

ern States, and that their endeavours to spread and improve the knowledge of their Redeemer, and the distinctive doctrines of their Church, will be aided and extended by the possession of stereotype plates of the Prayer Books—thus obviating the great delay and expense of transportation, and diffusing more widely the piety and devotion of that standard formulary of Christian worship. In the act of incorporation of this Society, legal provision is made for incorporating similar Associations throughout this State, granting to all such as shall be formed in pursuance thereof, the benefits, privileges, and immunities enjoyed by this Society. As the smallest pecuniary contributions, when multiplied by the number of persons that may be induced to unite in such Societies, give results of sufficient magnitude to relieve the religious wants of particular districts, it is hoped, that they will be formed, not only in the remote parts of this State, but, that they may rise into existence in every section of the Union, where religious penury may be seen or felt: on the organization of every such institution, a donation of Bibles and Prayer Books will be made, after a regular notification hereof to this Society.

By the reports of the Agent, it appears that since the last Anniversary Meeting of the Society, four hundred and forty-seven Bibles, and four thousand two hundred and ninety-eight Prayer Books have been delivered out of the depository: Of this number, four hundred and twelve Bibles, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight Prayer Books have been for gratuitous distribution in Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and the West Indies. Two thousand two hundred and fourteen Prayer Books have been purchased by Societies and individuals for gratuitous distribution in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New-York, Maryland, and Virginia. A number of Bibles and Prayer Books

have been given to seamen and soldiers, to the City Prison, Almshouse, Orphan Asylum, to Sunday Schools in the city and State of New-York: one hundred to the Society for the Promotion of the Gospel among seamen; and a large number to clergymen and individuals for gratuitous distribution; making a total of one thousand five hundred and ninety-one Bibles, and twelve thousand two hundred and eighty-seven Prayer Books that have been distributed by the Society.

It is a duty which the Managers owe to themselves and to the Society, to remark, that in almost every instance of presenting the Prayer Book, the Bible has accompanied it, when not found in the possession of the individual; and they would add, that with the multiplied and growing facilities of obtaining the Bible is the demand for the Book of Common Prayer increased. Communications have been received from various and distant parts of the United States, expressing the highest approbation of the objects of the Society: proclaiming the necessity of a continuance of its exertions, and of its importance in building up the Church in the religious wilderness and desert.

It appears from the Treasurer's Report, that a small balance only is remaining in the Treasury, and even that will be fully absorbed by the payment of debts now existing against the Society. It is hoped that the charity of Episcopalians generally will continue to display itself in an increasing zeal and reverence for the word of God, and a liberal spirit of contribution to spread the knowledge of the ordinances and ministrations of the Church.

To this account of their stewardship, the Managers add their prayers, that the author of all good will continue to shed his benediction on the labours of the Society.

Frequent inquiries having been made respecting the place of the depository, and many necessarily being