

Bible Association conscious of their responsibility to God, in the object for which they are united, would pause, and lifting a grateful heart to Heaven, for still continued fostering care!—would turn in retrospective view, on the year which is now past into Eternity, and endeavouring to retrace their path of duty through the same, would demand of themselves how far they have been enabled to aim at His glory, who is invisible, by the distribution of his own word—and how far they have endeavoured to fulfil the important trust reposed in them, in reference to the various subscriptions and donations so cheerfully given in aid of this society. And in this review, most happy and consolatory for your committee is the reflection! that he who is infinite in compassion and boundless in mercy, “who humbleth himself to behold the things that are done on Earth,” will condescend to except the intention to please him, and the wish to do good—as actual service, even where opportunities for calling into exercise these feelings, have been denied. It has been an object of this Society the past year, to secure, as far as possible, by every conciliating means, and the distribution of Reports relative to similar Institutions, an increased attachment to its interests, and it is pleasing to find under the divine blessing, these efforts have not been altogether ineffectual. Six members have been added, and as we have the pleasure to record the continued subscription of those who have hitherto aided our funds, with the exception of four or five cases, one in which death has been permitted to enter our circle, and three or four others where change of residence, or still more unfriendly change of circumstances have deprived us of a subscriber. This Society have received during the past year, from the Nova-Scotia Bible Society 82 Bibles and Testaments, six English Bibles, and sixteen English Testaments have been sold at prime cost, and two bibles and testaments at a reduced price. One English and two Gaelic Bibles and five Testaments have been disposed of gratuitously, leaving in the hands of the depository three English Bibles and 52 Testaments, with seven German and Gaelic Bibles and 24 Testaments. In reference to the small number of copies of the Sacred Writ disposed of, it may not be improper to remark, this Association was unavoidably disappointed in their expected supply of the Scriptures last autumn, and did not receive the same till the ensuing summer, so that the above mentioned number of English Bibles and Testaments sold or disposed of gratuitously (with the exception of three on hand when the year commenced) have been disposed of since June. The amount of subscriptions and donations, with the sale of Bibles and Testaments during the past year have been £13 2 10½, your Committee have to regret, as a circumstance operating unfavourably for the interests of this Association, their not having received the *Last Year's Report* of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, the distribution of which in this vicinity, having hitherto been, in a special manner, under the Divine blessing, accessory to its prosperity. Should your Committee in reflecting on their feeble efforts to do good the past year, suffer their minds to be bounded by earth, and to dwell alone, on the comparatively small number of Bibles and Testaments, either sold or dispensed by them gratuitously, and losing sight of these Books, as the inspired Word of God—“quick and powerful”—presume to judge of the benefit resulting from the same, by that which as yet may have been made manifest, their hearts might well wax faint, and their hands feeble! in a view of the comparative nothingness which has been accomplished. But when they reflect on the Providence of God, they are united in “handling the word of life”—that word which is his who inspires it, which extends from time into eternity!—operating on the soul, independent of human agency—affecting its own divine embassy in the hearts of all who believe, and is equally necessary to the salvation of all the human race! they feel they have abundant cause of thankfulness to God for the honour conferred upon them in this employ, and while they have endeavoured

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