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1. This Society shall be called The Bible Society of Nova-Scotia, and Dependencies; the object of which shall be the same as that of the British a Foreign Bible Society, viz:—To encourage the circulation of the Holyson tures, without note or comment, and to furnish copies of the Scriptures, on to the indigent, and attracted prices to those requiring them.

II. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President Vereidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee

III. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, beneficiand subscriptions aball he solicited, and books opened for techning the an of benefactors and subscribers.

1V. Every person contributing annually One Pound, or at one time, a de tion of Ten Pounds, shall be considered a Member of this Society.

V. A general meeting of the Members of this Society shall be helder year, during the sitting of the Legislature, before which shall be laid the counts and proceedings of the preceding year.

VI. The whole of the subscriptions and denstiens, after deducting i dental expenses, shall be remitted annually, in aid of the funds of the Brand Foreign Bible Society.

VII. Every member of this Society shall be entitled to purchase, under direction of the Committee, Bibles and Testaments, at the reduced prot the Society, which are as low as possible.

VIII. The Committee shall be authorized to meet, for the purpose of ducting the business of the Seciety, as often as may be necessary.

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NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

T the Tenth Anniversary of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, A , held at the Royal Acadian School, in Halifax, on Wednesday, 6th April, 1825

The Meeting opened with prayer by the Rev. William Black. The Honourable Judge Stewart, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Report of the Committee having been read by the Secretary, it was, on the motion of the Hon. Charles Morris, seconded by John Howe, Sen. Esq.

RESOLVED, That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed, under the direction of the Committee.

On the Motion of S. S. Poole, Esq. seconded by William O'Brien, Esq. - William 199-1999

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Meeting be given to His Excellency Sir James Kempt, the President, and to the Vice-Presidents, for their continued patronage of the Society.

On the Motion of William A. Chipman, Esq. seconded by Mr.

John A. Barry, in the thanks of this Meeting he given to the several Branch Societies, Bible Associations, and other Contributors to the Society throughout the Province.

On the Motion of the Rev. William Temple, seconded by the Rev. John Martin of the transfer of the Rev.

RESOLVED, That this Meeting is deeply impressed with gratitude to Almighty God, for the prosperity with which he has blessed the efforts of the BRITISH and FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, as well as those of all kindred Institutions throughout the world, and feels itself called upon, in humble dependence on His strength to renewed exertions for prosecuting with simplicity, diligence, and concord, the great objects of their common Association.

The Meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. Edward Rennie.

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REPORT :

IT is with sensations of more than ordinary interest and satisfaction, that the Committee of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, again meet the Friends and supporters of that Institution, after the lapse of another year; to report to them the details of their proceedings, and the history of their progress and success since they were last assembled.

In the account of fresh accessions to the Branches of the Society and of the renewed zeal and vigour, which has begun to animate many of those which have been long established, and which afford strong and certain pledges of the growing usefulness and extent of the institution, your Committee feel assured that every one who truly desires the increase of the pure and holy effects, which must flow from the universal dispersion of the light of God's word, will feel unmixed gratitude and pleasure.

The course which your Committee feel it necessary to pursue, in giving their statement of the affairs of the Society during the last year, will be to follow the order in which the various communications have been received from the Branch Societies, throughout the Province.

The first of those communications is from Liendonderry, which was received early in the preceding spring; and although the Rev. Mr. Brown, the President, laments the want of zeal, and the small ability to contribute, which exists in that District; yet we observe with no small degree of satisfaction, that the contributions amount to nearly three times more than those of the previous year, besides a return arising from the sale of the Scriptures.—This your Committee are most willing to acknowledge as an parnest of future activity in this Society.

In making our Report of the proceedings of the Guyshoro Ladial Association, the Committee cannot but express their warm approbabation of the active and zerous exertions, which, from its commencement have characterized this Society, as well as their grateful acknowledgements of the support they have received from it, in aid of the general cause.

The Association has been formed upon a principle which has always been found one of the most useful and effective in promoting the dissemination of the scriptures, and increasing the funds of the Society; viz. by penny a week contributions—the obvious reasons are that the exertions of the members are constantly kept in operation, and the immediate objects of the Association in view; and where that object is the diffusion of the Gospel of Pence and Salvation, who can doubt but that a blessing will rest upon its labours.

Nor can we withold the tribute of respect, which the present occasion demands, in favour of that sex, which from the earliest period of the Redeemer's Kingdom on Earth, has ever evinced its

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We could heartily desire to see the excellent example of the Guysbero' Ladies Association, generally followed throughout the Provinces and it is our duty to state, that the long and tried experience of the Committee of the Parent Society in London, has induced them to inculcate upon us the necessity and usefulness of such Associations in the strongest terms. In a letter received from one of the Secretaries, in June last, he observes-" The Committee would recommend that whenever it be found practicable, Bible Associations be established for the purpose of regularly ascertaining the wants of the Anhabitants, in regard to the Holy Scriptures land encouraging them to supply themselves by means of small weekly contributions, which should be regularly called for by the Colleclors send Associations Lave been found by experience to prove the very life of an Auxiliary Society; and have been found most eficient where Female exertion has been obtained in assisting the Pear." Lais but justice to add that a great part of the success of the Guysboro' Association, appears to have flowed from the unwearied attention of its worthy Secretary, Miss Newton, whose com, munications as well as the Report of the Proceedings of the Society. form very interesting documents, will be submitted to the pubhe perusalemethe Appendix, to our Report. A number of Bibles and Testaments have been distributed by the Society. of the Seriptures in the English, Gaelic and German languages, was forwarded to Guysboro' by your Committee in the latter part of the year, all of which will doubtless, under the active superintendance of the Association, meet with ready distribution.

From the Trure Society, about the same amount of contributions has been received as in the preceding year—the particulars of the Society's labours in furnishing the Scriptures to those who were in need, or the account of the proceedings, have not yet reached us. From the interesting Report of the Cumberland Bible Society, your Committee have the pleasure to find that that Branch of our Institution has in no measure relaxed in its endeavours; but that on the contrary to use the concluding words of the Report, "The Society is now beginning to flourish again," and we heartily coincide in the desire therein expressed, "that its tributary streams may continue to increase flowing continually into that River, which will ultimate—y water the whole Earth"—Altho, the County of Cumberland does not appear to suffer from a want of the Scriptures, equal to that which is felt in many other parts of the Province, yet a number of copies have been distributed and the contributions of the Society considerably exceed those of the former year. The whole amount is to be placed at the disposal of the Parent Society without return, there being still a tolerable supply of the Scriptures

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Your Committee have received from Annapolis and Hants, payments on account of the contributions to those Societies; and the returns of Subscriptions and Donations to the Onslow and Stewisch Branch Societies have been received, and exceed the amount of those of the former year. The whole amount remitted from Onslow is placed at the disposal of this Society without return a sum has also been paid in, arising from the sale of Books. We regret to state, that we have received no Report of the Proceedings of any of the last mentioned Institutions, and we would suggest the great advantage that must arise from every Branch of our Society for warding to us an annual account of their transactions, however brief, in order that an interest may be excited, and kept up as well among themselves as in other parts of the country livery the

From the Remshog Branch Society, your Committee have received the account of their annual meeting and proceedings, and the satisfactory intelligence of a gradual increase of zeal among in members, and of the funds of the Society, Of upwards of thirty copies of the scriptures forwarded by your, Committee, in appear that many have been distributed either gratis to the poor, or at full, or reduced prices to others. Their earnestness in promoting the cause, is thus forcibly expressed by their Secretary. Though, he observes, " our circumstances forbid, the expectation of our ever rating high in the list of contributions, yet our zeal says, we will not withdraw our support from so laudable a cause, while we

can command a dollar by any lawful means." The Gay's River and Shubenacadie Society, have not been backward in their attention to their interests, and have remitted to your Committee the amount of their subscriptions and donations, which falls little short of those of the preceding year; but which circumstance is accounted for by several of the subscriptions not having been paid up in time for the return, owing to the failure of Crops in the District, during the last season, and not, as the Secretary observed from any failure of their energy as a Society. Such is without doubt, the true reason for any apparent deficiency; as the Gay River and Shubenacadie Branch has ever been, since its formation one of our most efficient thembers, and we look forward withou fear or hesitation in the belief, that it will continue to sustain it character, and pursue its useful and meritorious course. Bible and Testaments to a considerable amount have been furnished to this Society, which enjoys an extensive field for their distribution

Your Committee has received the amount of contributions from the Chester Society, and a supply of the Scriptures has been forward ded to them. From the praiseworthy spirit of some of the officer of the Society, although for the present its interests appear to declin we cannot but anticipate that ere long the people of that place we are at the Town

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The assistance which the funds of the Society has received from Horton Branch, your Committee is happy to state has not been minished during the last year, but by the increase of its contritions it adds its testimony to that of almost every other Branch ciety throughout the Province, that the holy enterprise of propaing the Gospel, is daily gaining ground.

But from none of the returns of the several branches of the Novamia Bible Society heretofore established, have the Committee greater satisfaction, than from those of the Cornwallis Soy. The large increase of their funds, as well as the zeal that s produced such good fruit, appears to evidence, not only the at laudable desire to benefit the souls of others, by affording them words of life and light, but as your Committee is willing to lieve, is a testimony of the powerful and saving effect which that in has produced in the hearts of many of those who thus willingcast their mite into God's treasury. To every one surely who sever found cause to value the unspeakable gift of a Redeemer, dto know the price that was paid by him for the souls of men, to my one whose heart has ever been warmed by the heavenly plions of that love which brought the son of God from the bosom his Father to rescue us from sin and death, will the universal semination of God's own book convey sensations of unalloyed disfaction and delight. They surely will join (in the words of e Secretary of the Cornwallis Bible Society, " to bless the Lord that there are so many found in almost every part of the Globe, who with so much cheerfulness and zeal, contribute inaid of the pread of the pure Gospel, that so much unity of spirit, harmony in consultation, energy, zeal and ability in translating, and joy in dissiminating the scriptures, and such heavenly prospects in the final issue, pervade the wide extended kingdoms of the world." To this alous branch of our Institution, we cannot address more approiate encouragement than in the words of the Scripture to say, fide on prosperously, we have wished thee success in the name of e Lord."

Your Committee cannot reflect with greater pleasure upon any st of the labours which this day's duty imposes on them, than that which the progress of their Report has now brought them. This the formation of two new Branch Societies in the Island of Capeen furnished to mion, which, from the wide extent of the field which lies open to exertions, and the very favourable and encouraging circummers as been forward as been forward estrongest reason to hope, will be ranked among the most useful our supporters.

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at a numerous meeting of the most respectable part of the community of that place where, after adopting the necessary and usu rules for the government of the Society, a very handsome sum waised in subscriptions and donations, and forwarded to your Comittee.

The Secretary of the Society after stating the circumstances its formation, observes—"Though when viewed in connection withe numerous supporters of the grand and noble designs of the Bush and Foreign Bible Society, our own circumscribed establishment shrinks into comparative inutility, we trust that in future a shall not cease from doing what we can towards placing within a reach of those immediately around us, the word of Holy has ration, and illuminating with the light of Divine truth, the daplaces of the earth, where tens of thousands are yet crowding in the habitations of cruelty."

Resolution passed at the meeting, your Committee hastened forward to them such supply of the Scriptures as might answ immediate demands, and on the receipt of further grants from the Parent Society, a large number of copies was again shipped Sydney, many of which have been distributed in various ways

the Society.

In consequence of the communications of the Cape-Breton Sec ty, with several respectable individuals residing at out ports in Island, the formation of another Branch Society at Mabou, was pr jected and took place in October last, when a very liberal contrib tion to its funds was made, considering the recent date of thes tlement, and the difficulties with which new settlers are compell to struggle; the greater part of the Protestant population of place having emigrated thither within the three or four years ! past. The Secretary of the Society being in Halifax, late in the Autumn, applied to your Committee for a supply of the Scriptur which was furnished, to an amount, which was then suppos would be sufficient to meet the immediate wants of the place, which he lately writes, was quite inadequate to the numerous mands made for him. It appears that they have been all dispos of by sale, and that their arrival excited the most lively feelings begrees of their Report has sow brodght themitars

In acknowledging the numerous instances of support and go will afforded to the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, in furtherance of great objects, your Committee must not omit, the donation of from the Ladies' Benevolent Society at Varmouth; and they can but express the hope that the Branch Society at that place, who owing to the pressure of the times, was obliged to discontinue operations, will again ere long, be numbered in the ranks of our creasing branches; and lend a helping hand to our cause.

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know remains for your Committee in noticing the contributions our funds, only to state, that the direct subscriptions to the Novamia Bible Society in Halifax, although a number of Subscribers re left the Province, will equal, if not exceed those contained in Report of the preceding year, and there is every reason to bethat with such attention as the Committee shall be able to ne to the interest of the Institution, a progressive increase will minue to take place.

from the brief sketch now given of the affairs of the Society, and different Branches during the last year, your Committee de the most solid grounds for congratulating the friends of the Inintion on the aspect of success and usefulness which it now ars. The strongest proof that can be adduced in corroboration our expectations, is that although there are several Branch Soount of contributions from some of them noticed in the above mement, have not been paid in, yet the amount of what has alreatheen received exceeds the gross amount of the Society's funds the preceding year, up to the period of our remittance to the went Society in May last, by upwards of one hundred pounds. By two most liberal and seasonable grants from the Parent Soely, of 700 Bibles and 1500 Testaments, in addition to our Stock maining on hand from the former year, and of 170 Bibles and 45 Testaments received on account of our last remittance, your ommittee have been happily enabled to meet the numerous and mensive demands which have been made upon them during the ist year, and which in the amount of Copies of the Scriptures distriuled, exceeds by more than nine times that of the year preceding. There have been furnished to Branch Societies 343 Bibles and 2 Testaments.—175 Bibles and 349 Testaments have been dis-buted from the Depository at Halifax, in various ways either for be or gratuitously, making in all 578 Bibles and 1161 Testaments, men out for circulation, in the Province, and there now remain on and, 696 Bibles, and 1421 Testaments, in various languages. This gestock on hand, has arisen from the late season at which some the books arrived from England, and it will enable your Commite to meet the demands that are likely to be made early in the pring from various quaters.

Among the Scriptures distributed from the Depository at Halia, it may be proper to state that 22 Bibles, and 150 Testaments are been given gratis by the Committee, to the several Sunday chools established in Halifax; as they deemed it peculiarly suita-le to the views of the Society, to give every encouragement to lose useful Institutions, as well as one of the most probable means to discontinue approducing effectual good, to place the word of God in the hands of he ranks of our he rising generation.

But it is time that we should turn, and take a brief view of the

mighty operations of our great and munificient parent, the Britis and through the and Foreign Bible Society, and of the numerous Institutions who perhaps the most have originated from her bounty or example, and been fostered as Scriptures into strengthened by her helping hand. In the spirit, and with t blessing of that Gracious Being, whose name and highest attribu is love itself, she proceeds with unabated efforts, causing the lit to shine in darkness, dispelling the thick gloom of heathenism superstition, which lowers over the perishing millions of the h man race, and " breaking without hand" the fetters of misery a iron, in which sin and atan has bound a guilty world.

Receiving with equal gratitude, the magnificient donations the Kings and Princes of the earth, and the smallest free-will offer ing of the meanest peasant, she has become the blessed Dispense of the Bread of Life to all that are in need; and with liberal a unsparing hand, deals out her thousands and tens of thousands, every people, and tongue and nation, without respect of persons, e

One Hundred and twenty-four Biblical Institutions of various kinds in Great-Britain and her Colonies, were organized during the year ending in May last-upwards of 4,000,000 copies of t Scriptures had been directly circulated by the Society since commencement in the United Kingdoms and Europe alone.

The Revenues and Expenditures go on increasing with wonder ful rapidity from year to year; and almost every month wilness some successful inroad made into the Kingdoms of Darkness, the translation of the Scriptures into some language hitherto be barous or unknown, but now sanctified by containing the words eternal life.

The Societies which in every quarter of the Globe have spru up after the bright example, and caught the spirit of the Britis and Foreign Bible Society, and of which, like her own, the simp and undeviating object is, the diffusion of the pure word of cre lasting life, without note or comment, are daily increasing in nu ber and strength. A growing ardour in the same cause of pear and good will towards men, now actuates the different nations Europe, which were formerly distinguished only by the march hostile armies, and the desolating scenes of human carnage.

In AMERICA the liberation of the Spanish Colonies, now no long a doubtful question, seems to offer a vast field for the enterprise of friends of Scriptural light and knowledge; the extensive commerc one of the great blessings of civil liberty, which has already begun pour in upon the shores of that great populous region of our Cont nent, from Great Britain and North America, will be accompanie by the richer blessings of the word of God, sent thither by o powerful allies in the propagation of that word.

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Although our feeble exertions, and inconsiderable contributions may appear to many, but "as the small dust of the balance" when brought into comparison with the stupendous efforts and rich efferings now making, for the fulfilment of that last command of our sen and glorified Saviour " Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," yet must we remember that of such minute parts is chiefly composed the great engine, which evidently guided by an Almighty arm, is breaking down with irresistible orce, every barrier opposed by ignorance and sin, and " whatsoeverour hand findeth to do, let us do it with all our might," for by Him in whose cause we are engaged, weakness is made strength and darkness light.

That the zeal and endeavours of every professed disciple of Christ in promoting the sacred interests of the Institution to which nebelong, may become at length united, and be inspired and directed by that spirit of wisdom. love and holiness which proceedeth from above; must be our earnest and concluding prayer, in recommending the object of the present meeting to every friend of

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Halifax, April 6, 1825.

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Bible Society House, Eurl Street. Blackfriars, London, May 31st.1321

J. W NUTTING, Esq. Sec'y Nova-Scotia Bible Society.

Your esteemed favours of the 2d and 29th ult duly came to hand The latter enclosing a Bill for one hundred eighty eight pounds sterling; which I have entered £94 as free contribution from the Nova Scotta Auxilia BY Society ; and £94 for the parchase of Bibles and Testaments : which is gether with a former balance of £13 9 5 in your favour, makes the direse

The Committee will, at all times, most cheerfully grant to the Nova Scotts
Bible Society such supplies of the Scriptures, in any of the languages spoke in that Province, as will encourage the in to investigate by every means in the power, and supply the wants of the pace, throughout the Province ; by sales

low prices or gratuitously, as their circumstances may require them.

They would, however, recommend that, whenever it he found practicable Bible Associations be established for the purpose of regularly ascertaining the wants of the inhabitants in regard to the Holy Scr ptures; and encouraging them to supply themselves with them by means of small weekly contribution, which should be regularly called for by the Callectors. Such Association have been found, by experience, to prove the very life of an Auxiliary Society; and have been found most effectual where female exertion has been obtained in visiting the poor.

It will afford you pleasure to learn that our 20th anniversary was not les interesting than any preceding one; and that every month adds several net Associations to our list. Our late meeting exibited two peculiar features, British Nobleman openly testifying his conversion through the means of Bible Society Meeting, and Dr. Morrison from China presenting a copy of the whole Bible translated into that language by himself and Dr. Milne, which was borne, while he was addressing the meeting, by his interesting little son who is, I believe, a native of China.

Hoping that your Society may increase in extent and usefulness is the cor nest prayer of Your faithful and obedient servant,

JOS. TARN.

Ass. Sec'y and Ascountant

P. S .- I have omitted to communicate to you a resolution of our Com mittee which I now subjoin.

> Committee British and Foreign Bible Society, May 28th, 1824.

RESOLVED .- That 500 Bibles including 25 French Bibles and 1000 Test ments including 50 French Testaments, be placed at the disposal of the Com mittee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society.

J. W. NUTTING, E DEAR IR,

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10, Earl Street, London, Aug. 14, 1824.

W. NUTTING, Esq.

DEAR SIR,

I am happy to have an opportunity of acknowledging your last, adbessed to MR. BRANDRAM, of the 23d of June, that gentleman being absent on the busines of the Bible Society, and beg leave herewith to enclose. Invoice of cases containing your last order, consigned per Barbadoes Packet, W. Lowes, your Mr. G. Black.

The perusal of your Report afforded as the liveliest pleasure, and we singrely rejoice at the addition made to the number of your Branches by the smatten of a Ladies Association at Guysboro' to which we wish every suc-The prospect too of your finding a wider range for the distribution of the Gelic Scriptures, among poor Highland Emigrants, is no less cheering, and p your Discretion every thing will be submitted that regards the disposal

shether gratuatously, or for payment at cost or reduced prices.

The manner in which you wish your account, in particular reference to the istremittance of £188, to be arranged shall be carefully attended to, and the Committee, to whom your letter was in due course communicated yesterday, felobliged by this fresh proof of your zeal in the good cause, and return you firsh their hearry thanks. On this occasion too, they gladly voted you the additional number of Reports, requested, also 100 abstracts of last year's Report as fram up by our Librarian, Mr. Platt, and 200 brief views of the General Plan and operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society: These should have en sent by the present opportunity, had not the Cases already been packed up, but you may rely on receiving them very shortly.

Wishing you every success in the prosecution of your valuable labours and axious to hear further from you, I remain Dear Sir,
your very obedient servant,

JOHN JACKSON.

Assist. Par. Secty. in the room of the late Mr. Ronneberg

Cheboque, Yarmouth Nov. 39, 1824.

I inclose you £4, as the donation of the Female Benevolent Sociayat this place to the Bible Society of Halifax. You will please therefore to skethe charge of this mite and see that it be disposed of according to the deign of the danors. It would have been left with the Treasurer of the Yarboth Bible Society: nut owing to the pressure of the trials and of the been been suspended. It is hoped better the been suspended. It is hoped but may add something (with the Divine blessing) to the increasing stream of knewledge, which is now enriching the world with the inestimable treasures a saving knowledge. I am Sir, with respect, your friend and well wisher.

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Guysborough, Aug. 14, 1824,

Sir, The Committee of the Guysboro' Ladies' Bible Association, present her thanks, to the N. S. Bible Society for their kind recollection of them in the Thirty copies of their last year's Report, forwarded by your Decostary and here they beg leave to remark, it was with feelings of humility they observed, the very unexpected honour conferred poor them, in so, conspicuously recognizing their than association) every facility has been given, to the immediate circulation of these Reports to this V cinity; and the pleasing bone nindulged, that communications so important and interesting, will not fail of

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the divine blessing, in stimulating to increased zeal and activity in so goods catise; as well as prove instrumental, in removing any prejudice which may exist in the minds of individuals, against an institution which has so manifest ly the Divine approbation, while it proclaims, universal " good will to man In remitting by this conveyance, the small sum of 47 6 0 an indescribel pleasure results from the reflection, insignificant as our offering, is, that we are allowed the homour and the privilege of dividing our little means, and are pemitted to mingle our feeble efforts, in a d of that mighty energy and million benevolence, with which the British and Foreign Bulle Society, are diffusion hight and life to those " who sit in darkness and in the shadow of Death"! W shall be pleased to receive on Molety account, two or three Bibles, Nonpare Type, and the remainder in Brevier Testaments. In a letter from your Depo sitary, received last autumn, accompanying two dozen testaments, our associa tion were encouraged to hope, should we find an opening for the circulation the Scriptures, in the Irish and Gelic languages, your Committee would be pleased to furnish us with a few copies, for gratuitous distribution. Deem again most proper, in order to ascertain whether there was a field for the dissemin tion of the word of God, in the Irish language, among the large body of Catholics in this place, as well as in hope of disarming prejudice, and obtaining permission for its circulation, thereby paving the way, under the divine bleshing for further usefulness; a deputation of our Committee waited on the Ca tholic Priest and presented him with the sixteenth Report of the British as Foreign Bible Society, recommending to his particular attention, the very teresting common cation, from Catholic Correspondents. They were receive and listened to with police attention ; The Report was retained ; but they we informed none of his congregation could read the frish language and that no but the Catholic version could be permitted circulation. Should the liberale of your committee furnish us with a few copies of the German and Galic h

guage, they will be thankfully received, and readily circulated.
In compliance with a wish expressed by you, through a letter to Wentwor
Taylor E.q. The ladies' Bible Association will immediately on their Angle
sary meeting which takes place in October, transmit to you a list of their me 1 am, &cc.

bers and officers.

CHARLOTTE ANN NEWTON. Sec'ty. Ladies Bible Assuciation

J. W. Nutting, Esq.

Guysborough, November 23, 1824

I had the pleasure to receive yours of the 10th instant, accompany some" Brief reviews" and abstracts of the Report of the Parent Institut with an Invoice of 77 Bibles and Testiments, which came safe to hand; a committee could not have auticipated, so handsome a supply as 42 in ret for their small remittance; and in tendering their thanks, to the Committee the N. S. Bible Society, for such liberal attention to the wants of their li association they desire to express the sens : they feel of the favour confer upon them, and to assure you it shall be their study to merit the trust repo in them, in a particular manner (as it regards the discretionary power give in reference to the sale, or gratuitous distribution of the 35 copies of the ser tures in the German and Galic languages as also strictly to adhere to the quisitions of the committee of the N. S. Bible Society, in any instruction they may be pleased to give, relative to the duties of their Association.

In transmitting agreeaby to promise, a list of our members and officers, venture to forward also a copy of our first Report, and in so doing (altho preming it will not meet the public eye) feel it accessary to a pologize particula

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Ogrannwal meeting, which took place the first Monday in October, was fared by the attendance of many of the most respectable inhabitants of this and was rendered interesting by a short sermon, calculated to inform judgement, as well as affect the heart, delivered by Mr. Murry, Wesleyan modist Minister, from the Apostolic admonition—" It is always good, to be body affected in a good thing." Five members were added on this occasion paid their annual orquarterly subscriptions. Altho, this must appear a small accession, in comparison with similar meetings in other places, yet dering the peculiar disadvantage under which we labour in this place, it ben viewed as a token of encouragement. In order to accommodate perwho might wish to become subscribers and could not realize the Cash, it resolved by our committee to receive subscriptions in Butter, at 8d per lb. une to be sent to the Halifax Market, and whatever it should bring in the allowed price, to be placed to the credit of the several subscribers :-(baving received only some small donations and arrears in Butter, not yet med of) we anticipate more beneficial results in future. he small sum of £7 2 24 which accompanies this, includes a trifling ba-

e of 4s. 3d. from the past year. No return is required.

1 am, &c. &c. CHARLOTTE ANN NEWTON, Sec'y ladies' Bible Association.

Remsheg, January 31, 1825.

J. W. NUTTING, Esq.

J. W. NUTTING, Esq.

After the vicissindes of another year our little society has had the mre of meefing for the dispatch of business relative to the blessed cause siting the word of God in the hands of the indigent. And we desire to be Most that the God of the Bible hath not suffered our zeal for the blessed seto languish but increase, altho' our sam will bear no proportion to many ur sister societies.

betwe would pray that our mites may be accepted in the Lord's Treasury. received 12 Bibles and 20 Testaments, and also 22 reports, some we disled gratit, some at half price, and a few at prime cost,

to have received this year by subscription, the sum, of seven pounds nine ngs, and also by collection and sale of books the sum of two pounds sixshillings and sixpence, total, being ten pounds, five shillings and sixe, which will be forwarded by the first safe conveyance, with respect fice bearers all were re-elected with one exception in the committee. parsimony of our circumstances forbids the expectation of our ever ig high in the list of contributions. But our zeal says, we will not withour support from so landable a cause while we can command dar by any lawful means. Several pounds more stand on the subscription and we believe would be cheerfully paid, were it not for the scarcity of h however we look forward with strong hopes that we shall be able annualwincrease a little in aid of the general fund. ... Yours, &c. &c. &c.

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Dela Sit allowed of the order and open and memorial one kay In compliance with your public notice, our committee beg leave to muit to you the proceeds of their society, being Fifteen pounds eighteen lings and seven pence. We have to regret that the amount is not so great as in former years, arises chiefly from the failure of crops and the pressure of the times able arrearages are due which without doubt will soon be paid up: Our gy as a society does not fail, the cause is of God and will prosper.

We acknowledge the receipt of Bibles and Testiments to the amount twelve pounds, eleven shillings and sixpence, which are still on hand, at the mean time we are

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE GRASSIE, &

To J. W. NUTTING, Esq. Sec'y Nova Scotta Bible Society.

Horton, March 4, 182

The enclosed is the Horton Branch Bible Society subscriptor 1824, which I should have sent some time ago, had it not been a regal in said society not to return any names until payment was made, and now I have to omit sending a number of subscriber's names on accommon payment owing to a statement that is wanted from Mr. Andrew De the Treasurer and Depositary for the past year, who now resides in Part the committee must omit reporting on their last year's proceedings for the sent. The amount of the enclosed subscriptions will accompany this let your Treasurer,

1 am, &c. &c.

E. WOOD WORTH, See'y

To J. W. Natting, Esq. Sec'y N. S. B. S.

Cornwallis, March,

Dear Sir, It is with much satisfaction that we now address you on the Cause, and we have infinite cause to bless the name of the adorable Re er, that such is the prevailing attachment in the minds of many to the scriptures, and anxious concern for the welfare and salvation of our fello that a disposition prevails to forego all opposition, and use every exem subserve the purposes of God in the redemption of mankind, coase considerable emulation has prevailed amongst the committee, and we a py to inform you that on every account our prospects brighten. We ever sincerely hope that all those who appear to favour the cause of Go divine revelation, and are promoting the happiness of the souls of me see and feel the need of an intimate acquaintance with the Lord Jesus possess the love of God in their hearts, and parake much of the spirit Lord Jesus Christ, who when he was reviled, reviled not again; and w deavouring to send the Gospel of God's dear son to others to promote the nal happiness, that they may be in subjection to the will of God themsel that by any means when through this medium the Gospel is preached to any of their should become cast aways. We are kappy to find not with the demand for Bibles in foreign lands is very great, yet that God w claims the earth to be his and the fulness thereof, has abundantly p means to supply the same. And although we lament the smallness mite, now forwarded to your Preasurer, in aid of the best of causes, the' so few here and in every part of this Province, speaking comparappear to promote the cause of God, in the use and dissemination of the of eternal life, yet we desire to bless the name of the Lord, that there many found in almost every part of the babitable Glabe, who with so cheerfulness and zeal, contribute in aid of the spread of the pure Gosp that so much unity of spirit, harmony in consultation, concentrated person the final in the world. O! has done and rebellion in the final in the world. O! has done and rebellion in the world. O' has done and rebellion in the one in the one in the Nova Sensing.

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sone half of the num remitted and to be remitted, when received, and remade we are desirous to have returned to Builes and Testaments -and convenient should be glad to receive an account current from your susisn we may know the state thereof. 1 am &c. &c.

W. Nutting, Esq. Sec'y. 8. Bible Society.

Dear Sir,

Wm. CHIPMAN, Sec'y. Coruwallis Bible Society.

Sydney Cape Breton, August 7th, 1824.

The pleasing duty of communicating to you, the recent formation at ice of a Branch of the Nova Scotta Bible Society has devolved upon is Secretary, and I herewith forward to you a copy of the regulations thick were adopted at a meeting held on the occasion. While we may iment that we have been thus late in quiting to enrol outselves my, who by their assistance in different favea e helping to effect the and noble designs of the Bible Society, and though, when viewed in conwith its numerous supporters, our own circumsgabed establishment binto comparative quality, we trust that in foture we shall not cease ong what we can, towards placing within the reach of those immedia round us the word of holy Inspiration and illuminating with the light of buth, the dark places of the earth where tens of thousands a w yet ig into the habitations of cruelty—and when contemplating the unspeak, which the scriptures are all powerful to make known, we humbly at He, who through an infinite variety of second causes, orders all by his sovereign power, and guides them by his unerring wisdom, firacknowledge our feeble efforts, as to admit us amongst his honoured Bols, in adding to that councless multitude, who in the blessed realins mostin adding to that countiess multipade, who includes desired realing ford. It will appear from the list of our subscriptions and donations, large portion of their amount has arisen from Dinations cous quently. stanticipate a diminution in a receipts for the next year unless new es or benefactors are added to our present mucher. That many will smith slabour of love, who as yet may not be aware of the formation society, we have good reason to believe, and bose who now stand about, what is to end us their aid, when our designs, as well as of the parent institution, are better understood, and out ends more justly cated.

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by the unsought bounty of the Bible Society, yet believing that it, as well its abxiliary with which we are now connected, assimilates too closely with the spirit of its D vine. Master to mingle uphraiding with its gifts, we are no corraged to lay before you, or through you to submit to the parent society, it inefficacy of our present means to supply, even very partially, the numerous demands which the daily experience of many of us warrent us to expect, as to pray that we may be favoured with a donation of Bibles, and Testament Could this application be complied with its effects would be particularly beautiful to us in enabling our infant Branch to rear its head, until firmly roots and the blessing of the most High resting upon its active resources, we had bly, yet confidently trust that it will bud and blossom and bear fruit shu dantly.

Should it be in your power to forward to us any immediate supply a Books we shall be happy to receive them; application for English Testament

especially, being made almost daily.

I have the pleasure of enclosing a Draft handed me by our Tressurent £28 17 6 being the amount of our subscriptions and donations to this period 1 am, Dear Sir, yours, &c. &c.

J. W. Nutting, Esq. Sec'y. to the N. S. Bible Society.

Mabou, Jan. 2, 1824.

JUSEPH NOAD, Sec'y,

On my arrival home I learned that Mr. Smith, Treasurer of the M bon Branch of the Bible Society had embarked for Halifax, but I had not it pleasure to see him. I am very doubtfut he will not call upon you at all a was not known in this place who was the secretary of the Bible Society. Ralifax. If nothing is paid yet I will see that it shall be punctually attend to in the spring until which time we can have no conveyance. Below write you officially I have a particular wish to meet the Society again, the will not be practicable for a few weeks.

The appearance of the Bibles excited no small interest, and I believe the great number of the Catholics would join as if they can procure therewaven of the scriptures. Will you have the goodness to inform me if you are possessed of the Catholic version and if they are in Gaelic and English. It of opinion we will be able to remit the whole amount next spring of what have received, in which case we will want another supply. With feeling the strongest attachment to the institution and every faithful promoter of it.

J. W. NUTTING, Esq. Sec'y. to the N. S. Bible Society,

at the statement

Mabou, 7th March, 1825

W. M KEEN, Sec

Dear Sir

I regret I have not had it in my power to transmit to you, at an lier period, the Rules and Regulations of the Mahou Branch of the Nova-sia Bible Society of which the enclosed is a copy, the meeting was held on 2d inst. and the annexed subscript on list was then signed; a part of the me was deposited in the hands of the Treasurer and the remainder will be in to be forwarded by the first vessel that goes from this place.

was deposited in the hands of the Treasurer and the remainder will be into to be forwarded by the first vessel that goes from this place.

The sight of the Bibles and Testaments which your goodness furnished with drew from many an eye a tear of joy and gratitude, and I had the station to hear many bless God for his great love and new manifestation his kindness towards them. So great was the demand for the scriptness

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goodness furnished e, and I had the new manifestsii for the scriptures the quantity I received was quite insufficient to supply their wants. I disposed of them all, in the most equal manner I could, not giving more than two or three to any Family however large it might be; a great number were unable to pay for them in hand, but promised as soon as they could realize that much, they would appropriate it to no other purpose, and I felt it my duty not to withold from them the riches of the Gospel because they were poor in this world's goods; you will probably be astonished both at the want of the scripures, and the poverty of the people, but the reason will appear obvious, when you are informed that the greatest part of the Protestants in the vicinity of Mabou, have emigrated within these three or four years, a period in which the new settler is at unavoidable expense, and receives but a small return for his labour. Perhaps all of them bad Bibles when they left their native country, yet being exposed to wet, and other rough usage, is most instances they are nearly destroyed or illegible.

Our Country as well as our Society is in a rude and infant state, but we must be thankful for our day of small things, and look forward with pleasing hope to our emancipation from the bonds of ignorance and delusion to the glorious light of the everlasting Gospel. Along with the payment for what se have received, we will forward an order for a new supply, a part of which

wanted, require to be Gaelic.

In the mean time, I am,

Your's most touly,
WM. M. KEEN, Secretary. P.S. I have sent this open to Port Hood, by the Courier, where he will probably obtain some signatures.

J. W. Nutting, Esq. Sec'y. to the N. S. Bible Society.

REPORTS.

REPORT AND RULES OF THE CAPE BRETON BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

At a Meeting held in Sydney, on the 20th July, 1824, for the purpose of establishing a Branch of the Nora-Scotia Bible Society, the following Regu-

lations were proposed and adopted,

1. This Society shall be called the Cape Breton Branch of the Bible Society of Nova-Scotia, and its object shall be the same with that Institution, viz. To encourage the circulation of the Hely Scriptures, without note or comment, to furnish Copies, gratis, to the indigent, and at reduced prices to those requiring them.

2. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee.

3. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, benefactions and subscriptions shall be solicited, and books opened with the Secretary and Tressurer, for receiving the names of benefactors and subscribers.

4. Every person contributing annually ten shiftings, or at one time a dona-

5. A general meeting of the members of this Society, shall be held every year on the third Tuesday in July, before which shall be laid accounts and proceedings of the preceding year.

6. The whole of the subscriptions and donations, after deducting incidental expences shall be remitted annually in aid of the Funds of the Nova-Scuting libits Society. This Society receiving back half the amount of their remittances in Hibits and Testaments.

7. Every member of this Society shall be entitled to purchase under the direction of the Committee, Bibles and Testaments at the reduced prices of the Society, which are as low as possible.

8. The Committee shall be authorised to meet, for the purpose of conducting the business of the Society, as often as may be necessary, and five of such

Committee shall form a quorum.

RESOLVED, That John G. Marshall, Esq. be chosen the President of the said Society for the present year, Peter H. Clarke, Esq. Vice-President, John Leaver, Esq. Treasurer, and Joseph Nuad, Esq. Secretary thereof for the same period.

RESOLVED, That the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Messrs. Philip Elly, Peter De Lisle, Thomas S. Brown, H. W. Crawley, and

S. W. Bown, be a Committee for the present year.

Resolved, that in consequence of the very limited means of this Society, when compared with the numerous claims which it has every reason to anticipate, an application be made to the Nova-Scotia Anxiliary, or through it to the Rarent Society, for a donation of Bibles and Testaments, for the better enabling this Society to carry its views into effect.

REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

It has been acknowledged, in some former Reports, that a considerable diminution had taken place in the number of the members of this Auxiliary Society, it this were not stated, it would be obvious to any one who should compare the Lists of Subscribers in the different years, since its commencement. It may be useful to enquire briefly into some of the causes of this declension; to notice the measures which have, of late been used, and to suggest some others which may be employed, in order to restore this Society to a state of prosperity and extensive usefulness.

Among the causes which have operated unfavourably, the scarcity of money, no doubt, holds a prominent place. But this is not the only reason to be assigned. Novelty may have attached some, at first, to the Institution, who since it has lost that charm, have become undifferent to its prosperity. Moreover, the Committee have not been sufficiently assiduous in soliciting and col-

lecting subscriptions.

At your last Annual Meeting it was agreed, to admit, as members of this Auxiliary, those who pay annually, five shillings to its funds. This measure appears to have been productive of good; as some have become members who probably otherwise would not; and it is presumed, that none will reduce their subscriptions in consequence of this arrangement. Your Secretary was also directed to write subscription papers for the members of Committee, which they were requested to circulate. By this means also, some assistance has been obtained. The attention of the Inhabitants of Cape St. Lawrence, and Cape Tormenting having been called to this subject, they have manifested a very liberal and landable spirit, in affording aid to the good cause.

Your Committee would now suggest the propriety of continued and increased exertions, on the part of the office Bearers and Committees, in obtaining Subscriptions and Donations in aid of the Society's funds. We would also earnestly recommend to every individual Member, to introduce the subject in the circle of his acquaintance, and endeavour to interest his frience in its support. Lastly, we would propose for consideration, whether it might not be well to receive produce in payment of subscriptions, where persons cannot conveniently give money. This method has been adopted in some other places with good effect, why may it not be introduced here with equal success?

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We are happy to add, by way of conclusion, that this Society is now bemally into the river which will ulumately water the whole earth.

3d. January, 1825.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' PENNY-A-WEEK BIBLE AS-SOCIATION, GUYSBORO', N. S. October 4, 1824.

The good providence of God having spared us to commemorate, the first Anniversary of this Association. The Committee feel, as deeply admanitory to them, the language of inspirat on " offer wato the Lord thanksgiving." And while they would humbly pay this their " reasonable service" of praise to Him who has been the preserver of their lives during the past year, nor permitted the Messenger of Deathy to enter their little circle; they also feel the duty that devolves upon them, of rendering an account of their stewardship, to subscribers in general, as well as to the many who by Donation have shewn hemselves friends to the Institution.

Under an impression of accountability to God, and with the view of the united effort, rendering our little means to do good, more efficient, this association was formed. From its formation to the present hoor, every thing that would savour of Bigotry or party spirit, has been studiously avoided. In the first place, as inconsistent with the spirit of that Holy Book it would be instrumental in circulating t and in the second place, as in direct opposition to that unbounded liberality of principle, uniting all classes, as well as

Christians of all denominations) upon which the Parent Institution is formed.

This neighbourhood has been divided into four Districts, and a Collector appointed for each ; and although all within these several Districts are not members, yet all have been visited, and many in each bave readily become subscribers; while the willingness of others, has been restrained only by the want of means. The following is a minute made by the Collector of the middle District, which includes the Town of Guyshorough. "This District contains twenty-one Protestant families, each of whom have been called on, "and I have found them supplied with B bles and Testaments, except two, "who wish to purchase from our Society : eight Ladies in this District bare "become subscribers, and two intend becoming so."

There is also a District formed at Canso including twelve subscribers. Ten annual, with many others, who according to their ability have cheerfully given in aid of our funds. There are in addition, other annual and quarterly subscribers, who are not within the limits of these several Districts, some who immediately on the perusal of the last years Report of the N. S. Bible Society sent in their subscriptions. Upon the whole, this little Association, has reason to take courage; both from a reflection of the object it has in view, which in the emphatic language of the Nova Scotta Bible Society, is the "cause of God" as well as from a belief, that a more general effort to promate its interests, will be ensured, as its nature and benefits are more clearly

In making a statement of the number of Testsments, received and circulated the past year, it excites sorrow to reflect that so lew have been dispersed, and so limited have been the means of doing good. The receipt of subscriptions

and donations to this Association, with the amount of sale of Testaments, he been £18,4s. 10½d, while we are sorry to find a few of our quarterly subscribes are in arrears we have the satisfaction of knowing it has not proceeded from any unwillingness to continue their subscriptions, but from not being able to realize their hoped for means of contribution, prior to the annual meeting. The number of Testaments received from the Nova-Scotia Bible Society twenty-four, chiefly of a large size. Eleven have been sold at prime cost; two at a reduced price; and eight have been disposed of gratuitously; leaving three in the hands of the Depositary. A remittance of £7, 6s has been lately made to the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, for which we expect soon to receive.

on moiety account, a return of Bibles and Testaments.

Although your Committee regret, that one Testament, of so small a number received, should remain on hand, while there are those in this place, yet unfurnished with the scriptures in their Houses, whom Providence has blessed with the means of purchasing the best of Books, they feel an inward satisfaction on a restrospective view of their proceedings the past year, particularly in reference to their gratuitous distributions : having endeavoured as far as possible, to seek out the poor, and supply every Individual within their know. ledge, with a Copy of the New Testament, whom either the want of mean, er in some cases a lamentable indifference to the word of God, would have kept destitute. Some partians of the bread of life, bave indeed been as it were, " cast upon the waters"-not knowing whether it would prosper or not, whether it would be read with serious and devout attention, or thrown by withindifference. But to Him who commendeth His love towards us, in that while we were yet singers he died for us, is the result submitted! The misuse of even contempt in any instance of the bounty of this Association, your Committee feel, does in no wise exonerate them, from a conscientious discharge of

their own duty.

But it is pleasing to reflect, in some cases that the tear of gratitude has been witnessed, while expressions of thankfulness have flowed from the lipid the recipients. The following remarks, in confirmation of this, are taken from the memorandum book of your Depositary .- " Agreeable to the wish of the Committee, a Testament has been given to Mrs. ----, in the name of the Ladies' Bible Association. It was quite an unexpected boon, and received will the warmest expressions of gratitude, and desires that God would reward to bless those who were instrumental in bestowing it. On some enquiries, to following circumstances were related by her; " my husband is a man religi ounly inclined, we can both read, he used before he came to this place t read to the Bible morning and evening, and pray with his family; but since we came here, we have neglected to do so. We have never been able to ge a Bible since we lost our's (alluding to their's having been burnt, in a loss in tained by fire) after we came to this place : we used to send to a neighbour berrow one, but it was not always convenient to lend it, and became so tros blesome to send for it every day, that reading was at last given up, and my ing too. She added, my husband will be so pleased with this Bobk, now will be enabled to read, I hope it may be a comfort and blessing to us both. What an extensive field of the most happy reflection opens to the mind, the thought, it may please God, to make us the boudured instrument of le ding such persons to himself again, by renovingwhat seemed a connecting link, in the chain of hinderance to His worship, by a gift of the New Test narrow limits of our neighbourhood; convinced that although charity, flowly from a right principle, will begin at bome, it ought not to terminate the For notwithstanding this Association was formed for the express purpose contributing towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note comment, particularly among the poor of this neighbourhood, yet it was a one of its chief objects, expressed in the 7th Rule. "To yield its mite to t promotion of the Foreign operation of the Parent Institution," Should it

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Butin order to realize more deeply, the claim of the Heathen to our Beneence, let us for a few moments consider outselves as having passed through ithic space allotted us as our portion bere, at the close of our mortal exmideflevery earthly refuge failing; on the very verge of Eternity, and let incliper the question to ourselves, as professing christians, and ask, where enshall I look for support? to what shall I furn for comfort? on what anor of hope," sure and steadfast," can my soul rely in the article of Death,? h Bible—the promises of the Gospel alone; offering pardon and salvation to will these be my only refuge, my sure support against despair. And can with these acknowled generats withhold our band of charity; leaving our low creatures to perish, (as to any effort we will make) destitute of the book a can give consolation in a dying hour? God forbid las we hope for salvanourselves, let us be willing to do good, and communicate this best of books, ared from the same sacred volume, that with, " such sacrifices God is well used." In a retired part of the Province like this, where no similar society irrer licen formed; there must necessarily be, in many cases, an unacuintedness with the nature of such fastitutions; and persuaded to order the being more zealously affected in so good a cause, there needs but to be a re general information on the subject, your committee have, as far as they he been furnished, made if their business to circulate Reports of the Parent mintion, as well as those of the N. S. Bible Society, the serious and caudid susal of which, they would recommend to all those, who profess to build their se of Eternity on the sacred scriptures, convinced that in so doing prejudice ist yield to conviction, and the mind which has been hitherto unimpressed in the importance of the object, unaffected with its individual responsibility ascred obligation to aid in the diffusion of the word of God; must soon the from its mactivity, and feeling Heaven's highest claim on its concurace, thankfully unite heart and hand, in a scheme of benevolence, wide as thabitable Globe in ita operation; sending the glad tidings of life and salvam, with equal avidity of to every kindred, and people, and nation, and

As it regards those who have cheerfully paid their subscriptions to this Asciation the past year, it is entrestly hoped, they will not "be weary in welling" but continue their aid, booking unto Him for their reward, whose word monishes "withhold not from good, when it is in the power of thy band do it." And altho very few have the means of doing all the good their arts would desire, yet if we do all we can, and are willing to deny ourselves me little personal expende in order thereto; most of us will find we can do me good; and we have a pure intention, and act in obedience to Him "who the in secret" and knows all the motives which prompt us; He who dessess not the day of feeble things, will undoubtedly accept our humble sacri-

fice, and having the divine approbation, we will patiently " continue in we

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As to the hackneyed charge of works of benevolence, which must necess rily meet the public eye, originating in a desire of the praise of men, you committee deeply feel, no such motive could ever prompt (with any hope success) to labours of love in this place , or if they unhappily should, one fort would suffice, and a speedy failure in the expected reward would some courage and produce a weariness in well doing.

To those who have thought thehime & means of this association had better had been employed in relieving the bodily wants of their fellow mortals, we man beg leave to differ in opinion, as widely as things eternal, differ in important from things temporal, at the same time we take this opportunity of observe tho' it may appear irrelative to the occasion, your committee persuaded, attention to one duty, does in no wise supercede the necessity of attention others, as opportunity offers to do good unto all men, have employed i afternoon of the first Monday in every month, (the same on which they m to attend to the business of the Association) in serving for the needy, each la bringing something according to her ability, and have made, since Decemb one hundred and three garments, chiefly infant's cloathing; seventy ser of which have been distributed, and altho' this beginning is very small, in the own estimation, and they have no funds to replenish their wasting materia the kind consideration of several friends has aided, by Donation, so that I the " Widow's Cruise" their Basket has been generally kept full.

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