

the collections in St. John's amounted, (with the addition of a few pounds received from the seal-hunters this spring,) to a larger total than that of the preceding year. This result, comforting in the retrospect, is very encouraging for the future, as it shews what an encrease may reasonably be expected, now those various difficulties and hindrances are removed. The same satisfactory result may be reported of the out-harbors; for, notwithstanding a falling off in some Missions, through the great deficiency of the catch on the Labrador, the aggregate amount is greater than that of former years.

Having made allusion to the necessity of omitting this year all lists of the subscribers, it seems proper to remark that it has appeared to the Committee unnecessary and undesirable to print in any subsequent Report, the names of subscribers of less than ten, or at lowest five shillings; or the contributions for miscellaneous objects not contemplated by the Society. The labor of preparing the lists for the printer and the expence of printing them are serious considerations, and it has not unfrequently happened that the longest and most troublesome accounts have come from Missions making no payment to the Treasurer.

And here it may be permitted to remark (as we find done in some former Reports) that, to forward a list of subscribers to the Secretary, is a very different thing from paying the amount of subscriptions to the Treasurer. It is acknowledged that it may in some cases be inconvenient to transmit money to St. John's; but when it is known and considered that the amounts collected have been regularly forwarded from the most remote parts of the Island,) from St. George's Bay to the westward, and Moreton's Harbor to the northward), it would appear that there must be some other objection or difficulty. Whatever the particular objection or difficulty may be, and whether different in different cases, or in each the same, the result