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REPORT.

AFTER the interval of two years, the Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society have once more the pleasure of meeting their friends and patrons, and submitting the following Report of their proceedings during the period just named.

Your Committee were desirous of having their usual Annual Meeting last year, but as they hoped to have the services of their Agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, who was then engaged in behalf of the Auxiliary Societies in the sister province of New Brunswick, they postponed the period of their meeting until the season became too far advanced for them to hold it. The want of the customary labors of their Agent was seriously felt, especially in the several Branch Societies, but as Mr. Smith has again resumed his connexion with the auxiliary and has been employed in a tour of visitation during the past winter, they feel encouraged that through his instrumentality, under Providence, their sphere of usefulness will not only continue but be greatly augmented.

Adopting their usual custom, before proceeding to notice the circumstances of their own Auxiliary, they will advert to the proceedings of the Parent Society during the past year as detailed in their report. And amid the difficulties which have surrounded so many societies and individuals during the past few years, it is gratifying to find that the light of God's countenance has ever shone upon the British and Foreign Bible Society, and that never was it so marked as during the past year. They say that they have not to record the depressing tale of divided counsels, defeated plans, or mortifying failure. The more delightful duty which falls to their privilege, is that of detailing the innumerable proofs of blessing and success with which God has been pleased to honour the operations of the Society, during another year. In the wide field of labour over which its agency spreads, there can be traced no symptom of collapse or feebleness in the energy and zeal with which the great work is prosecuted, nor any failure in that earnest desire for the Holy Scriptures, which it is the design of the Society to meet and to supply. And if, on former occasions, the Committee could announce the wonderful effects resulting from the circulation of the inspired oracles, they have the satisfaction of feeling that their report would bear an unimpaired testimony to the power of Divine truth, and be replete with facts of the deepest interest,—facts which demonstrate that there is an efficacy in the Bible peculiar to itself, and by which the most marvellous and blessed transformations are accomplished.