

the growing population of the extensive district in which it is placed, will doubtless afford ample scope for its benevolent exertions.

It is with great pleasure that your Committee have to state the formation of another Branch of our Institution, in the Douglas Bible Society, which was organized on the 9th of January last, at Shubenacadie; at which time a liberal subscription was made, and the sum of £9 16s. 3d. has been received, with the request of a supply of the Scriptures, which has been forwarded. To those acquainted with the extent and wants of this rapidly increasing township, it cannot but be a matter of grateful satisfaction to know, that so good an undertaking has commenced among them, and that a constant source of supply of the Holy Scriptures will be thus, as it were, brought to every man's door.

Having thus briefly referred to the objects of most interest, connected with our own limited sphere of usefulness, your Committee beg leave to detain you a few moments, in taking a transient survey of the highly interesting and vastly extensive field over which the Scriptures of truth are now rapidly circulating, through means of the various societies formed for the pure and simple object of disseminating the word of God, without note or comment,

At the head of this holy phalanx stands the venerable British and Foreign Bible Society, the nett amount of whose income for the year, up to the last annual meeting in May, was £81,735. Its expenditure for the same period had been £98,400, and its total issue of Scriptures from the Depository in London, and the

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