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## REPORT.

After the lapse of two years the Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society again in the Providence of God are permitted to come before the friends of the Institution with a statement of their proceedings during the interval which has passed since the last public meeting.

Although little has occurred to vary the progress of the sacred cause in which they feel themselves engaged during the period referred to, yet your Committee cannot but be deeply grateful to God for the measure of success that has marked the efforts they have made; for however wanting they may feel themselves to have been in that zeal which has elsewhere, under Providence, produced such wonderful effects, the exhibits which they now make will show the Society that the cause is far from retrograding in this Province.

Before your Committee refer particularly to the state of our Auxiliary they would bring to the notice of their friends the extraordinary success which has characterized the operations of the parent Society during the past year. Who that considered the mighty efforts that body had made for the dissemination of the Scriptures not only in Foreign Countries but also in Great Britain and Ireland, would have been prepared to see in the mother Country itself so large a field remaining for their exertions; yet a new feature has been exhibited in the history of the Society during the past year; among their own Countrymen, in a land of bibles, a new and extraordinary demand has arisen for the word of God; multitudes have come forward to obtain the blessed gift, and a movement has taken place which we should view with gratitude, the result of which will only be made known in another world. Your Committee refer to the unprecedented distribution of the Scriptures which has occurred in the North of England, and more especially in Manchester.

The history of this movement is thus given. In the month of September last (1845), some friends visiting Blackpool, a small watering place on the coast of Lancashire, having had their attention awakened to the spiritual wants of the neighbourhood, commenced a sale of the Sacred Scriptures, and afterwards founded a Bible Association; in a few months above 1800 copies were circulated in that limited district. This movement was greatly encouraged by the zealous co-operation of a gentleman from Manchester, who returned home with his mind much set on attempting a wider dissemination of the Scriptures among the immense population by which he there saw