

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HORTON BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Society took place Jan. 1st 1824, and the greatest harmony prevailed among the members who assembled on the occasion. That a stronger interest might be excited in favour of the Society, it was unanimously resolved that a sermon should be preached at the next yearly meeting, before proceeding to business: this measure was deemed the more expedient on account of the small number which now attend our annual meetings.

In March, the Committee received from the Halifax Bible Society 11 Bibles and 51 Testaments.

There have been distributed to Subscribers from this stock,

	Bibles	Testaments
	5	20
Sold	2	1
Given gratis	2	7
in hand	2	23

The sum collected during the last year is not great but more than that of the preceding: it will be remitted by the Treasurer the first good opportunity. The plan was adopted of soliciting subscriptions by waiting on individuals: each member of the Committee was instructed to circulate a subscription paper among those of his immediate district. By such means, much knowledge has been gained of the various opinions concerning the British and Foreign Bible Society. We were not a little surprised at the ignorance which prevails respecting the Parent Society, notwithstanding the numerous Reports of this Society which were distributed throughout the country, and which if read, must have convinced the most prejudiced of the utility of this noble Institution—Many whom we addressed were strangely ignorant of the superstition, idolatry and wretchedness of heathen countries, and were not therefore sufficiently impressed with the importance of sending them the word of divine inspiration—A few were of opinion that the heathen are sufficiently happy in their present condition and with their idolatrous superstitions; influenced by a mistaken charity they conceived sincerity to be every thing in religious profession, they imagined that the Mahometans and disciples of Confucius stand an equal chance of salvation with the humble followers of Christ, and of consequence that there was no use in increasing efforts for the conversion of those to Christianity, who perhaps would be as safe and happy in their present ignorance. Many there were who expressed a strong attachment to the objects of the Society, admired the benevolence of its origin, its subsequent rapid growth, the grandeur of its operations; admitted the immense benefits that it had dispensed, and acceded to the necessity of still more strenuous efforts—and

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