

by the Rev. John

the Parent Society,
for another year,

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to the Chairman,

apostolic Benediction

REPORT.

THE Committee of the NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY beg leave to lay before their friends, at this their Annual Meeting, a statement of the progress of their institution during the past year.

In presenting the details of the operations of this Auxiliary, your Committee are happy to announce that their efforts have not been without a measure of success, their Agent during the past year has been most active in promoting the circulation of the Word of Life throughout the Province, a greater interest in the cause of the Bible has been awakened in the hearts of our population, and your Committee trust that under the blessing of the Almighty, the results will be evidenced in the improved moral tone and condition of our fellow-countrymen.

Before adverting particularly to the progress of our Auxiliary during the past year, your Committee would turn your attention to the operations of the Parent Society during that period, taken from their published Report. And in doing so, your Committee, aware that the information contained in its pages, is accessible to but few among the friends of the cause in this Province, deem no apology necessary for the somewhat copious extracts which they have taken from it. The Committee of the Parent Society commence by referring to the year which had passed, in the course of which, they say, some of the darker lines of Providence are found intermingled with much that is bright and hopeful and animating. In directing attention to the foreign operations they begin with the Continent of Europe.

In France, they state, the work of the Society has been carried on during the year in the face of many and increased difficulties. For though tumultuary scenes of revolution have not been witnessed, yet political jealousy on the one hand, and ecclesiastical interference on the other, have done much to impede the labours of the valuable colporteurs on whom their hopes for the dissemination of the Scriptures in that country so much depended. Still, notwithstanding these hindrances, they were able to state that the issues from the depot in Paris have surpassed those of the preceding year, amounting to 108,338 copies; viz., 9,802 Bibles and 98,536 New Testaments, of which 93,757 copies had been taken and distributed by 81 colporteurs.

The Society's Agent in this Country, describes, in his interesting narrative, the difficulties with which these zealous labourers in the cause of the Bible have been surrounded, in the midst of the increasing embarrassments arising from the political circumstances of the Country. Common uneducated peasants, or workmen, as they almost all are, he says, there would