

difficulty of raising money, in these straitened times, by way of subscriptions. They have placed at the doors of the Meeting-House, boxes with holes in the covers, upon which the words *Bible Society* are inscribed; and into these boxes those who are not able to become subscribers have a weekly opportunity of casting such small sums as they may be able to spare. In this manner less or more is collected every Sabbath, and they expect that, by the end of the year, the amount of the whole will be considerable. Perhaps the same plan might be adopted with advantage in other parts of the Province.

Contributions to the funds of this Society from the Town of Halifax, still bear no proportion to its wealth and population. And although the Committee have again and again endeavoured to draw the attention of their townsmen to the claims which the Bible cause has to their consideration and support, their endeavours hitherto, though by no means nugatory, have been but crowned with very partial success. They have resolved, therefore, according to the common practice of other Bible Institutions, to appoint some of their number to solicit subscriptions personally from the Inhabitants of Halifax. Such a measure came under the consideration of the Committee soon after the first formation of this Society, but was never carried into effect; some having thought that it was liable to serious objections, and it having been conceived that other ways of procuring subscriptions would be found equally efficacious. But the experience of eight years, has clearly demonstrated that expectations of the efficacy of other ways of procuring subscriptions, were not well founded. Recourse, therefore must now be had to a measure which, though some may account it indelicate, has been followed by the most respectable Societies, and has been uniformly found highly conducive to their prosperity.

Since the last Anniversary, contributions to the amount of £252 12 9 cur. have been received, which, with former contributions from the commencement of the Institution, make the sum of £3242 17 11½ currency. The sum now in the hands of the Treasurer will be remitted without delay to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Since the last Anniversary, 200 Bibles and 350 Testaments have been received from the Parent Institution. 29 Bibles, and 87 Testaments have been distributed gratis; 195 Bibles, and 245 Testaments, have been furnished to Branch Societies; and 14 Bibles and 18 Testaments have been sold at reduced prices; and there now remain in the Depository, 146 Bibles, and 172 Testaments, chiefly in the Gaelic and Irish languages.

The last supply of Bibles and Testaments from home, was accompanied with a copy of the History of the first fifteen years of the British and Foreign Bible Society, by the Rev. Mr. Owen, one of the Secretaries, which has been kindly presented by the Committee of that Institution, and by the learned Author, to this Auxiliary Society, and for the use of its Members.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, still perseveres, with its wonted energy and munificence, its widely extended and continually extending labours, for the instruction and improvement of the human race; and is vigorously seconded in all its labours of love by a multitude of kindred Institutions throughout the world. It has now promoted the translation, printing or distribution, of the Scriptures, or of portions of the Scriptures, in 139 different languages and dialects: of which, 43 are re-prints, 8 are re-translations, and 88 are entirely new translations into languages into which the Scriptures had never before been rendered. At the last Anniversary, in May 1821, its nett receipts for the preceding year amounted to £89,154 16 sterling; and during the same period, there had been issued from its Depository, 104,828 Bibles, and 142,129 Testaments, making, with those issued at the expense of the Society from Foreign Presses 3,201,978 Bibles and Testaments, since the commencement of the Institution. The Society is still extending its influence from Province to Province, and from Kingdom to Kingdom, and proposes no termination to its benevolent progress, till the Earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

It is worthy of remark that, on the Continent of Europe, many members of the Roman Catholic Church are zealous promoters of the great object of