

desce, its divine origin, in a sacred portraiture, which exhibits, not only the most prominent and fascinating features of His religion, who hath said, there shall finally be "*one Fold and one Shepherd*" in which ministers, as well as professing christians of all denominations meet as Brethren—distinctions of party and sect being lost—sweetly blended in the prevailing expression of harmony and love! but also in its proximity to the accomplishment of that glorious and happy period, predicted by the combined and reiterated voices of the inspired pen-man—when the kingdom of this world shall become the willing subjects of the Saviour's grace, and "*He shall reign on Earth*"—having made bare His holy arm in the sight of all nations"—all the ends of the Earth having seen the Salvation of God."

Report of the Cumberland Auxiliary Bible Society, 9th January 1826.

YOUR Committee have formerly expressed a confidence in the final success of the Bible cause; they have not yet seen any reason for abating their confidence; it is true indeed that opposition has been manifested, and some exalted personages, who once appeared to be friends to the cause, have shown themselves in reality its enemies. This is however, no more than might have been reasonably expected. It is not to be supposed that Satan would suffer his dominions to be assailed by so powerful an engine as the Bible Institution, without using his most malicious, subtle and powerful exertions to counteract its influence, no one need be surprised to learn, that the Grand Sultan has prohibited the circulation of the Scriptures in his territories, nor ought it to excite astonishment, that some who bear the Christian name perceiving the diffusion of light to be unfriendly to their views and designs should discover their hostility to the distribution of the Sacred Volume. Let it be remembered however, that God has said of his word "it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it."

The blessing of God has most evidently attended the exertions of the Parent Society, new auxiliaries are constantly forming and new fields for useful culture continually presenting. Your Committee rejoice to add that the subscriptions of your society in the past year have amounted to more than double the sum raised the preceding season, and there has been a proportionable increase in the demand for the Holy Scriptures.

At and shortly after last Annual Meeting, subscriptions were received to the amount of £29 2s 1½d, which, with £5 9s 6d, arising from the sale of Bibles and Testaments making together the sum of £34 11s 7½d, has been remitted to the Treasurer of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, and no return required; there have been sold and given away during the past year forty-four bibles and testaments, leaving in the hands of your depository 10 bibles and 14 testaments. "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Third Report of the Guysborough Ladies' Bible Association—1826.

IT has been remarked by an eminent Divine—"Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours, and ask them what Report they have borne to Heaven?" With similar feelings of sacred inquiry, the Committee of the Ladies'