

two, the most obvious, are want of money and want of zeal—a few have continued steady to their first purpose, and have paid their yearly subscriptions to our Treasurer, and he has annually remitted the same to the Nova-Scotia Bible Society; but, so few attended our annual meetings, we have for some time discontinued them, and as we had Bibles on hand sufficient for the time being, we did not wish that they should lie on hand, and concluded to write to the Society at Halifax to send no more until we wrote for them, on which account we received none for four years, until this season, when our wants were made known, and a few Bibles were sent, which are all disposed of but two.

We have felt a desire once more to call up the attention of our friends to the good cause, and for this purpose, have called you together to use our feeble influences to enlist your energies under the banner of the Bible, the field is large in which we are called to sow the incorruptible seed (the word of God,) and for your encouragement, you have the promise that it shall not be in vain, or shall not return void, but shall prosper according to the good pleasure of the most high; and our ignorance of the particular time of success seems to be urged by the wise men as motives to unwearied diligence and constancy, saying, in the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not which shall prosper, this or that, or both, be alike good. Our Saviour hath said, this gospel of the kingdom must first be preached to all the world, this we are assured shall not fail of its accomplishment, but we ask how we are to expect the full accomplishment of this glorious work? we ask are we to expect bibles will be rained from the clouds on the different sections of the world, in the different languages and dialects spoken by the inhabitants of this Globe; we are assured that that Almighty word that said let it be, and it was done, by one word of command could effect it with ease, for he taketh up the islands as a very little thing; but this is not the method by which Jehovah is usually pleased to work. The zeal, the hope, the charity, and patience of God's people are employed and put to the test when the Lord sees fit to accomplish any special work of grace. God has, in great mercy, sent us his word in our own tongue—its blessed effect is known more or less by many; we now ask again what return does such goodness call for from us—does not the miseries of unenlightened millions call for compassion, for unabating exertion---are our hearts so perverted as not to feel, as not to hear the cry of human miseries—but you have heard, you have felt the sacred impulse, and some of you know no bounds to your exertions but that of your means and duty, and we this day congratulate you as the honoured instruments of sending the word of life to many millions of precious souls; and not only does the Lord approve of what is done, but what you have desired to do for his glory, and accepts it as really done; of old he hath said "it was well it was in thy heart to build a house to my name,"--in some cases you are only preparing materials for your sons to build with, preparing translations to enable future generations to preach the gospel to the heathens, the good is begun, which you have longed to see, but the Lord hath not put it in your power, but hath put it in your hearts, and like himself, grants the free grace reward to all who do it from right motives, and the blessings of many that were ready to perish shall come upon you. The British and Foreign Bible Society gives the following striking epitome of the Biblical cause: in 1804, a society of friends to Bibles is formed in England; in 1824, 3000 Bible Societies and associations are employed in distributing the Bible in every part of the Globe; in 1804 they receive £600 for the promotion of its object; in the beginning of 1824 its receipts amount to more than £1,000,000, in 1803 measures were taken for printing some thousands of Bibles in English and Welsh; in 1824 more than

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