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REPORT.

The cause of the Bible is a cause of daily increasing importance, a cause which is daily commending itself more and more to the sincere professors of Christianity in every land, and of every name, because it seems as if we were almost daily receiving new proofs in this eventful age, that the promise of God—"My Word shall not return unto me void,"—is like all other promises from the same source, yea and amen.

What sincere lover of his kind can fail to look forward with interest to that time of love and peace, which the Divine Author of the promise has connected with its perfect fulfilment—"Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree."—With what tones of triumph does the inspired Prophet carry our minds forward to that blessed time! How can we in spirit see it fulfilled? This once fair and lovely world,—now marred by the foul stain of sin, now corrupted by the fierce passions of men, tears of sorrow falling

where songs of thanksgiving should be rising to the throne, angry passions raging where the souls of men should be knit together in love,—can we see in spirit restored to its original loveliness and peace, when the triumphal voice shall be heard—“The kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.” Then the angel charged with the everlasting Gospel shall have finished his great work, then the glorious labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society and other kindred Societies shall have come to fruition ; and then the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

It was suggested by one of the supporters of our Parent Society at its Jubilee meetings, that its Centenary may never be celebrated, because, before that time shall have arrived, its work will be done. It is for Christians to say whether it shall be so. The Lord has placed abundant means in the hands of his Church. For this purpose has He opened mines of gold in different parts of the earth—for this purpose has He ordered the scientific discoveries and the commercial successes of the present age. And shall not Christians devote their silver and their gold—their talents and their successes—their all—to the Lord who hath given all? True we are living in a small and obscure part of the world.

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The principal supporters of this Association are women ; but, because we can do little, shall we leave that little undone ? Our God judgeth a man according to that he hath, not according to that he hath not : where much is given much is required ; but let us be diligent gladly to give of our little.

We have a bright example in our sister Province and our sister Association. The Ladies' Bible Association of St. John, N. B., have this year collected £115—the largest sum ever received by them. Your Committee have reason to be thankful that they also have had an increase in their receipts during the past year. It is for you to say whether the Association shall go on to prosper. We appeal to Christians—to those who believe the promises of God's Word—to those who think that what they lay out God is able to pay them again.

The Committee also rejoice that a wider door has been opened to them in the circulation of the Scriptures ; and that while the million Testaments for China have been fully raised, and fifty thousand Bibles are to be added to the number, they can look round in their own home, and thank the Giver of all good gifts, that the spiritually needy among their own countrymen have been more abundantly supplied with that bread, of which those who eat may live forever.

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They beg leave to lay the following Statement before their friends and supporters:—

DR. *The Halifax Ladies' Bible Association in account with the Treasurer.* CR.