

ST. STEPHEN, Oct. 13, 1820.

*At the First Anniversary Meeting of the Saint Stephen Branch Bible Society, held at the Methodist Chapel, on the 10th Oct. 1820, the following Report of the Committee was read, and a resolution passed, that the same be received, and published in the St. Andrews Herald.*

A YEAR having elapsed since the formation of this Branch Society, it becomes the pleasing duty of the Committee to lay before the Public, a Report of their proceedings.

There have been £41 3 0 currency collected from annual subscriptions and donations, of which £40 15 0 have been remitted, by the Treasurer, to the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, at St. John, and the remaining 8s. laid out in the purchase of a blank book for keeping the records of the Society. One half of the entire sum has been returned in Bibles and Testaments, which the Committee have resolved to distribute gratis, at reduced prices, or at cost, according to the ability of the applicant.

The subscriptions for last year, have fully answered the expectations of the Committee, and in general were paid. Those who have not paid, we presume, were prevented more by inability than by any unwillingness to contribute to an Institution so beneficial.

When we contemplate the simplicity of the plan of Bible Societies, we are amazed at the stupendousness of the structure. Within the space of fourteen years, the Parent Society, formed in London, has contributed to the distribution of upwards of two millions three hundred thousand Bibles and Testaments. In England alone, the Scriptures have been printed, at their expence, in twenty-four different languages and dialects; and in other parts of the world, by their assistance, in one hundred and twenty-six. The scenes presented on a review of the blessings bestowed on the world, by means of Bible Societies, are uncommonly flattering. The DIVINE SPIRIT has opened a road to the uttermost bounds of the earth, to all conditions, all ranks, all confessions, to the peopled city and the solitary desert, to the palaces of Kings and the cottages of the poor, to the most ignorant Hottentot, and the most enlightened nation. No known extremity of the earth, however remote, is excluded from the blessing of possessing the invaluable acquisition of the scriptures. The exertions of Bible Societies, however prosperous, are, in a great measure, dependent on a generous Public. The many gratifying accounts of the bene-