

DISTRIBUTION.

| | | Bibles. | Testaments. | | |
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| Furnished to Branch Societies, | 1855, | 861 | 1005 | | |
| Do. do. | 1856, | 365 | 281 | 1226 | 1286 |
| To Ladies' Association, | 1855, | 65 | 29 | | |
| Do. do. | 1856, | 33 | 18 | 98 | 47 |
| To Sabbath Schools, gratis, | 1855, | 97 | 172 | | |
| Do. do. | 1856, | 131 | 47 | 228 | 219 |
| To City Missionary, | 1855, | | | 27 | 25 |
| To Soldiers of Egn. Legion, | 1855, | | | 151 | 46 |
| To the poor, | 1856, | | | 116 | 86 |
| Cash sales at Depository, | 1855, | 349 | 362 | | |
| Do. do. | 1856, | 255 | 358 | 604 | 720 |
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| | | | | 2450 | 2429 |

Total distribution, 2 years, { Bibles 2450
Testaments 2429

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There are still remaining on hand in the Depository 2511 Bibles, and 2608 Testaments.

From the financial statement it will be seen that there has been a great increase in the Branch Societies during the year 1856. This was owing, in a great measure, to the presence of our agent, Mr. Smith, who resumed his engagement with the Committee last autumn, and who has been employed during the whole winter in visiting many of the Branch Societies, and sustaining their exertions in the good cause. The necessity for a yearly visitation has been strikingly exemplified by the difference in the returns of the last two years, and the Committee trust that they will be able for the future to keep up this visitation at least for six months in each year.

The Committee would again gratefully acknowledge the liberality evinced by the two Ladies' Associations in this city, and by the Ladies' Association at Guysborough.

They have also great pleasure in announcing to their friends that the Rev. Dr. Twining has kindly acceded to their wishes and consented to become the President of their Society. Your Committee have no doubt that this appointment will be hailed with satisfaction by the various Branch Societies; and they trust that, under God, it will be the means of still further increasing the usefulness of their institution.

The Committee cannot close this report without mentioning that their funds were materially increased during the past year by the Legacy of £100, which was bequeathed to them by the late James Hamilton, Esq., of this City.

Your Committee trust that the brief reference which they have made to the wonderful efforts of the Parent Society in the distribution of the Word of Life, and the details which they have given of our own humble operations, will induce the friends of the cause within the sphere of our own auxiliary still to persevere in the good work. The hand of God is manifestly in it, the prospects of

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