

express purpose of aiding in the important task of endeavouring to check the course of vice by the circulation of the Scriptures. (This applies to every Bible Society on earth.) They think this should create a spirit of enquiry and benevolent sympathy. They have distributed a number of Bibles and Testaments—and the spirit of their Report is such as to induce the belief they will be still more active.

The Ladies' Association report as follows:—

They have collected during the past year, .....	£57 12 5
Paid to the Treasurer of our Society, .....	56 0 0
Paid for Printing, .....	0 5 0
Remains in the Treasurer's hands, .....	£1 7 5

Your Committee feel grateful to the Ladies for their unwearied exertions in this good cause, and look forward with lively expectations to their future animated zeal, hoping that they will still increase their subscriptions next year.

The particulars of the whole will appear in the Appendix.

Your Committee have to inform you, that the translation of the Book of Genesis into the Chippewa language is not only finished, but printed, and now in the hands of the binder; so that the poor natives of the forest may now read in their own tongues the description of Moses respecting the creation, the fall of man, the wickedness of the antediluvians, their punishment by the flood, the call of Abraham, &c. &c. Had they now some of the Epistles translated, we think it would be a great end gained, particularly the Epistles to the Romans and Galatians, and those by Peter and John; to which your Committee would recommend their successors to attend.

Having given this general statement of the affairs of your Society, your Committee would still urge the necessity of perseverance in this good work. They lament that their account is not more favourable, and expected greater success. Various causes no doubt operate with individuals, and the known, or at least generally acknowledged depression of trade, has its influence; but the lamentable increase of, at least, practical infidelity, and carelessness as it regards divine things, greatly stops enquiry upon these subjects. It appears as if many, even of former professors, think the Bible a mere book of reference, parts of which may be received, if it suits their profession, and parts of which may be refused at their pleasure or discretion.

Your Committee rejoice, however, that every word of God is pure—that the Spirit of the Lord can neither give false testimony, nor contradict himself! They therefore fully, freely, and anxiously urge this Society to persevere in their good work, and never to slacken their diligence until every child of Adam possesses the word of God in his own native tongue.

Many of the former steady friends of this Society are removed—some, we hope, to the better society of saints and angels in God's