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It is to render an account of their Stewardship, and to resign the honorable trust which it has been equally their privilege and duty to discharge, that the Committee appear once more before the assembled Members of an Institution, whose object is at once the grandest, and the simplest, that can occupy the mind, or claim the countenance, or animate the energies of man : and though they readily confess that—had their limited exertions been conducted under the constraining influence of warmer zeal, of sentiments of more enlarged philanthropy, of livelier conceptions of the spiritual wants of a rapidly augmenting people, than it has fallen to their portion to possess,—the record of those humble labours which constitute the operations of the Quebec Bible Society during the progress of another year, might have yielded brighter indications of prosperity, and furnished juster ground for gratulation than the following remarks present ; still they feel that they are authorized, in general, by facts, and prompted by suggestions of gratitude to God, to open this account of their proceedings in the tone of praise.

They entered on the solemn duties of their Office, mindful of the high responsibility which they involved ; and, deeply sensible of insufficiency, they sought support and guidance, at an ampler source than human counsel, or an arm of flesh, affords.—They sought them at a Throne of Grace, and thankfully acknowledge now that hitherto the Lord hath prospered them. Difficulties have, indeed, been scattered in their path.—Like their predecessors, they have met with persevering opposition on the one hand, and cold indifference upon the other. But difficulties were expected, as the token