

to New Brunswick in the Summer of next year, should Providence be pleased to continue me in life and health till then."

The accounts from the West Indies continue to be very gratifying. They exhibit a growing improvement in the social and moral condition of the Negro population, effected, under the Emancipation Act, by the influence of the Holy Scriptures, which are widely disseminated among them.

Within Great Britain itself, the Parent Society has been very prosperous; no less than one hundred and seventy-four new Branches or Auxiliaries have been formed during the past year.

Besides other philanthropic schemes, in which the benevolent mind is always fruitful, we find the Parent Committee had adopted the loan system. On this system they had distributed 38,500 Testaments and Psalters among families found destitute of the sacred Scriptures in the Metropolis, and the results have been in very many cases as gratifying to the distributors as beneficial to the moral and spiritual interests of the receivers. The same scheme has been adopted in Manchester with equal success. These are precious tokens to us, that though infidelity, scepticism, immorality and lawlessness are making strenuous efforts to poison the general population of the British Empire, yet the upholders of the Bible and the lovers of social order, guided by the good providence and Spirit of God, are watching their inroads, and ever ready to raise the only effectual standard against them.

Your Committee conceive, that in closing their Report, they cannot adopt more appropriate language than the following, which forms part of the excellent conclusion of the Parent Society's Report:—"After all the efforts and results connected with the circulation of the Scriptures—efforts and results on which we dwell with wonder and delight and thankfulness—we must still point to many lands, on which scarcely a ray of inspired truth has fallen; to many, in which the sacred light was quenched, as soon as kindled; to many, which are still most difficult of access, or where the provision hitherto made has borne no proportion to the wants. Such is the condition of several of the States of Europe, in the South, in the centre and in the North; such is the condition of a large part of Africa, Asia, America, and especially South America; such is the condition of islands innumerable. If a list were drawn up of these countries, and a calculation made of the myriads among them by whom the volume of inspiration is as yet utterly unknown, how appalling would be the spectacle presented,