

those, who, ere another New-years-day, shall have passed away from among men? Who can affirm, that it may not be said of you "set thy house in order for" this year "thou shalt die."

"For numbers this is certain, the reverse
"Is sure to none ————."

Suffer not, therefore, this day to pass by with as much apathy as if time had ceased its flight; but as this is the commencement of a new-year, let it be also the commencement of a new æra in your life, from which you may set forward in walks of new and of better obedience,

BIBLE SOCIETY.

We shall commence our *expose* of the various Societies now in existence, for the dissemination of religious intelligence, by a slight survey of one, the most comprehensive in its range, the most stupendous in its features, and the most powerful in its supporters. Like a mighty landmark in the ocean of time, the Bible Society rises, the Colossean Pyramid of a new era. The two Hemispheres are enclosed in its grasp, and the Hindoo, the Hottentot, and the Esquimaux chaunt its praise. The Sunday School justly lays claim to its birth in the year 1801.—The mind is powerfully led to the acknowledgment of divine protection, in its rapid advance to the present period.

According to the Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the year 1822, the total net receipts of the preceding twelve months, amounted to £103,802, 17s. 6d.—total net payments £90,445. 6s. 4d.—The issues of Bibles and Testaments were "118,766 Bibles, 136,973 Testaments; making with those issued at the expense of the Society from foreign presses, since the commencement of the Institution THREE MILLIONS, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND Bibles and Testaments."

It has promoted the translation, printing or distribution of the Scriptures, or portions of them, in ONE HUNDRED AND

THIRTY NINE different Languages or Dialects.

For the benefit of our readers we subjoin a list of some of the most important Bible Societies now in operation for the distribution of the Scriptures, with their dates of establishment.

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British and Foreign Bible Society	
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Bale Bible Society	1804
Berlin Bible Society	1805
Hibernian Bible Society	1805
Ratishon Bible Society	1805
Philadelph a Bible Society	1808
Swedish National Bible Society	1809
Calcutta Bible Society	1811
Finnish Bible Society	1812
Hungarian Bible Society	1812
Ceylon Auxilary Bible Society	1812
Wurtemberg Bible Society	1812
Zurich Bible Society	1812
Bombay Aux. Bible Society	1813
Nova Scotia Aux. Bible Soc.	1813
Quebec Aux. Bible Society	1813
Russian Nat. Bible Society	1813
Genoa Bible Society	1814
Hanoverian Bible Society	1814
Prussian Nat. Bible Society	1814
Saxon Nat. Bible Society	1814
Danish National Bible Society	1814
Java Bible Society now called the East India Bible Society	1814
Berg Bible Society	1814
Icelandic Bible Society	1815
Sleswick Holstein Bible Society	1815
Astrachan Bible Society	1815
Strasburg Bible Society	1815
Amer. National Bible Society	1816
Norwegian Bible Society	1816
Polish National Bible Society	1816
Netherlands Nat. Bible Society	1816
Frankfort Bible Society	1816
Sierra Leone Aux. Bib. Soc.	1816
Ningara Aux. Bible Society	1816
Malta Bible Society	1817
New South Wales Bib. Society	1817
U. C. mid. dist. Aux. Bib. Soc.	1817
Gottingen Bible Society	1818
Paris Prot. Bible Society	1818
Ionian Bible Society	1819
Athens Bible Society	1819