

last year. An office was opened at Mr. M'COUDNEY'S, the most central part of the town, and Bibles with Prayer Books, &c., exposed to sale, to all purchasers; at the same price currency for which they are sold sterling in England. No charge was added for freight or other expenses. It was my wish that all extra expenses should be met by the Church Society; but, if there had been any difficulty in that quarter, I was prepared cheerfully to defray them myself.

From this statement of facts two conclusions, I think, may certainly be drawn:—1st., That, whatever may have been the case in other quarters, there has been no neglect of this sacred and important service on the part of your Ministers. They have made diligent, and all necessary provision for the regular and extended circulation of the Holy Scriptures; not only among their own flocks and friends, but among all classes and denominations. They have provided the means and machinery, and God we trust will yet own and bless their labours, in His own way and time, and to His own glory, through Jesus Christ. 2d., That no new Society, at least for members of the Church in Newfoundland, can be requisite or desirable. It may appear like vanity, but I really do not perceive how the sale and circulation of the Holy Scriptures can be more readily and effectually promoted, than by the arrangements I have made; and it is obvious the reduction of price or gratuitous distribution may be as great as benevolent and pious persons think fit to make it. And knowing now what your Bishop and Clergy have done, and are doing in this behalf, you cannot require a new Society, upon any plea of necessity, or advantage, as regards the circulation of the Sacred Scriptures among us.

(2.) In speaking of the Bible Society itself, I choose to avail myself of the published remarks of the present Bishop of Salisbury, than whom, I believe, no