

noble, no union more worthy of the Christian character, no labour more calculated to promote glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and good will towards men.

Of all the signs of these eventful times, none affects my mind, as indicating the near fulfilment of prophecy respecting the glory of the latter days, so much as the extensive union of Christians, differing in name, in profession, in nation, which is presented to us in the British and Foreign Bible Society.

To this characteristic feature of the Society must be ascribed, under God, the extraordinary vigour of its operations, and the extensive success with which they have been crowned. While this union remains unimpaired, our prospects must continue to open, and shine with progressively increasing brightness, until the earth be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

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THE Committee are thankful to say, that the total amount of payments for the year 1819, is £1504 4 0; of which sum £393 16 0 have been remitted to the British and Foreign Bible Society on the cost account, and £1110 8 0 for Bibles and Testaments, and for the general purposes of the Institution; making the total amount paid to the Parent Society, since the formation of the Southwark Auxiliary, £16,887 0 9.

The number of Bibles and Testaments distributed during the past year, has been 1,677 Bibles, and 1,102 Testaments, making together 2,779, and forming a general total since the establishment of the Institution of 31,722. It will be seen, therefore, that there has arisen an increased demand upon the Society for upwards of 300 copies beyond that of the preceding year; a fact which your Committee record with much pleasure, and which they would fain hope will appeal at once to the judgment and the liberality of every friend to the cause. It will be impossible for you to trace the progress of these copies through the district, connected as they are with heavenly influences, and productive of moral and religious effects, without the most pleasing expectation of great practical benefit accruing to your numerous, and, in too many instances, wretched population.

The Sub-committee for inspecting the prisons is yet in being; and in the periodical visits they pay to these gloomy abodes they avail themselves of every fit opportunity for bestowing your Bibles upon those unhappy persons whose crimes and misfortunes loudly call for the means of conviction, reformation, and comfort.

It is remarked in the Report of one of the districts of the