

REPORT

To the members of the Nova Scotia Bible Society now assembled on its ninth anniversary, it becomes the duty of your Committee, to report its proceedings during the last year of its progress; accompanied with such details, as the limited number of returns made by the several Branch Societies throughout the Province, will admit.—The early period at which your Committee have found it expedient to call the general meeting, has been the occasion of their being furnished with less than the usual information, relative to the concerns of the country Societies.

We trust however that enough will appear, to satisfy every sincere friend of the Institution, as well as the public at large, that the exertions of the Society, and its various Branches have not been misapplied, or useless, in promoting the sacred cause to which they profess to be allied and as we are enabled to report a gradual increase of our funds and members, we are induced to hope that the obstacles which have hitherto impeded our efforts, will ere long be removed, and that the Institution will appear in the eyes of all, what it really is,—a sacred coalition of every sect and nation under heaven professing the pure doctrines of christianity, united in the Holy purpose of promoting God's glory and man's salvation.—

Viewing the duties which necessarily result from acknowledging that the Holy Scriptures are alone necessary and sufficient for our happiness and safety here and hereafter, and viewing at the same time the noble simplicity of the Bible Society, in its constitution, objects, and operations, and how exactly they all accord with the divine tendency of the volume they are engaged in circulating throughout the world: and again as subjects of our free and happy government considering that the firm and admirable bulwarks which guard the characters, properties and lives of ourselves, and the subjects of every other country, which can assert any rational claim to freedom, have evidently arisen from and are nearly co-equal with the free dissemination of God's holy word; may we not reasonably express our astonishment, how any who profess to receive that word as the revealed will of the Almighty, can with the acquittal of their own consciences, raise their hands or voices against our endeavours—

It is however plainly our duty, as it in some measure appears to have been our lot, to proceed through evil report and good report, in the prosecution of our designs; with the consoling reflection that our purposes are founded in a like spirit of beneficence, both to our friends and enemies; and convinced that in the hour which is approaching to us all with more or less rapid strides, but with equal certainty; when our petty animosities and prejudices shall bend to the voice of nature and conscience, and the departing mortal shall be only solicitous about his audit before his Creator, that then in the judgement of our strongest opponent, the Bible Society will stand acquitted and justified in its end and objects. Your Committee have received from the Gay's River and Upper Shu-

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