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REPORT.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,--

In presenting the Third Annual Report of the Halifax Ladies' Bible Association, your Committee feel it to be their duty to acknowledge with sentiments of the most profound gratitude, their thankfulness to "Him who ruleth over all, and doeth according to His will in the armies of Heaven and among the inhabitants of this earth," for the unprecedented success which has hitherto accompanied their efforts in collecting funds and distributing the Word of Life during the past year, and in the sublime language of the Psalmist would say, Not unto us O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and thy truth's sake.

Your Committee feel that the spiritual destitution throughout this City is indeed very great, and their own incompetency effectively to combat with the difficulties which present themselves, and discharge their duty to this Society as Protestant Christians, was never before more vividly impressed upon them. Truly indeed may they say, a Paul may plant and an Apollos water, but God alone can impart His Holy Spirit.

Difficulties have sometimes arisen where appearances were favourable and the soil which at first seemed likely to become the recipient of Divine truth and yield an abundant harvest has ultimately proved barren and unfruitful. When this occurs surely we cannot imagine any inadequacy in the truth itself which is the Word of God, and cannot return unto him void. It becomes us then under these circumstances, Christian friends! contributors, collectors, and distributors, to take heed to ourselves, and ascertain whether we are actuated by the Holy Spirit in this our endeavour to advance the cause of God—and prayerfully invoke a needful supply of Divine grace. Who has not heard of the miraculous effect of prayer? Who has never in their own experience been able to testify to its all potent spell?

In the present crisis of the world's history loud calls are made to each soldier of the cross to put on the Christian armour and fight valiantly in a cause which affects the immortal destinies of individuals and nations—remembering then that the weapons to be used are not carnal but spiritual, and mighty through God to the bringing down of the strongholds, let us persevere under any discouragement, feeling assured that nothing asked in faith will be denied. The cause of the Bible Society is the cause of truth, the cause of humanity, the cause of God. In the words of Dr. Mason, "The cause of the Bible Society is not the cause of a few visionaries, inebriated by romantic projects. It is the cause of more than giant undertakings, in a regular and progressive operation. The decisive battle has been fought, opposition comes now too late. He who would arrest the

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march of the Bible Society, is attempting to stop the moral machinery of the world, and can look for nothing but to be crushed to pieces. The march must proceed. Those disciplined and formidable columns which, under the banner of Divine truth, are bearing down upon the territories of death, have one word of command from on high, and that word is 'Onward.' The command does not fall useless on the ears of this Society. May it go 'onward' continuing to be and with increasing splendour, the astonishment of the world." May this Society with its parent the "Halifax Bible Society striving together with one heart and soul to bring glory to God in the highest, and on earth good will towards men, go on increasing in their zeal, their efforts, and their success, making stronger and stronger by the gospel the bands of their union."

159 Bibles and 30 Testaments have been issued by the Society during the year 1851.

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Halifax, 18th Feb., 1852.

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