

APPENDIX.

NEWPORT, DECEMBER 31, 1821.

THE expiration of another year imposes the pleasing duty of reporting the proceedings of the Harits Branch Bible Society. We have diligently investigated the wants of the community in this quarter, and have good reason to believe that there is scarcely a family in the County, in want of the Holy Scriptures who are anxious to obtain them. We have supplied such Roman Catholic families as are willing to accept of them. The people of colour on the Windsor road, have been liberal sharers of this charity. We have furnished eight Churches with Bibles, have sold some at reduced prices, and have sent into circulation in different ways, the number of 52 Bibles and 58 Testaments. They are scattered among the woods and wilds of Nova Scotia, preaching righteousness and salvation to the world, and when the great day of redemption comes, it will be seen how much good they have done. Our Treasurer William Fraser, Esq. has in hand and will remit to the Nova-Scotia Society by the first opportunity the sum of £49 1s. 9d. We owe to that Society and its office bearers, unfeigned gratitude for their kind attention and liberal supplies to our little Branch Society.

The people at Noel have not equalled our expectations, few of them have paid their subscriptions, most of them still keep at a distance from the Society and take but little interest in its fortunes. The active and rising Township of Rawdon however has displayed a better spirit, a respectable portion of its citizens have come forward with money in their hands, and added their names to our list. Our friends in Newport remain steady, there is every reason to believe that the friends of Religious ignorance are continually diminishing in this fine Township, and yet it cannot be dissembled that many are as careless about the Society as they are about the institutions of Lycurgus, and perhaps as little acquainted with its History; some members have joined us in Falmouth. Our Society has at last attracted the favourable regards of the village of Windsor, some of its most enlightened citizens have become Members. Our Members for the House of Assembly have set an example which will not be lost. Both Churchmen and Dissenters of different denominations are warm friends to the Institution, and the greatest harmony prevails in our councils, the day is hastening on when Religious Bigotry will be interred and have no resurrection.

John Allison, Esq. one of our most active Members, has since our last meeting been overshadowed with that night in which no man can work, but in death he bequeathed a spirit of kindness for the Institution, which still animates survivors and will outlive his tomb. The Society has still some real friends who are to proceed with unconquerable perseverance. It is honourable to the Society that scarcely any have withdrawn for the last year. Benevolent institutions of all descriptions are chiefly supported by the most sober, and industrious and prosperous part of the community. The careless and the indolent and the indifferent, have nothing to give and they are generally haunted by poverty. It is the best part of our citizens, that put their hands to humane and merciful Institutions.—“The liberal maketh liberal things.”

The selfish man has few joys.—There is no glory comparable to that of doing good to our fellow men; and of all the various kinds of good we can do each other, none is comparable to that which has respect to the spiritual of mankind. This is to them good as to the present life, by securing to them eternal good in the life to come. Such are the high and holy aims of Bible Societies in every part of the world. In common with the rest of our countrymen, we rejoice that this great cause is rising to prosperity and importance. From us to the East to the West to the North or the South the cause is

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