor, as a part of his subscription for the following year. This arrangement may, perhaps, afford a valuable hint to other branches which find it difficult to realize in money the subscriptions of their members.

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