

of your Committee. They gratefully recognize in it the influence of a higher Power, and they rejoice, therefore, in believing that inestimable results will grow out of that spirit of inquiry which is daily, though, perhaps, almost imperceptibly, gaining ground around them. While on this subject, they cannot refrain from noticing with pleasure *one* instance in which more than usual eagerness was evinced to explore the pages of the sacred volume, and to exercise that judgment which God had bestowed, in spite of prohibitory injunctions from a quarter to which, on all matters involving spiritual jurisdiction, implicit respect and obedience are yielded.

In accordance with the system which had been acted upon during the preceding year, sub-committees were appointed from your Committee to visit the several Districts embraced within the sphere of the Society's labours, for the purpose of inquiring into the existing wants of the people, and of taking up the subscriptions which had become due. The statements furnished by these sub-committees are, on the whole, encouraging, and although the total amount, as exhibited in the Treasurer's report, will be found not to equal the collection made in 1840, they have reason to believe that it may be attributed to the existence of a temporary pecuniary depression. But the contributions, without exception, were bestowed in a spirit of cheerfulness and good will, and with a ready acknowledgment that they could not be devoted to a cause possessed of higher claims to liberality and support. From a statement by the Depositary, which is annexed to this Report, it appears that a disposal has been made of one hundred and twenty-nine Bibles and Testaments during the past year, and this result cannot but be considered satisfactory when it is borne in remembrance that two, at least, of the Districts within the reach of the operations of the Society, have already been, from various sources, well supplied with the Word of God. Nevertheless, your Committee are fully sensible that much yet remains to be done, and that a more strict inquiry would lead to the discovery that ~~but~~ a few are still destitute of that word which must ever sanctify their temporal prosperity—furnish them with consolation on the bed of death, and which is alone "able to make them wise unto salvation."

During the month of August last, a general meeting of this Society was convened, to fulfil an appointment previously made with the Rev. James Richardson, the Agent of the Upper Canada Bible Society; the object of whose visit was, to form new Societies in this neighborhood, where practicable, and to revive and re-establish those which might wear a drooping aspect. Your Committee were much refreshed on this occasion; and with the opportunity afforded them of taking "sweet counsel" with this zealous friend to the Bible cause, they were animated to proceed in the discharge of their important duty with additional zeal and faithfulness, and derived fresh encouragement to prosecute with energy their "labours of love." Com-