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IN AND ABOUT THE  
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WITH NOTES, &c.*

**TEXT.**

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## ERRATUM.

Page 66 line 26, for "cession of that settlement *to*" read, "cession of that settlement *by*"



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# A SERMON,

&c. &c.

I cor. xvi. 9.

*A great door and effectual is opened unto me,  
and there are many adversaries.*

IT was a distinguishing feature in the character of St. Paul, that his fortitude and zeal rose with the difficulties which surrounded, and with the dangers which threatened him. Wherever he went, as he told the Elders of the Church of Ephesus, "bonds and afflictions awaited him:" yet "none of these things moved him, neither counted he his life dear unto himself, so that he might finish his course with joy, and the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." This was his paramount, his exclusive object; considerations of personal ease and safety had no weight with him; what he had to struggle with he knew; but he also knew that he had the noblest cause and the highest motives to sustain him: that, as

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he says in the text, "a great and effectual door was open to him" for exertion, and that he ought therefore "to stand fast in the faith, in nothing terrified" by his "many adversaries."

Indeed it was a spirit such as his—firm, vigorous, persevering, and undaunted—which amongst other qualities, clearly marked him out as "a chosen vessel to bear the name" of the Saviour "before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel;" and, since the days of that illustrious Apostle, no period can be mentioned when a similar spirit has not been requisite for the protection and advancement of the Christian Church. From its very first establishment down to the present time, it has been assailed under different forms by an uninterrupted succession of enemies. Either it has been opposed by power from without, or it has had infidelity, superstition, heresy, or enthusiasm, to fight against within: and there has therefore been a constant and urgent call upon those, who were anxious to preserve it pure and incorrupt, for the unshrinking exercise of activity and zeal.

I design not however to enter here into any historical detail of the various perils, to which, in its progress, Christianity has been exposed: my object is to direct your thoughts to those, which *more immediately* force themselves upon our notice; and then advert to the means, which, under the Divine blessing, appear to be best calculated for its preservation and support.

Now, in considering the more immediate sources of danger to religion and the Church, it



is some consolation to think, that atheistical principles—if after full and mature investigation there ever was an atheist *upon principle*—may be said, in this country at least, to be extinct. “The fool, indeed, may say in his heart—there is no God;” but the days are past for any one claiming the possession of intellect and a sound mind gravely to hazard such a declaration: for, if there be a doctrine, on which all nature has stamped indelibly the character of truth, it is that of the existence of a God—the Maker, the Governor, and the Preserver of the universe.

I am inclined also to believe, that the general evidences, on which revelation rests, have fewer impugnors now than in former times. Indeed from the luminous and masterly way, in which they have been exhibited by a late eminent writer, they have naturally attracted more consideration; and I am persuaded that they need only to be attentively considered to produce on a dispassionate mind complete conviction.

But, although in the two points, to which I have alluded, open and avowed infidelity has declined, it may yet be confidently said, that pure Christianity was never more in danger than at the present day. On the one hand, it is utterly impossible that any man of thought and observation can be ignorant of the increased and undisguised efforts now made by the Socinians to propagate their opinions, and to hold up to public derision and scorn those doctrines, which, guided by the Word of Scripture and the uniform faith of the first and best ages of the Church, we be-



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lieve to be essential and fundamental truths. It is true, indeed, that there is something in the tenets of that school so chilling and cheerless; something so totally unsatisfying to the most pressing wants and wishes of mankind; and they are besides, as persons of common understanding cannot but see, so pointedly and completely contradicted, not only by the general tenor, but the express language of the Sacred Writings, that in a reasoning and reflecting country it is hardly possible, I think, that they can ever spread to any great extent. Still, when such exertions are made, and *by such means*; when we actually see the great mystery of the Holy Trinity exposed to ridicule and to insult *in the very streets of this metropolis*, it is surely difficult to repress our apprehension, that even Socinianism may draw to itself converts and acquire strength; or, at least, that the strong hold which the National Church should have in the respect and reverence of its members may be sensibly shaken, if it be not undermined.

On the other hand, pure and sound Christianity has a still more formidable enemy in the enthusiastic and fanatic temper of these times. In saying this it will not, I trust, be thought, that I have any intention to speak slightly of religious feelings; and still less to insinuate that a mind strongly excited cannot subsist with real piety: but, surely, when the manifest *results* of that enthusiasm, which now prevails, are collectively considered; when, for instance, the unconnected ravings of a disordered intellect are often blas-



phemously assumed as supernatural illapses of the Divine Spirit; when, instead of looking to faith and penitence and good works as the only sure test of true religion, men decide on that most important point by a mere reference to certain inward undefined sensations\*; when it is known, that, although the passions are fermented and inflamed, yet in many cases neither the heart is cleansed nor a bad appetite subdued; when, especially, from a mere fancied call, persons with no authority, and often utterly ignorant and incapable, arrogate to themselves the functions of the Ministry, and, in all the wildness of misguided zeal, insist on doctrines, which, in *their* hands at least, must inevitably either elevate the bold into presumption, or sink the weak in melancholy and

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\* Upon this subject I cannot forbear from drawing the public attention to the following sound and seasonable observations of the great author of the Ecclesiastical Polity. "It needeth caution and explication how the testimony of the Spirit may be discerned; by what means it may be known; lest men think that the Spirit of God doth testify those things which the *spirit of error* suggesteth. The operations of the Spirit, especially those ordinary, which be common unto all true christian men, are, as we know, things secret and undiscernible *even to the very soul where they are*; because their nature is of another and a higher kind, than that they can be by us *perceived* in this life. Wherefore, albeit the Spirit lead us into all truth and direct us in all goodness, yet, because these workings of the Spirit in us are so privy and secret, we therefore stand on a plainer ground, when we gather by reason, *from the quality of the things believed or done*, that the Spirit of God hath directed us in both, than if we settle ourselves to believe or to do any certain particular thing, as being *moved thereto by the Spirit*."



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despair ; and, lastly, when the fruit of all this is, and cannot but be—the growth of error—the deterioration of public morals—and increasing separation from the Established Church ; surely, with all these results before our eyes, it may with truth be said, that pure Christianity has a most formidable enemy in the enthusiastic and fanatic temper of these times.

But then, thanks be to God, if the danger be great, there are still means within our reach to ward it off ; and certainly one of the chief of these is the wide circulation of the Holy Scriptures, under the auspices of that venerable SOCIETY, whose labours have been so long and so ably directed to the promotion in the world of Christian Knowledge. To those, indeed, who are able to form a correct judgment, we may rest in the conviction, that, without any *extrinsic aid*, Scripture *alone* will be an all-sufficient guide. Still can it be doubted, that even Scripture—pure and holy and perfect as it is—may be misunderstood and misapplied ? We know that it was even in the very age of the Apostles ; and later experience has unhappily afforded abundant proof, that there is scarcely any opinion, however false and pernicious, which daring and designing men have not attempted to ground upon the sacred text. It is therefore surely most desirable that such misconceptions and errors should be counteracted ; and accordingly with this view the SOCIETY has not confined its exertions to the distribution of Bibles, but has besides always made it a prime object to circulate as widely as possible such religious



tracts, as are calculated to convey, especially to persons in the humbler stations of life, clear ideas of the Christian Doctrines, and, as far as may be, to guard them against all taint, whether of enthusiasm or of infidelity. Nor can the object fail, if these tracts be suffered to have their due influence on the mind. They will unfold accurately and faithfully the true scope and substance of the Gospel; they will prove that all the objections against it, which have ever yet been urged, are unsound and untenable; and, in particular, that the Socinian heresy has no ground to stand upon, except by the grossest perversion and the most unauthorized distortion of the word of God. They will also prove, that, however in the first periods of the Church the influences of the Holy Ghost might, in a miraculous way, be vouchsafed to the believer, yet that such extraordinary communications, as being no longer necessary, have for many ages ceased; that spiritual aid is imparted *now*, not suddenly and violently, but gradually and imperceptibly; that the means to obtain it is *exclusively*—earnest prayer; and that there is no other way, by which its presence can be ascertained, but holiness of life. Then again, all that appertains to the Christian Ministry—its divine origin, its nature, and its duties—are in these tracts presented simply and distinctly to the reader's view. He is also instructed in the true, apostolical character of the Church to which he belongs, as an undoubted part of the Church Catholic. He is taught to revere its Ministers, its rites, its ordinances. The beauty and excellence of our in-



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comparable Liturgy are impressed upon his mind ; in short, all that can tend to fix in him right opinion—to encourage in him right practice—and to render him zealous and faithful in his Christian calling—is placed before him in one or other of the admirable tracts of this SOCIETY.

It is not then without reason that I look to it, as one of the chief and most effective means by which, under Providence, our “ many adversaries ” may be overcome ; and, unquestionably, another “ great door is open ” to us, in the eagerness, which is now displayed, and in which the same excellent SOCIETY takes an active share, to educate, on a widely extended national system, the children of the poor.

With respect to the main question, whether or not in some way or other they ought to be instructed in the principles and duties of their religion, I am unwilling even for a moment to suppose that any man of liberal and enlightened views can hesitate in his judgement. There is something at which a generous mind revolts in the very thought, that when every other species of improvement in every department of science is promoted to the utmost ; when no efforts are spared to enlarge our commerce ; when so much has been done, and is every day doing to encourage agriculture ; when almost every portion of soil is brought into cultivation, and scarcely a clod of the earth is permitted to lie waste and unproductive ; that, amidst all this display of energy and zeal, the human mind alone should be left deserted and barren. But, happily for our credit, this is not the fact. What-



ever negligence may attach to former times, unquestionably within the last thirty years very considerable advances have been made in the great work of education ; and we may now confidently hope, that, improved and extended as it has been by the plan and principles of the NATIONAL SOCIETY, a corresponding improvement will gradually be effected in the habits and morals of the lower orders. That such should be the result is on all accounts most earnestly to be desired. It is desirable to the state ; for, as the judicious and excellent Hooker has well observed, “ men fearing God are thereby a great deal more effectually than by positive laws restrained from doing evil ; inasmuch as those laws have no further power than over our outward actions only, whereas unto mens’ inward cogitations, unto the privy intents and motions of their hearts, religion serveth for a bridle. What more savage, wild, and cruel than man, if he see himself able either by fraud to overreach, or by power to overbear, the laws, whereunto he should be subject ? Wherefore in so great boldness to offend, it behoveth, that the world should be held in awe, not by a vain surmise, but a true apprehension of somewhat, which no man may think himself able to withstand.”

But besides this argument from political expediency, there are other and weightier reasons to be assigned for early religious instruction. It finds employment for children at a time when their minds are naturally restless, and, if not directed to *right* objects, would almost infallibly exercise themselves in *bad* ones. It accustoms them to

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discipline and to self-restraint. It implants a habit of industry and of exertion. It enlarges the sphere of their usefulness and activity. It multiplies their resources and means of subsistence. It supplies them with admirable rules for the conduct of life. It impresses on their hearts just notions of duty. Above all, it places them on the only road to everlasting salvation ; and enables them, if they persevere in it, to obtain, through the merits of their Saviour, " the prize of their high calling."

These then surely are advantages which render it beyond all question desirable, that the poor should receive at our hands a Christian Education ; nor am I acquainted with a single objection to it, that is worth refuting. It has indeed been called a dangerous experiment, inasmuch as it has a *tendency*, we are told, to raise the poor above the necessary and the humble duties of their station. But it does no such thing ; it never can have any such effect. The spirit, which the Gospel breathes, is a spirit of humility ; it encourages diligence ; it teaches resignation : and it is therefore contrary, I confess, to all the notions I can form of sound policy, independently of the high motives of humanity and duty, that any master of a family, and especially persons engaged in trade or the cultivation of land, should discourage or resist the instruction of the lower orders : because, if there be one fact more confirmed than another, it is this—that ignorance and idleness are generally found in union ; whereas one of the main objects of religious education is to promote industry in the poor, as a *christian virtue* ; and



it is, I am persuaded, true, with very few exceptions, that those, who have been thus early instructed, are beyond comparison the best servants, the best mechanics, and the best labourers.

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Instead then of being prejudicial to society, as some, from whatever motive, would have it believed, the Christian Education of the poor is perhaps the *greatest* of all national blessings; and, as such, it assuredly cannot be too anxiously encouraged. But, indeed, the magnificent and almost overpowering spectacle, which we now contemplate—a spectacle, which has universally called forth the admiration of foreigners, and which no other country but our own can boast—is a conclusive proof, that there is not, and will not be any want of public encouragement.

At the same time it behoves us to look prospectively to future times, and to take good heed, that those, whom we are now rearing in the bosom of the National Church be not in a few years lost to that Church, from a cause, which even already has produced much evil, and, if not removed, will infallibly produce much more; I mean *their inability to attend, from actual want of room, in their own authorized places of divine worship*. I trust, that the legislature of this country, which has displayed such a marked solicitude in the education of the poor, as a great national object, will also direct its views, with as little delay as possible, to the erection, at least in this Metropolis, of new *Parochial Churches*. Otherwise, it will, I fear, be found, that, after all our pains, we have been only labouring against ourselves: for it can not be



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doubted, that those, on whom we have impressed religious principles and religious habits,—if they cannot pray in the *Church*, will pray in the *Conventicle*.

But, I look confidently to better hopes: and it is my earnest supplication at the throne of Grace, that the God whom we serve, “without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,” may sustain and assist us with his sacred Spirit—“the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,” the spirit of love and peace and charity; that in all things we may advance his honour and glory, and thus, through the merits of Jesus Christ, be admitted hereafter to those heavenly mansions, where only “there is fulness of joy,” and where at his right hand “there are pleasures for evermore.”



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**THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE SOCIETY FOR** *Report,*  
**PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE,** in communicat- *1816.*  
ing to the Members at large, and to their Benefac-  
tors and Friends, an Abstract of their Proceedings  
for the Year 1816, deem it expedient to continue  
those divisions in the Annual Report which have  
been before adopted.

The Members therefore are invited to notice,

I. The proceedings of the SOCIETY in connection  
with the DIOCESAN AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES; and  
the transactions and concerns of those COMMITTEES  
themselves.

II. The proceedings of the SOCIETY at large,  
with respect to its GENERAL DESIGNS, which include  
the several departments of,

- (1.) EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS.
- (2.) DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND TRACTS.
- (3.) BENEFACTIONS RECEIVED, AND OTHER OCCUR-  
RENCES AT HOME.
- (4.) FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE, AND THE STATE OF  
THE SOCIETY'S MISSIONS.



*Diocesan  
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I. In reporting on that very important branch of the SOCIETY's proceedings, the concerns of the DIOCESAN AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES, the General Board have to state, that with an anxious desire to promote as much as possible an effective co-operation, the Committee for Correspondence have, during the present year, prepared a letter, to be addressed to those Secretaries of the Diocesan and District Committees, who may require further explanation of the objects and wish of the SOCIETY in the formation of those Committees, and of the General Rules recently established for their better regulation. This letter is given in the Appendix \*; and the General Board look forward with confident hope to the advantages which will result to the SOCIETY, from the objects of the establishment of Diocesan and District Committees being duly considered and fully carried into effect.

The transactions of the Diocesan and District Committees will, it is conceived, be best understood, by reviewing their proceedings during the year, in the order of the respective Dioceses in which they are established. Before, however, the General Board proceed to this enumeration, they cannot but direct the attention of the Members at large to the very able superintendence which their Most Reverend President, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, has afforded to the proceedings of the SOCIETY, by his personal attendance at their Meetings, and the kind concern he has taken in the progress of their general designs.

\* See Appendix, No. I.



In the Diocese of Canterbury, since the publication of the last Annual Report, the Diocesan Committee established there in 1810, have taken very active measures to forward the views of the SOCIETY in their important object of obtaining an efficient support throughout the several Dioceses of the kingdom. His Grace the Archbishop has been requested to accept the office of President; it has been resolved to establish District Committees throughout the Diocese, the execution of which resolution is now in great forwardness; a Select Committee has also been appointed to assist the Secretary in transacting the business; and a General Meeting of the Diocesan Committee is to take place on the first *Saturday* in *July* every year, at which the Charity Schools are to be assembled, a report of proceedings is to be made, and after Divine Service a Sermon preached in aid of the SOCIETY, in the Cathedral Church of the City of Canterbury.

*Diocese of*  
CANTER-  
BURY.

In the Diocese of York, the state of the several Committees, which are established in all the four Archdeaonries, is as follows:

*Diocese of*  
YORK.

In the Archdeaconry of York, the Leeds Committee established 1814, in the Deanery of Ainsty; and the Skipton Committee established 1815, in the Deanery of Craven, from the last reports received, continue their exertions; whilst from the Sheffield Committee established 1815, in the Deanery of Doncaster, a most satisfactory report has been transmitted of the success of the Schools for the Education of the Poor in the Prin-

*Leeds.*

*Skipton.*

*Sheffield.*



*Diocese of* ciples of the Established Church; the primary  
*YORK.* Resolutions also of two new District Committees  
*Halifax.* at Halifax and Huddersfield, in the Deanery of  
*Hudders-* Pontefract, in addition to that which has already  
*field.* existed at Wakefield since 1813, give every pro-  
*Wakefield.* mise that the designs of the SOCIETY will be exten-  
 sively promoted in this division of the Diocese.

*East* In the Archdeaconry of the East Riding, the  
*Riding.* primary Resolutions of the Committee for that  
 Archdeaconry, established at Beverley, afford  
 every expectation that much benefit will be de-  
 rived from the exertions of the Members of the  
 SOCIETY in that quarter.

*Malton.* In the Archdeaconry of Cleaveland, the Malton  
 Committee established 1815, for the Deaneries  
 of Rydale, Bulmer and Buckrose, have trans-  
 mitted a most satisfactory Report of their proceed-  
 ings during the first year of its establishment,  
 from which the General Board extract with plea-  
 sure the following observations :

“ Your Committee acknowledges the readiness  
 “ with which it has been supplied from London  
 “ with the Holy Scriptures, and those excellent  
 “ Tracts, in the distribution of which the SOCIETY  
 “ FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE displays a  
 “ judicious liberality. But it is not only in the  
 “ purity of the principles, and in the zealous co-  
 “ operation of the PARENT SOCIETY, that we con-  
 “ fide; we also expect, with full reliance, from  
 “ each Member of this District Committee, and  
 “ from every sincere friend to the Establishment,  
 “ in these Deaneries, an equal degree of zealous  
 “ support and an equal degree of active exertion.



“ In aspiring to be the humble instruments, *Diocese of*  
 “ under the Providence of Almighty God, of en- *YORK.*  
 “ creasing the attachment of this District to the  
 “ pure doctrines of the Church of England, we  
 “ earnestly solicit the concurrence of every indi-  
 “ vidual in his own vicinity, to facilitate the means  
 “ of distributing to the unlearned, or to the mis-  
 “ led, such excellent authorised publications as  
 “ may instruct the ignorant and recover the de-  
 “ luded.”

In the Archdeaconry of Nottingham, a new  
 Committee has been established at Newark, for *Newark.*  
 the Deanery of Newark, and the Report states,  
 that there is every reason to expect that the sub-  
 scriptions and contributions will be fully adequate  
 to the necessities of the Deanery ; whilst the Not- *Notting-*  
 tingham and East Retford Committees, established *ham.*  
 in 1814, for their respective Deaneries, continue *East Ret-*  
 their labours ; and by the latter a hope is held *ford.*  
 out, that its means will enable them to afford a great  
 supply of the Bible and Common Prayer to the  
 industrious Poor.

In the Diocese of London, though so near the *Diocese of*  
 centre of its own operations, the General Board *LONDON.*  
 have great satisfaction in reporting the active en-  
 deavours of the numerous Committees which for-  
 ward the general Designs.

In the Archdeaconry of Middlesex, the Step- *Stepney.*  
 ney Committee established 1815, have in their  
 first year distributed Bibles, Testaments, Prayer  
 Books, and Tracts, to the number of 5831, whilst  
 their attention has been most laudably directed



*Diocese of* to the encouragement of Schools in their District;  
*LONDON.*

*Bentinck* and the Bentinck Chapel Committee have circu-  
*Chapel.*

lated since their establishment, 126 Bibles, 250 Testaments, 645 Prayer Books, and 1507 Books and Tracts :—they have likewise, with a kind regard to the welfare of the SOCIETY, adopted the following as one of their primary Resolutions; “ In consideration of the increased expense, occasioned to the SOCIETY, by the various District Committees, and also by the great and important objects of the SOCIETY, at home and abroad, it is the intention of this Committee, that *“ one-half* of all contributions shall be remitted to *“ the SOCIETY*, in aid of its general Designs.” In the Deanery of Braughing a District Committee was established at Bishop’s Stortford as early as the year 1810; and the Committee for the Deanery of Castle Hedingham, to which the SOCIETY last year were so much indebted for the Report on the state of the Schools in that Deanery, have transmitted the minutes of their proceedings during the present year, by which they appear to be still active and zealous in forwarding the views of the SOCIETY, particularly with regard to the progress and perfection of the FAMILY BIBLE.

*Bishop’s*  
*Stortford.*

*Castle*  
*Heding-*  
*ham.*

*Barking.*

In the Archdeaconry of Essex there are now no less than Six District Committees. From that established last year, for the Deanery of Barking, the first Annual Report has been received, from which it appears, that Local Depositories of Books have been formed, consisting not only of Bibles and Prayer Books, but also of various tracts of the SOCIETY, which have been distributed among the poor, and the Committee itself



made more generally known, by its name having been stamped on the title-page of the books given away. Equal success has been obtained by the Committee, established for the Deaneries of Barstaple and Chafford, whilst by the Committee for the small Deanery of Chelmsford, above 900 Bibles, Prayers, and Tracts have already been distributed. From the District Committee at Malden, for the Deanery of Dengey, no Report has been received; but from that at Rochford, for the Deanery of Rochford, and from the Ongar District Committee, accounts of their proceedings in their Deaneries have been transmitted, which look forward to a favourable progress.

In the Archdeaconry of Colchester, there are two District Committees, one at Colchester, for that Deanery, and another at Saffron Walden, for the Deaneries of Sampford and Newport; from this last a Report has been received, from which they appear anxious to forward the views of the SOCIETY, by a strict conformity to its regulations.

In the Archdeaconry of St. Albans, a District Committee was formed at St. Albans, as early as 1811, and there is every reason to expect, that by the active exertions of the various District Committees throughout the Diocese, much good will be obtained.

In the Diocese of Durham, the Diocesan Committee established in the Archdeaconry and Deanery of Durham in the year 1814, and the District Committee for the Deaneries of Alnwick and Bambrough, in the Archdeaconry of Nor-



*Diocese of*  
**DURHAM.** thumberland established in the same year, continue to be actively employed in the distribution of books, and afford by that means to the SOCIETY an effectual co-operation.

*Diocese of*  
**WINCHESTER.** In the Diocese of Winchester, the Diocesan Committee was established at Winchester as early as the year 1810; and in the Annual Report of the SOCIETY for 1813, Appendix No. 3, and for 1814, Appendix No. 1, very satisfactory accounts were inserted of the progress they had made, particularly of the District Committees, which then were, or were about to be established, to co-operate with, and to report to this Diocesan Committee, as the most effectual means of forwarding the general Designs. In consequence of these exertions in the Archdeaconry of Winchester, eight District Committees have been formed in aid of the Diocesan Committee at Winchester; at Alton, for the Deanery of Alton; at Andover, for the Deanery of Andover; at Basingstoke, for the Deanery of Basingstoke; at Fareham, for the Deanery of Droxford; at Fordingbridge, for the Deanery of Fordingbridge; at Southampton, for the Deanery of Southampton; and at Newport, for the Deanery of the Isle of Wight.

It is with much satisfaction that the General Board report, that in addition to these promising efforts for the promotion of Christian Knowledge in the Archdeaconry, a District Committee has been formed under the sanction of the Diocesan at Guernsey, for the Deanery of Guernsey and the Channel Islands; and that they have been anxious to afford every facility to the exertions



making in that District, by procuring and admitting on the catalogue, various Tracts in the French Language, which are most essential to carrying the good designs of this District Committee into full effect. *Diocese of WINCHESTER.*

In the Archdeaconry of Surry, the District Committee at Chertsey for the Deanery of Stoke, *Chertsey.* has been established since the year 1813; and the primary Resolutions of the District Committee established at the close of the last year for the Deanery of Ewell, afford every hope that much benefit will be derived to the SOCIETY, from the distinguished patronage and very munificent donations and subscriptions it has obtained in the County of Surry. *Ewell.*

In the Diocese of St. Asaph, the views of the SOCIETY have been promoted by the establishment of Six District Committees. In the Deanery of Tegingill, the District Committee of Holywell, *Holywell.* established 1813, and in the Deanery of Poole, the District Committee of Welch Pool, in 1812. *Welch Pool.* In the Deanery of Keviliock, the District Committee of Machynlleth, established in 1813; as also the District Committee at Corwen, in the Deaneries of Penllyn and Idernion in the same year. *Machynlleth. Corwen.* Whilst in the Deanery of Ross, the District Committee at Denbigh was established in 1811; and in the Deanery of Bromfield, the District Committee at Wrexham, was likewise established in 1813. *Denbigh. Wrexham.*

In the Diocese of Bangor, the Diocesan Committee established at Bangor in 1812, have trans- *Diocese of BANGOR.*



*Diocese of*  
**BANGOR.** mitted a summary of their proceedings for the year. It will be remembered, that in the Annual Report for 1813, the excellent example given in this Diocese of completely organizing the whole, was stated, and the good effects experienced by it, mentioned. The regularity of thus communicating the annual progress of their labours, is an additional call for the thanks of the General Board.

*Bangor.* In the Archdeaconry of Bangor, in addition to the Diocesan Committee at Bangor, there is in the Deanery of Arvon, a District Committee at Carnarvon; in the Deanery of Arllechwedd, a District Committee at Conway; and in the Deanery of Llynn, a District Committee at Pwllheli.

*Dolgelly.* In the Archdeaconry of Merioneth, District Committees at Dolgelly, in the Deanery of Ardydwy and Estimanner; at Llanidloes, in the Deanery of Arnsey; and at Ruthin, in the Deanery of Duffrynclwyd and Kemerch; whilst in the Archdeaconry of Anglesea, there are District Committees, in the Deaneries of Meney, and Dyndd; and Turkelyn, at Llangefni and Beaumaris.

*Diocese of*  
**BATH and**  
**WELLS.** In the Diocese of Bath and Wells a most important advantage has accrued to the SOCIETY since the last Annual Report, by the union of the numerous District Committees in that Diocese into one General Diocesan Committee, not with an intention to alter or supersede any of the duties now so beneficially performed by the District Committees



of which it consists, but with a view to increase the means of the exertions of the SOCIETY, *Diocese of Bath and Wells.* and to enable its Members to co-operate the more effectually in the prosecution of the several objects proposed. The Resolutions transmitted evince the earnest wish of this Diocesan Committee to forward to the utmost of their power the several beneficial purposes which the SOCIETY has in view. In this Diocesan Association are comprised the following District Committees, which have been long established, and to which the General Board has before expressed its obligations for their zeal and activity.

In the Archdeaconry of Wells, the District *Wells.* Committee established at Wells for the Deaneries of Axbridge and Pawlet, the City of Wells, the Peculiar Jurisdiction of Glastonbury and all other neighbouring Peculiars, have transmitted their General Rules and Regulations, which embrace every object of the benevolent designs of the SOCIETY, and cannot fail when carried into effect to be highly beneficial.

In the Deanery of Carey, the Castle Carey *Castle Carey.* Committee have transmitted their Report, by which they appear to have been actively employed, particularly in the circulation of the SOCIETY'S Books and Tracts; the Frome District Committee have *Frome.* in like manner forwarded their Report for that Deanery, in which they state that since their last general meeting, their Secretary has continued to maintain an occasional correspondence with the other District Committees established within the Diocese, and that this mutual free communication



*Diocese of* has been found to be productive of various advantages ; they look forward to an increase of these advantages from the General Diocesan Committee, the establishment of which has been before stated. They have resolved also that each of the Children, belonging to the two Church Sunday Schools in the town of Frome, shall be presented with a Bible at the expence of the Committee, on finally leaving the School ; being recommended for that purpose by the respective Teachers.

*BATH and WELLS.*  
*Yeovil.* In the Deaneries of Merston and Ilchester, the District Committee established at Yeovil have also transmitted their Report.

*Bath.* In the Archdeaconry of Bath, the Bath District Committee have sent up to the SOCIETY their Report for the preceding year. The General Board have already been much indebted to this District Committee for its indefatigable zeal and exertions, and a former Report was inserted in Appendix to the SOCIETY's Annual Report for 1812. In the present year their endeavours in the promotion of the general Designs have still continued, and they have circulated 3,535 Books and Tracts upon the SOCIETY's list. To prepare the minds of the Candidates for Confirmation in this District, they have gratuitously circulated a large number of Books and Tracts on that important subject. They have also directed their especial care to the National Schools established in the city of Bath, and trust that the Board will perceive an undiminished zeal in the promotion of the interests of the SOCIETY, with which they feel



that so many other dear and important interests are connected.

*Diocese of  
BATH and  
WELLS.*

In the Archdeaconry of Taunton, the Bridge-water District Committee established 1813; and the Crewkerne and Taunton District Committees, established in the same year, from the last Reports, still continue their labours for the promoting of Christian Knowledge in their respective Deaneries.

*Bridge-  
water.*

*Crew-  
kerne.  
Taunton.*

In the Diocese of Bristol, the objects of the SOCIETY were made known as early as the year 1810, by the establishment of a Diocesan Committee at Bristol; but the General Board have now the additional satisfaction of reporting, that at the close of the last year, it was resolved at a very numerous Meeting of the Nobility, Clergy, and Gentry of the County of Dorset, to establish at Dorchester a Central Committee, for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the several District Committees, of forwarding the general views of the SOCIETY, and of carrying the benefits and exertions of it into every part of the County.

*Diocese of  
BRISTOL.*

*Dorches-  
ter.*

The General Committee then established in the Archdeaconry of Dorset, have since transmitted to the Board their Annual Report, by which it appears that great exertions have been made, and great zeal shewn in promoting the views of the SOCIETY, and this with the happiest effect. The General Board are thus enabled to lay before the SOCIETY at large, the progress made by the several District Committees in the Archdeaconry of Dorset, which gives every promise of the further advantage

*Dorset.*



*Diocese of* that will be derived from this strenuous prosecution of the general Designs.

*Bristol.*  
*Dorchester.* In the District of Dorchester, comprehending fifty-one Parishes, 208 Common Prayer Books have been distributed by the Committee in the few months since their establishment.

*Blandford.* In the District of Blandford, the Committee report 180 Bibles, 480 Prayer Books, 246 Testaments, and 2449 Tracts, to have been distributed.

*Bridport.* In the District of Bridport, the Report of that Committee states 298 Bibles, 882 Prayer Books, 303 Testaments, and 1694 Tracts, to be the number they have already disposed of.

*Shaftesbury and Sturminster.* In the District of Shaftesbury and Sturminster, the Committee there established, report a distribution of 76 Bibles, 219 Prayer Books, and 43 Testaments, besides many Tracts, Extracts from Psalms, and Psalters.

*Sherborne.* In the District of Sherborne, the number distributed by the Committee there, is 13 Bibles and 58 Prayer Books.

*Wimborne.* In the District of Wimborne, including twenty-eight Parishes, the Wimborne Committee have dispersed 337 Bibles, 644 Prayer Books, and 214 Testaments.

*Wareham.* In the District of Wareham, comprehending eighteen Parishes, the Committee there established, state that from the short time which has elapsed since the first formation of it, they have only been enabled to circulate a few books, but that they have a reasonable prospect of an extensive circulation. Thus as the first Report of the Dorset General Committee states, have 923 Bibles, 2551



Prayer Books, 837 Testaments, besides a considerable number of Religious Tracts, been already distributed amongst the poorer classes in that County, thus contributing to the relief of the spiritual wants of a large portion of this Diocese.

*Diocese of  
BRISTOL.*

In the Diocese of Carlisle, the Diocesan Committee at Carlisle, in the Archdeaconry and Deanery of Carlisle, was established in the year 1814; and the District Committee at Appleby, in the same Archdeaconry, and in the Deanery of Westmoreland, in the same year; these Committees from the last Reports received, continue their exertions in this Diocese to make known the views of the SOCIETY and to promote its objects.

*Diocese of  
CARLISLE.*

*Appleby.*

In the Diocese of Chester, much assistance and support has been derived to the designs of the SOCIETY by many District Committees, which have progressively been established through the strenuous exertions and patronage of the Lord Bishop of Chester. In the Archdeaconry of Chester, in Chester Deanery a Diocesan Committee was established at Chester, at the commencement of the year 1811; and in the Deanery of Macclesfield, a District Committee at Macclesfield in 1814; and during the course of the present year, the Report of a new District Committee in the Deanery of Bangor, for the Hundred of Maelor, has been received, which has been established in strict conformity with the SOCIETY's regulations. In the same Archdeaconry, in the Deanery of Blackburn, two District Committees are established at Black-

*Diocese of  
CHESTER.*

*Chester.*

*Macclesfield.*

*Maelor.*

*Blackburn.*



*Diocese of  
CHESTER.*

*Clitheroe.*

burn and Clitheroe, from the former of which their first Report has been received, by which it appeared that during the short period of five months which has elapsed since the opening of their Depository, there have been issued from thence 39 Bibles, 122 Testaments, 155 Common Prayer Books, and 911 Tracts, forming a total of 1227 Books and Tracts, besides several hundred of the Papers distributed gratuitously by the Society. That a larger number have not been distributed, the Committee account for from the immediate sphere of their exertions having been much circumscribed by the formation of neighbouring Committees, and they congratulate the Public on the close co-operation in which the populous County to which they belong, is now placed with the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

*Manchester.*

In the Deanery of Manchester, a District Committee was established at Manchester in 1814. The number of Children annually educated in the principles of the Established Church, in the Schools at Manchester, exceeds Seven Thousand, and the books employed in the instruction of so large a number have been supplied by means of the SOCIETY, and of this District Committee. In the same Deanery, another District Committee was established in 1814 at Bolton-le-Moors, and an abstract of their proceedings for the year 1815 has been received, from which it appears that the general Designs of the SOCIETY have been promoted by their means, and that Schools containing 1763 Children, are wholly, or in part, supplied in that District through the medium of the SOCIETY, by which one

*Bolton-le-  
Moors.*



very important branch of the SOCIETY'S Designs has been most actively promoted. In the Deanery of Warrington, likewise in the Archdeaconry of Chester, two District Committees were also established at Liverpool and at Ormskirk during the year 1815, from which the Reports have not yet been received.

In the Archdeaconry of Richmond, in the Deanery of Amounderness, Reports from the two District Committees at Lancaster and Preston, established last year, have been received. From the report of the Lancaster Committee, it is highly gratifying to the General Board to learn that a lively interest has been excited in favour of the SOCIETY, and which the Committee feel assured will undoubtedly increase when they shall come into more active operation, by the distribution of the books they have applied for. The General Board have experienced an equal satisfaction in the Report of the Preston District Committee, who, during the last six months have delivered from their Depository 329 Bibles, 262 Testaments, 824 Prayer Books, 6893 Tracts, making a total of 8308 Books and Tracts. And having last year printed the Report of a small District, in the Diocese of London, the Board now insert in the Appendix\* this from the Diocese of Chester, by which it will appear that the Friends of the SOCIETY are equally active in the most remote Dioceses in the kingdom, in promoting by their exertions in District Committees, the continued advancement of Christian Knowledge. In the

\* See Appendix, No. II.



*Diocese of* Deanery of Furness and Cartmeale, a District  
*CHESTER.* Committee was established at Ulverstone in 1813,  
*Ulver-* and in the Deaneries of Richmond and Catterick  
*stone.* in 1815 at Richmond; whilst in the present year a  
*Richmond.* new District Committee has been formed at Kendal,  
*Kendal.* for the Deaneries of Kendal and Lonsdale, the  
 Regulations of which, embrace, and may be expected to promote, every object which the SOCIETY has in view.

*Diocese of* In the Diocese of Chichester, in the Archdea-  
*CHICHE-* conry and Deanery of Chichester, the Diocesan  
*STER.* Committee was established at Chichester in 1812, and their Annual Report for the last year has been received, by which it appears that they are promoting the designs of the SOCIETY throughout the Diocese, and that District Committees were then about to be established. These have since come into  
*Petworth.* activity, one at Petworth, in the Deanery of Midhurst,  
*Horsham.* and at Horsham, in the Deanery of Storrington, which together, comprehend forty-three Parishes, and comprise the three divisions of Horsham, Steyning and Petworth; and the Regulations they have adopted promise an accession of benefit to the SOCIETY.

*Rape of* In the Archdeaconry of Lewes, a District  
*Hastings.* Committee has been established at Battle, for the  
*Lewes.* Rape of Hastings; and in the present year, in the extensive Deanery of Lewes, a District Committee has been formed at Lewes, the publication of the Primary Resolutions of which, has been accompanied by a most able and animated Address, in which the objects of the SOCIETY from the com-



mencement of its labours, and during their subsequent progress, are most clearly and accurately detailed. This Address the General Board have added in the Appendix\*, and they do not doubt that it will be perused by the Members at large with peculiar satisfaction.

In the Diocese of Ely, in the Archdeaconry of Ely, a District Committee was established at Ely, July 17, 1810; and another at Cambridge on the 12th November in the same year. In the year 1812, the Committee which met at Cambridge was made Diocesan, and the District Committee at Ely, still continued. From the last Report it appears that the Cambridge Committee, which have from the last mentioned year continued annually to distribute Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, throughout the Deaneries of Barton, Bourne, Camps, Cambridge, Chesterton, Ely, and Shengey, have, during the present year distributed 346 Bibles, 146 Testaments, 448 Prayer Books, and upwards of 700 Tracts, and have by this distribution complied with every request made to them from the different Deaneries with which they are connected. It was noticed in a former Report, that this Diocesan Committee purchased their Bibles, Prayer Books, and Testaments, from the University Press, and consequently the numbers they have distributed of each, are to be added to the numbers dispersed by the SOCIETY itself.

In the Deanery of Wisbeach, a District Com-

\* See Appendix, No. III.



*Diocese of ELY.* mittee was established in 1813, by which establishment, every Deanery throughout this Diocese *Wisbeach.* was brought in connection with the SOCIETY, through the medium of its District Committees.

*Diocese of EXETER.* In the Diocese of Exeter, in the Archdeaconry of Exeter, the Diocesan Committee was established at Exeter in 1811, since which time a District *Exeter.* Committee has been formed at *Exmouth.* Exmouth in 1815, for the Deanery of Alysbeare, and at *Honiton.* Honiton, for the Deanery of Honiton in 1814.

In the Archdeaconry of Cornwall, in the Deanery of Poudre, a District Committee was *Truro.* established at Truro in 1812, which has rendered much assistance to the SOCIETY, by transmitting information and corrections of the SOCIETY's List of Members resident within that District; and in the Deanery of Trigge Minor, in the same Archdeaconry, a District Committee was formed *Bodmin.* at Bodmin, as early as the year 1811.

In the Archdeaconry of Totness, a District *Dartmouth.* Committee was established at Dartmouth, in the Deanery of Totness in 1815, who express their determination to follow zealously the regulations of the SOCIETY, and trust that their endeavours will be commensurate with their wishes for the success of so venerable an Institution. The first Report of this Committee has been received, by which their promise of support is made good. They congratulate their " fellow Christians on " the termination of their first year's labours. The " success that has attended their exertions to pro- " mote the spiritual welfare of the poor, urges



“ them most strongly to recommend the conti-  
 “ nuance of that bounty which has made them to  
 “ prosper in their undertakings. Hitherto they  
 “ have studied the *strictest economy*, and have  
 “ closely adhered to the resolutions suggested by  
 “ the PARENT SOCIETY in London: they have, as  
 “ far as possible, encouraged the *sale* of the  
 “ books, at a *reduced price*, (462 have already  
 “ been distributed) and are fully sensible of the  
 “ value of such a plan, when compared with a  
 “ general and gratuitous distribution.” This Dis-  
 trict comprehends twelve parishes, in the Deaneries  
 of Ipplepen, Totness and Woodleigh, all in this  
 Archdeaconry.

Diocese of  
EXETER.

In the Diocese of Gloucester, in the Archdea-  
 conry of Gloucester, the Diocesan Committee was  
 established at Gloucester in 1812, and the So-  
 ciety's designs have been most effectually pro-  
 moted, and its means of exertion increased, by a  
 Resolution passed at a General Meeting, held early  
 in the present year, on the motion of the Lord  
 Bishop of Gloucester, that the Rural Deans within  
 the Diocese should be requested to promote the  
 formation of District Committees within their re-  
 spective Deaneries. These District Committees  
 are to be further requested to send an annual re-  
 turn of their proceedings to the Diocesan Com-  
 mittee, by which that co-operation throughout the  
 Diocese, which is so greatly desirable for rendering  
 of most effect the several designs of the SOCIETY,  
 may be expected to be secured. The good of this  
 recommendation from the Diocesan has already

Diocese of  
GLOUCESTER.



*Diocese of  
GLOUCESTER.* been experienced in the formation of new District Committees; and the several Committees now established in the respective Deaneries are as follows:

*Campden.* In the Deanery of Campden, a District Committee was formed at Campden in September in the present year, whose resolutions are in strict conformity to the regulations of the SOCIETY, and who will every year transmit the minutes of their proceedings to the Diocesan Committee at Gloucester.

*Cirencester.* In the Deanery of Cirencester, a District Committee established at Cirencester in 1813.

*Newnham.* In the Deanery of Forest, a District Committee established at Newnham in 1815, and one for the Forest Deanery, established in the present year.

*Forest Deanery.* In the Deanery of Hawkesbury, a District Committee established at Chipping Sodbury in the year 1815.

*Stow.* In the Deanery of Stow, a District Committee has been established since the year 1813, from which four annual Reports have already been received, by which that Committee appears still zealously intent on promoting the designs of the SOCIETY. Every success which attends its efforts is recorded with peculiar satisfaction, and the distribution they have made during the course of the year of 40 Bibles, 79 Testaments, 256 Prayer Books and Psalters, and 860 Tracts, shews that the labours of this Committee have not been without their effect, but that it has contributed its share towards the prosperity of the SOCIETY, and has not been deficient in its exertions towards promoting Christian Knowledge in its vicinity.



In the Diocese of Hereford, the general designs of the SOCIETY were made known as early as the year 1811, by the establishment of a Diocesan Committee at Hereford, in the Archdeaconry and Deanery of Hereford, which, from the last reports received, continues to forward its views for the promotion of Christian Knowledge throughout the Diocese.

In the Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, the Diocesan Committee was established at Lichfield in 1811; and in the Archdeaconry of Salop, a District Committee was established at Shrewsbury in 1811, for the Deanery of Salop and in the Archdeaconry of Derby, a District Committee at Derby, in the Deanery of Derby in 1814. In the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a District Committee has been formed at Wolverhampton for the Deanery of Lapley and Trysull; and from the Walsall Committee established in 1815, in the Deanery of Tamworth and Tudbury, their first Report has been received, by which they appear to be very earnest and zealous in promoting every view of the SOCIETY, and to have distributed 68 Bibles, 22 Testaments, 111 Prayer Books, and 594 Tracts; they have moreover complied with the wish of the SOCIETY, with respect to the Schools supplied with books, and from their Report it appears that they contain together 610 children.

In the Archdeaconry of Coventry, a District Committee for that Archdeaconry was formed at Coventry in 1812; and during the present year an important addition to the District Committees



*Diocese of* has been made by the formation of the Birmingham District Committee, in the Deanery of Arden, in this Archdeaconry; this has been immediately followed by a large recommendation of new subscribing Members to the SOCIETY, and will, it may be expected, prove of great advantage to its general Designs.

*Diocese of* In the Diocese of Lincoln, the General Board have to report the state of numerous Committees, by which the designs of the SOCIETY are made known, and its objects promoted throughout the several Archdeaconries.

*Lincoln.* In the Archdeaconry of Lincoln, the Diocesan Committee was established at Lincoln in the year 1810, since which, in the Deaneries of Bolinbroke and Calsewarth, the Alford and Spilsby Committee was formed in 1814, and from their first Annual Report it appears, that in the year ending December 31st 1815, they have distributed the following books: Bibles 145, Testaments and Psalters 168, Prayer Books 270, Bound Books and Tracts 3832, making together 4415; and having distinctly and ably stated in their address, the objects of the SOCIETY, they add the following valuable observations in conclusion:—"The Alford and Spilsby District Committee offer this their first Report to the attentive consideration of the public, in the hope that it will encourage their fellow-labourers to persevere in well-doing; and while they ultimately look up for success to the blessing of Him, who alone 'giveth the increase,' they earnestly intreat the support and assistance of ALL,



“ who have it in their power, and more especially *Diocese of*  
 “ the active and personal co-operation of their *LINCOLN.*  
 “ clerical brethren in this work and labour of love,  
 “ that every endeavour may be made to procure  
 “ means adequate to the accomplishment of their  
 “ object, the grand aim of which is, not only to  
 “ advance generally the interest of religion and  
 “ virtue, but also to secure the attachment of the  
 “ lower orders to the Established Church, by sup-  
 “ plying them with the word of God, accompa-  
 “ nied by that pure and apostolic interpretation  
 “ of it to be found in our excellent Liturgy.”

In the Deanery of Gartree, a District Committee *Kibworth.*  
 was established at Kibworth in 1815, and from  
 their first Annual Report the General Board ob-  
 serve with much satisfaction, that they “ express  
 “ their sense of the co-operation, not only of the  
 “ Clergy in their district, but of several gentle-  
 “ men of the laity, possessed of that active zeal  
 “ and benevolence towards their fellow-creatures,  
 “ which characterise those who are actuated by  
 “ the philanthropic tenets of our most holy Reli-  
 “ gion.” This Committee have dispersed within  
 the year, 53 Bibles, 30 Testaments, 98 Prayer  
 Books, and 1800 Tracts.

In the Deanery of Grimsby, a District Com- *Grimsby.*  
 mittee was established in 1815; and one at Boston *Boston.*  
 in 1813, for the Deanery of Holland.

In the Deanery of Horncastle, a District Com- *Horn-*  
 mittee was established at Horncastle in 1814; but *castle.*  
 this Committee, anxious to extend their usefulness,  
 and diffuse more widely the advantages to be de-  
 rived from the SOCIETY, have included since that



*Diocese of*  
*LINCOLN.* time, within their District, the three Deaneries of Horncastle, Gartree, and Hill, thus comprehending within its limits upwards of sixty parishes. Though hitherto their operations had been almost exclusively confined to the town of Horncastle, they have issued from their depôt, 77 Bibles, 42 Testaments, 248 Psalters, 130 Prayer Books, 4136 Books and Tracts, in the whole 4533, the larger part of which have been gratuitously distributed.

*Louth.* In the Deanery of Louthesk and Ludbro', a District Committee was formed at Louth in 1814; and this Committee in their first Annual Report, state, that these Deaneries comprehend forty-six parishes; that they have very much reduced the price of books to the poor, and "consider that "books thus sold, will be more valuable, and in "general distributed with a fairer prospect of "being properly used than if they were given "away."

*Caistor.* In the Deanery of Yarburgh, a District Committee was established at Caistor in 1815, making the eighth District Committee of the SOCIETY within the limits of this single Archdeaconry.

*Stow.* In the Archdeaconry of Stow, a District Committee was formed at the close of last year, which embraces in its primary Resolutions the principal objects of the SOCIETY.

*Bedford.* In the Archdeaconry of Bedford, a District Committee was formed at Bedford in 1812, and from their last Annual Report it appears, that they had distributed at very reduced prices, 50 Bibles, 50 Testaments, 250 Prayer Books, and 400 Tracts, during the course of it.



In the Archdeaconry of Bucks, a District Committee was established at Newport Pagnell, for the Deanery of Newport in 1812; and they state that from their formation, to July 1815, they had distributed *gratis* to their parishioners and neighbours, 100 Bibles, 100 Testaments, 700 Prayer Books, and 2286 Books and Tracts; and that from that time their numbers have been increased by 64 Bibles, 34 Testaments, 222 Prayer Books and Psalters, and 262 Tracts. A District Committee was also formed for South Bucks in 1815, comprehending the Deaneries of Bucks, Burnham, Muresley, Waddesden, and Wycombe. This Committee have published a very able Report for the first year of their establishment, by which, after stating that the following books have been dispersed through the District, 187 Bibles, 235 Testaments, 434 Prayer Books, besides a large number of Tracts, they add, "Their statement, " it is conceived, will prove sufficiently the advantages resulting to the District from the mode of proceeding adopted, as well as the claims which the SOCIETY itself possesses in the liberality and support of every sincere Christian."

*Diocese of  
LINCOLN.  
Newport  
Pagnell.*

*South  
Bucks.*

In the Deanery of Wendover, a District Committee was established at Aylesbury in 1815, which is the third in this Archdeaconry. The Committee have distributed within the year, 118 Bibles, 234 Testaments, 613 Prayer Books, and 1505 Books and Tracts. They also report, that eleven Schools have been established, in which 1400 children are educated in the principles of the Church of England.

*Aylesbury.*



*Diocese of  
LINCOLN.*

*Great  
Berk-  
hampstead.  
Hertford.*

In the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, a District Committee was established for the Deanery of Berkhamstead, at Great Berkhamstead in 1815; and in the Deanery of Hertford in 1812, at Hertford. The Committee at Great Berkhamstead have associated their labours with the Committee at Hertford, and report to them, that they have made a distribution of 26 Bibles, 47 Testaments, 90 Prayer Books, and 404 Tracts. The Committee at Hertford appear by their last Annual Report, to have very zealously made known the several objects of the SOCIETY, and to have been themselves very active in forwarding them, having distributed 75 Bibles, 138 Testaments, 397 Prayer Books and Psalters, and 1579 Tracts.

*Hunting-  
don.*

In the Deanery of Huntingdon, a District Committee was also established at Huntingdon in 1812.

*Lough-  
borough.*

In the Archdeaconry of Leicester, a District Committee was formed for the Deanery of Ackley, at Loughborough in 1815, who express themselves anxious to promote the Designs of the SOCIETY; and another at Leicester, for the Deanery

*Leicester.*

of Leicester, in the same year. For the Deaneries also of Framland and Goscote, a District Committee was established in 1815, at Melton Mowbray; and at Lutterworth in the same year, for the Deanery of Goodlaxton.

*Melton  
Mowbray.  
Lutter-  
worth.*

In concluding their review of the proceedings of the numerous District Committees throughout this extensive Diocese, the General Board cannot but express the satisfaction they feel, that by the



active superintendence of the Lord Bishop of the *Diocese of*  
 Diocese, the cause of promoting Christian Know-  
 ledge has received such very zealous support. LINCOLN.

In the Diocese of Llandaff since the last Annual *Diocese of*  
 Report; the Resolutions of the District Committee LLANDAFF  
 established at Cowbridge, for that part of the *Cow-*  
 Diocese which is situated within the county of *bridge.*  
 Glamorgan, comprising the Deaneries of Llandaff  
 and Cowbridge were received, which not only  
 promised great advantage to the SOCIETY by their  
 conformity to its regulations, but also by the esta-  
 blishment of Sub-Committees at Neath, Bridgend,  
 Llantrissant, Cardiff, and Methyr; and the General  
 Board have now much satisfaction in adding, that,  
 by the first Annual Report now transmitted to  
 the SOCIETY, it appears that a large subscription  
 has been collected, that a distribution of Books  
 had taken place at the several places above-men-  
 tioned, and that the amount is as follows: Welch  
 and English Bibles 188, Welch and English  
 Prayer Books 425, Welch and English Testaments  
 89, Welch and English Psalters 285, Books and  
 Tracts 2432. The Committee also state, that  
 they have seen with great satisfaction, a letter  
 from the present Bishop of the Diocese, expressing  
 the interest he takes in the welfare of the concerns  
 of the SOCIETY, and that they return their thanks to  
 him for his letter and subscription, and request  
 him to accept the vacant situation of President.

In the Diocese of Norwich a Diocesan Com- *Diocese of*  
 mittee was established at Norwich in 1810, to NORWICH.



*Diocese of* which the SOCIETY has been much indebted for  
*NORWICH.* its strenuous exertions in the cause of promoting  
 Christian Knowledge.

*Swaffham.* In the Archdeaconry of Norfolk, a District  
 Committee for that Archdeaconry, was established  
 in 1812, and from their last Annual Report, it  
 appears that great success has attended their  
 endeavours to increase the number of subscribing  
 Members to the SOCIETY; that they have also  
 established a Depôt of Books, which had been  
 very largely supplied by an order for a selection of  
 Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, and Tracts,  
 from the SOCIETY'S List. A District Committee  
*North* was also formed at North Walsham, in the  
*Walsham.* Deanery of Waxham, in the year above-men-  
 tioned.

*Bury.* In the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, a District  
 Committee was established at Bury St. Edmunds,  
 in the Deanery of Thingoe in the year 1811; and  
 in the Archdeaconry of Suffolk, a District Com-  
*Ipswich.* mittee for that Archdeaconry at Ipswich, in the  
 year 1811; and in the present year two additional  
 District Committees have been added, one at  
*Framling-* Framlingham, in the Deanery of Loose, and  
*ham.* another at Halesworth, in the Deanery of Dun-  
*Hales-* worth.  
*worth.*

*Diocese of* In the Diocese of Oxford, a Diocesan Commit-  
*OXFORD.* tee was established in the year 1810; and in the  
 present year the exertions of this Committee have  
 been still further directed to the promoting of  
 Christian Knowledge, by the appointment of a  
 Sub-Committee to superintend the several objects



they have in view, and by the formation of a *Diocese of*  
 Depository of Books, to accommodate the Mem- *OXFORD.*  
 bers of the SOCIETY, to the extent which its re-  
 gulations admit, and to afford a supply of Bibles,  
 Testaments, and Prayer Books, to meet the wants  
 of the Poor in the Parishes throughout the  
 Diocese.

In the Diocese of Peterborough, a Diocesan *Diocese of*  
 Committee was established at Peterborough in *PETER-*  
 1811, and from the last report received, they are *BOROUGH.*  
 anxious to promote the views of the SOCIETY, by  
 strict conformity to its regulations; and a Dis-  
 trict Committee was also formed at Daventry, in  
 the Deanery of Daventry in 1815, whose Re- *Daventry.*  
 solutions are calculated to forward the same ob-  
 jects. Two District Committees had also pre-  
 viously been established at Northampton in 1812, *North-*  
 and at Oundle in 1813, for their respective *ampton.*  
 Deaneries. *Oundle.*

In the Diocese of Rochester, a Diocesan Com- *Diocese of*  
 mittee was established at Rochester in 1811; and *ROCHES-*  
 the General Board have had the satisfaction to *TER.*  
 receive a Letter from the Lord Bishop of Ro-  
 chester, in which he informs the SOCIETY, that the  
 several Committees already formed together, with  
 the one he proposed to have established at Mal- *Malling.*  
 ling, in the Deanery of Malling, will comprise all  
 the parishes within his Diocese, and the Peculiars  
 of the Archbishop of Canterbury, locally situated  
 therein.

The following is the enumeration of the Dis-



*Diocese of*  
**ROCHES-**  
**TER.** District Committees already established. In the Deanery of Dartford, a District Committee was established at Dartford in 1815; and there are also two other District Committees in the same Deanery, the one at Bromley in 1815, comprehending fifteen parishes, and the other at Blackheath in 1815, comprehending nine parishes. The Resolutions of the former comprise the promotion of the several objects of the SOCIETY, and the excellent Address of the latter, has already been given in the last Annual Report of the SOCIETY; and from the minutes transmitted to the General Board by the Blackheath District Committee, they appear to follow up with much zeal the good designs they have so well begun.

*Tun-*  
*bridge.* In the Deanery of Malling, a District Committee was established in 1813, at Tunbridge, and  
*Gravesend.* in the Deanery of Rochester, another at Gravesend in 1815, whose primary Resolutions are calculated to be of much service in the promoting of Christian Knowledge. In the Deanery of Shoreham, a District Committee was also formed  
*Seven*  
*Oaks.* at Seven Oaks in 1812, and by means of these several Committees, the designs of the SOCIETY are made known throughout every Deanery in the Diocese.

*Diocese of*  
**SALIS-**  
**BURY.** In the Diocese of Salisbury, the Diocesan Committee was established at Salisbury in 1810, which has extended its operations as a District Committee, throughout the southern part of Wilts, which forms the principal part of the Archdeaconry of Sarum. From the first Report of this



Committee since this extension, it appears that <sup>Diocese of</sup> the distribution of Books has greatly increased, <sup>SALIS-</sup> and that in the previous year, 165 Bibles, 199 <sup>BURY.</sup> Testaments, 545 Prayer Books, and 2156 Books and Tracts, had been dispersed ; and “ they have “ the greatest pleasure to observe, that the suc- “ cess derived from the extension of its influence, “ through the southern part of the county, has “ been answerable to the expectations of the “ zealous advisers of that salutary measure.”

In the Deanery of Pottern, in the same Arch-  
deaconry, a District Committee was also esta-  
blished at Trowbridge in 1813 ; and in the Arch-<sup>Trow-</sup>  
deaconry of Wilts, in the Deanery of Cricklade, <sup>bridge.</sup>  
another at Swindon in 1812 ; whilst in the Arch-<sup>Swindon.</sup>  
deaconry of Berks, in the Deanery of Newbury,  
a District Committee was formed at Newbury in <sup>Newbury.</sup>  
1811 ; and in the Deanery of Reading, two Dis-<sup>Reading.</sup>  
trict Committees at Reading and Windsor in the <sup>Windsor.</sup>  
year 1812.

In the Diocese of Worcester, the Diocesan <sup>Diocese of</sup>  
Committee at Worcester, was established in 1812 ; <sup>WORCES-</sup>  
and by the last report it appears, that a Select <sup>TER.</sup>  
Committee had been appointed, and every mea-  
sure taken to forward the views of the SOCIETY ;  
many new Members are recommended, and an  
assurance given, that no exertions will be spared  
to promote the establishment of District Com-  
mittees in every part of the Diocese ; and they in-  
form the General Board, that the Lord Bishop of  
Worcester has kindly acceded to their request,  
to forward this measure, by such steps as shall  
seem most expedient and effectual.



*Diocese of*  
*Sodor*  
*and Mann.* In the Diocese of Sodor and Mann, a Diocesan Committee was established in the year 1814, to which the General Board look for assistance in that particular branch of their designs, the dispersion of the Manks Impression, and also the promotion of Christian Knowledge throughout the Diocese.

The General Board have now concluded their review of the transactions of the several Diocesan and District Committees during the present year. They have been much indebted to many able Reports transmitted to them, and they trust that from a more regular compliance on the part of the Diocesan and District Committees with the 20th General Rule, they shall be enabled in their next Annual Report, to render the abstract of their general proceedings still more complete.

The General Board have now much satisfaction in directing the attention of the Members of the SOCIETY to the success which has attended the establishment of Diocesan and District Committees in the distant Establishments and Colonies of the Empire.

*Diocese of*  
*Nova*  
*Scotia.* In the Diocese of Nova Scotia, the Halifax Diocesan Committee have transmitted their Report for the year 1816, in which they express much satisfaction at the kind attention and encouragement which they have uniformly received from the Board; "that every communication from them" "has been promptly noticed, and every request" "has been favourably entertained." But it is still more gratifying to the Board to learn, that an



extensive correspondence has been established by this Diocesan Committee with the several District Committees in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and with many individual Members, who are too distant from those Committees to unite with them.

“ This correspondence,” they add, “ has afforded abundant cause for thankfulness and joy, as it has exhibited satisfactory evidence of the zeal and ability, with which a cordial co-operation in the objects of the SOCIETY is maintained in every part of the Diocese; and of the extensive usefulness of such co-operation, which has already exceeded the expectations which were indulged when the Diocesan Committee was first formed.”

They state, moreover, that it is with much satisfaction that they are able to supply the following exact account of the Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, and Tracts circulated within the last year, from their stores in Halifax: 167 Bibles, 144 Testaments, 372 Prayer Books, 6570 Books and Tracts.

They express also their sincere acknowledgment for the important services of the several District Committees, established as follows:

At Fredericton, St. John's, and St. Andrew's, *New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Cape Breton, and at Charlotte Town, Prince Edward's Island, which have all forwarded repeated collections.* “ Being fully satisfied that these collections furnish the most easy and successful means for procuring a constant and abundant supply of the SOCIETY's Books and



*Frederic-  
ton, St.  
John's, &c.* “Tracts; the Committee entertain an hope  
“that they will be continued in all places where  
“their good effect has been already experienced;  
“and that they will also be introduced into all  
“other Parishes and Districts.”

*New-  
foundland.* From the District Committee at St. John's, New-  
foundland, above-mentioned, a second Annual Report  
has been received, which contains a most zealous  
address to the Members of it, and urges their con-  
tinued exertions in the good work they have under-  
taken, from the success which has attended them  
even under great difficulties. They state that more  
than Fifty pounds worth of Bibles, Testaments,  
Prayer Books, and Tracts, have been dispersed far  
and wide, not only among their own Community, but  
also to various Out-Harbours; and that a number  
of copies of Bishop Wilson's Sermons have been  
distributed to certain individuals, who are appoint-  
ed to read Prayers at different Out-Harbours, with  
directions to use and read them after Prayers, for  
the instruction of their respective congregations.

*Halifax.* The Halifax Diocesan Committee, next advert  
to the subject of Education. The steps they have  
taken in the prosecution of this most important  
branch of the SOCIETY's general Designs, cannot  
be better detailed than in their own words, which  
are therefore given in the Appendix \*. In con-  
cluding their Report, they announce with great  
pleasure the accession of forty-three new Members  
within the last year, and respectfully repeat their  
earnest invitation to others, to unite in their good  
work, not only by joining the SOCIETY, but by

\* See Appendix, No. IV.



cordial personal exertions in furthering all their objects. *Diocese of  
NOVA  
SCOTIA.*

In the Diocese of Calcutta, through the active *Diocese of  
CAL-  
CUTTA.* superintendence and patronage of the Lord Bishop, the Designs of the SOCIETY, in the establishment of Diocesan and District Committees, have been carried into full effect. In their last Annual Report the General Board had the satisfaction of stating, that the primary Meeting of the Diocesan Committee at Calcutta took place on the 22d of *Calcutta.* May, 1815. At this meeting, among the resolutions adopted, all tending greatly to promote the several views of the SOCIETY, was the following, " That the Reverend the Archdeacons of Madras  
" and Bombay be respectfully requested to take  
" such steps for the establishment of District Com-  
" mittees, upon the plan of, and in connection  
" and correspondence with this Diocesan Com-  
" mittee, in the respective Archdeaconries under  
" their jurisdiction, as shall seem to them most  
" expedient and effectual, for carrying the exer-  
" tions of this Committee into every part of the  
" Diocese." This request of the Diocesan Committee was with much readiness complied with, by the respective Archdeacons; and in consequence a District Committee was formed at Madras, on *Madras.* the 21st of August, 1815, and from their Minutes, transmitted through the Diocesan Committee at Calcutta, it appears that in October the number of their subscribing Members already amounted to thirty-one; that a select Committee had been appointed, and that every exertion had been used to



*Diocese of* make the objects of the SOCIETY generally known  
 CAL- among the British residents throughout that Arch-  
 CUTTA. deaconry.

*Bombay.* In the Archdeaconry of Bombay the same good effect has followed the recommendation of the Calcutta Diocesan Committee ; for the Lord Bishop, being then at Bombay on his Visitation, presided at the primary Meeting of the District Committee on the 8th June, 1816, when the several primary Resolutions were passed, which embrace the various objects of the SOCIETY, and which have been received by the General Board with much satisfaction. This Committee has also made a remittance of two hundred pounds, one third as a benefaction, and the remaining two-thirds to be expended in books on the terms of the SOCIETY.

*Ceylon.* Early in the year, a letter was received from the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Twisleton, senior Chaplain at Columbo, acknowledging the receipt of the last supply of books, which had been sent out to him by the SOCIETY, at the suggestion of the Lord Bishop of London. He states that the books had been greedily sought for, and immediately distributed, and he expresses a wish that he may obtain a further supply, which he assures the SOCIETY would be most usefully bestowed. Since the above letter, the General Board have had much satisfaction in receiving the primary Resolutions of a District Committee, formed at Columbo, for the Island of Ceylon, at which his Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Brownrigg, presided, which has received liberal encouragement by the donations of the Lord Bishop



of Calcutta and the Archdeacon of Bombay, *Diocese of*  
 and by the subscriptions already received has *CAL-*  
 been enabled to make a remittance to the SOCIETY *CUTTA.*  
 of £110.

This Committee state also, that the Book of Common Prayer has been translated into Tamul, by Christian David, formerly a pupil of the SOCIETY's venerable and apostolic Missionary Swartz, and now Malabar Preacher in the Island of Ceylon; and that a copy of it has just been sent to Calcutta, by his Excellency the Governor, to be printed at the Serampore press, entirely at his own private expence. The General Board, desirous to give every assistance to the views of this District Committee, in their earnest wish to attach the people of the Island to our Established Church, who have already shewn a general willingness to conform to our Ecclesiastical system, immediately granted a gratuitous supply of Books and Tracts, to the amount of £200, in addition to those which the Committee had requested; that the fullest effect might be given to their good wishes and zealous endeavours for promoting the several objects of the SOCIETY in that Island.

Thus, by the exertions of the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, and the zeal with which his unremitting endeavours in behalf of the SOCIETY have been seconded, at the several Archdeaconries in British India, have Diocesan and District Committees been established; and the General Board look forward with sanguine hope to the future success of these good designs for the promoting of Christian Knowledge in the Eastern World.



*Diocese of  
CAL-  
CUTTA.*

Whilst the Lord Bishop of Calcutta was in the course of his above-mentioned Visitation, laying the foundation of these Committees, he twice visited

*Syrian  
Christians.*

the Syrian Christians, and had interviews with the Metropolitan, and at various times with the most learned of the Syrian Clergy and Laity in Malabar. He enquired very fully into the antiquity of this singular Community, into their doctrine and discipline, their rules, ceremonies, and habits of life. He found them ready both to receive instruction and to impart information; and among other Syriac MSS. he obtained a copy of their formularies and liturgy, made out for him under the immediate inspection of the Metropolitan, from which he will probably be able to obtain more authentic particulars respecting the actual tenets of this Church, than any of which the Christian World are yet in possession, and to ascertain what is the degree of purity, in which this extraordinary people maintain the principles of the Christian Religion, and in what degree they are found to symbolize with the Church of England.

*General  
Designs.*

II. The General Board have now to state the proceedings of the SOCIETY at large, with regard to its General Designs. And,

*Education  
and  
Schools.*

(1.) Its proceedings respecting EDUCATION and SCHOOLS.

The increasing importance which attaches to this branch of the SOCIETY'S Designs, is shewn by the great addition which is every year made to the number of the children who receive education and religious instruction by the benevolent exertions of the various Charitable Institu-



tions throughout the kingdom. The great and continued success of the NATIONAL SOCIETY for the Education of the Poor in the principles of the Established Church, has enabled their Committee to report to the Members of that Society, that the number of Schools now in union is increased to One Thousand and Nine, and that to the One Hundred Thousand Children who were last year receiving instruction in the Schools then connected with the SOCIETY, by this augmentation of the number of Schools, Fifty-five Thousand had been added, making the whole number returned from the Schools at present in union, One Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand. Nor does this number include all those who receive instruction on the same plan and principles, for when the number is computed who receive the same education in Schools not at present in union, it is estimated that the whole number who benefit by the NATIONAL SYSTEM OF EDUCATION, cannot be less than Two Hundred Thousand. But in addition to providing Books for the Schools which educate so large a number, which in consequence of a resolution of the National Society, the General Board undertook most cheerfully to do last year, when that resolution was communicated to them, their assistance is in every case granted, when their Members apply for Books on the terms of the SOCIETY, for the use of Schools with which they are locally or parochially connected; and when the ready assistance which is given by the Diocesan and District Committees for the furtherance of



*Education and Schools.* this great object is considered, it will be difficult to estimate the very great number of those to whom, in the important object of conveying religious education, the benefits of the SOCIETY extend.

The General Board must still continue to regret, that, from the insufficiency of the returns at present received, they are unable to prepare a regular Report for the whole kingdom, of the number of children of each sex educated in all the various Schools, which are supplied entirely, or in part, with Books, through the medium of this SOCIETY. In making this statement, they are anxious again to call the attention of the several Diocesan and District Committees to this particular, in the hope that what has been so ably performed by some, as in the Preston Report, given in the Appendix \*, will incite others to forward the views of the SOCIETY, by following so good an example.

*Bibles and other Books and Tracts dispersed.* (2.) The statement of the number of Bibles, New Testaments, Common Prayer Books, and other Books and Tracts, dispersed by the SOCIETY, from April 20, 1815, to April 18, 1816, is as follows:—

3,453 Packets of Books sent to the Members of the SOCIETY ; consisting of	
Bibles .....	24,471
New Testaments and Psalters .....	38,406
Common Prayers .....	66,048
Other bound Books .....	55,554
Small Tracts, half-bound, &c. ....	788,387

\* See Appendix, No. II.



*Packets of Books issued GRATUITOUSLY, and charged to the Account of Stores.*

Bibles .....	147	Bibles and other Books and Tracts dispersed.
New Testaments and Psalters .....	380	
Common Prayers .....	209	
Bound Books .....	117	
Small Tracts, half-bound, &c. ....	6,590	

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Bibles .....	60
New Testaments and Psalters .....	1,200
Common Prayers .....	800
Bound Books .....	180
Small Tracts .....	660

*Books and Papers distributed gratuitously by the SOCIETY.*

Tracts distributed with the annual packet	16,000
Directions for a devout and decent Behaviour in the public Worship of God, in .....	8vo. 5,581
Ditto .....	in 12mo. 60,671
Summary Account of the SOCIETY on a <i>folio sheet</i> .....	5,000
Ditto, in 8vo. with a List of the Books ....	5,000
Stonhouse's Admonitions, on a <i>broad sheet</i>	10,000
Papers on Sunday Schools .....	15,000
——— Jesus Christ a Pattern of Religious Virtue .....	12,500
——— On praying to God .....	15,000
——— On singing Psalms .....	15,000
——— On the Sacrament .....	15,000
——— On the Church Catechism .....	15,000
——— Invitations to Church .....	15,000
——— On Confirmation .....	15,000



*Bibles  
and other  
Books and  
Tracts  
dispersed.*

THE WHOLE NUMBER, distributed on the Terms  
of the SOCIETY, and gratuitously, is,

Bibles, (exclusive of the Society's Family Bible).....	24,678
New Testaments and Psalters .....	39,986
Common Prayers .....	67,057
Other Bound Books .....	55,851
Small Tracts, &c. half-bound, &c.....	795,637
Books and Papers, issued gratuitously	219,752
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Total	1,202,961

The Audit for the year ending April 25, 1817, having been concluded before this Report went to the press, it is thought it will be satisfactory to the Members of the SOCIETY to be informed of the number of Books distributed to that date.

3,690 Packets of Books sent to the Members of the SOCIETY; consisting of

Bibles .....	23,484
New Testaments and Psalters .....	53,457
Common Prayers .....	87,530
Other bound Books .....	52,430
Small Tracts, half-bound, &c. ....	730,650

Packets of Books issued GRATUITOUSLY, and charged to the Account of Stores.

Bibles .....	113
New Testaments and Psalters .....	268
Common Prayers.....	49
Bound Books .....	169
Small Tracts, half-bound, &c.....	837



*Special Account for the Royal Navy.*

<i>Special Account for the Royal Navy.</i>		<i>Bibles and other Books and Tracts dispersed.</i>
Bibles .....	30	
New Testaments and Psalters .....	2,880	
Common Prayers .....	1,920	
Bound Books .....	750	
Small Tracts .....	2,430	
<i>Books and Papers distributed gratuitously by the</i>		
<i>SOCIETY.</i>		

Directions for a devout and decent Behaviour in the public Worship of God, in

..... 8vo. 3,740

Ditto ..... in 12mo. 83,708

Stonhouse's Admonitions, on a *broad sheet* 5,000

Papers on Sunday Schools ..... 30,000

——— *Jesus Christ a Pattern of Religious*  
*Virtue* ..... 20,000

——— *On praying to God* ..... 20,000

——— *On singing Psalms* ..... 20,000

——— *On the Sacrament* ..... 20,000

——— *On the Church Catechism* ..... 20,000

——— *Invitations to Church* ..... 20,000

——— *On Confirmation* ..... 20,000

THE WHOLE NUMBER, *distributed on the Terms*  
*of the SOCIETY, and gratuitously, is,*

Bibles, (*exclusive of the Society's Family*  
*Bible*) ..... 23,627

New Testaments and Psalters ..... 56,605

Common Prayers ..... 89,498

Other Bound Books ..... 53,349

Small Tracts, &c. half-bound, &c. .... 733,917

Books and Papers, *issued gratuitously* 262,448

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Total 1,219,444

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*Prices of  
Bibles, &c.*

In the last year's Report, the General Board had the satisfaction of stating, that, by means of a different arrangement with the SOCIETY's Booksellers, they had been enabled to make a reduction of nearly £5 per cent. on the prices of the Bibles, New Testaments, Common Prayer Books, and Psalters. From the additional allowance recently made by the two Universities, the SOCIETY have still further diminished their charge to the Members to the amount of £6 per cent. on the prices then fixed, making in the whole a reduction of £11 per cent. on the former cost.

With regard to the Tracts of the SOCIETY, the General Board, on a representation from the Committee of Treasurers and Auditors, have found it expedient to alter the charge formerly made to the Members, and to determine that the cost of the half-bound Tracts shall for the future be equally divided between the Members and the SOCIETY, as has been always the practice with regard to the stitched Tracts.

*Arabic  
Impres-  
sion.*

It is now several years since the SOCIETY became liberal contributors to the edition of the Arabic Bible, begun by the late Professor Carlyle, with the intention of distributing it where it might be of most service, when an opportunity should arise. The General Board have great satisfaction in stating, that the opportunity so much wished for has occurred, and that there is now every prospect of disposing to advantage, of copies of the Arabic Version of the Holy Scriptures. Through the kind assistance of one of their Members, the Rev.



A. Hamilton, a channel has been found out for forwarding this good work; and he informs the Board, that at Aleppo, Mr. Barker the British Consul there, will lend himself most readily to a service of this description; and in Egypt, the Consul General Mr. Salt, will be equally disposed to give every facility in the prosecution of so desirable and important an object. On this prospect of receiving applications for the Arabic Scriptures, the Board immediately referred it to the East India Mission Committee, to enquire into and to report on the probable extent of these demands; and further, generally to superintend the management and correspondence on the subject of the Arabic Impression.

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sion.*

The SOCIETY'S FAMILY BIBLE, in Two Volumes Quarto, being now, with the exception of the INDEX, brought to its conclusion, the attention of the Members of the Society, and Subscribers in general, is respectfully solicited to the causes which have carried the Work to a somewhat greater extent than was originally contemplated.

*Family  
Bible.*

It will be recollected, that the declared object of the SOCIETY, in entering upon this important undertaking, was to supply a familiar Commentary on the Holy Scriptures, "agreeable to the generally acknowledged Principles of the Established Church," and so suited to the various descriptions of readers, "as to entitle the work to be considered as a Family Bible for general use \*."

\* See the Editor's Address to the Public.



*Family  
Bible.*

The large and numerous volumes which were to be consulted for this purpose, and the richness of those stores whence materials for the work were to be drawn, have certainly rendered the task of rejection (merely for the sake of brevity) in many cases very difficult ; and this circumstance together with a desire, very generally expressed, that a copious illustration should be given of the New Testament in particular, as well as the chasm in Ecclesiastical History between the Old and New Testaments supplied, has increased the number of Parts beyond what was at first intended.

But, for this excess, it is hoped an apology will be found in the Work itself, as it is now executed and brought before the Public : and, whilst the SOCIETY acknowledge their great obligations to the Editors, who have so faithfully fulfilled their parts, and produced a work so well calculated to “ promote Christian Knowledge,” by rendering more easy the study and right understanding of the Holy Scriptures, among all classes of the community ; they trust that the great purposes of public utility, with a view to which the Work was undertaken, have been fully effected.

The public approbation of the Work has been sufficiently evinced in the continually increasing demand for it to an extent hitherto unexampled. From its first publication in *March* 1814, to the present time, nearly Sixteen Thousand Copies have been sold.

The GENERAL INDEX to the matters contained in the Notes, which has been some time in prepara-



tion, will be made in compliance with the wish expressed by numerous Subscribers, more copious than was at first proposed: and, in consequence, more time must necessarily elapse before it can be ready for delivery.

*Family Bible.*

The General Board have the satisfaction of announcing, that arrangements have been made with the Conductors of the Clarendon Press, Oxford, for a New Edition of this Work, to be executed in a manner in all respects similar to the First Edition, and to be furnished to the Public at the same moderate Price. By the arrangements made for this Edition, which is now in the course of publication, a very considerable pecuniary advantage to the SOCIETY, and a more expeditious delivery to the Public, will be secured.

From the statement of the two Audits now presented to the Members of the SOCIETY, by which the account of the receipts and expenditure is brought up to April 25, 1817, it will be seen that in the first year it was necessary to sell out in addition £5000, 3 per cent. consols, to meet the heavy expences incurred by the SOCIETY's Family Bible. •By the great exertions made in collecting accumulated arrears due to the SOCIETY, they have now been enabled to replace the sum of £10,000, 3 per cent. consols, part of the sum of £16,058 6s. 6d. by which the SOCIETY's permanent funds had been diminished; but the demands upon the SOCIETY still continue to increase, and though the transactions of the present year so far exceed in amount

*Audit, Benefactions and Miscellaneous Particulars.*



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those of any former one, there is still no balance left in the hands of the Treasurers for General Designs, but, on the contrary, a considerable balance due to the SOCIETY'S Booksellers. A great accession of Members has however been obtained, as will be seen in the Appendix \*, and whilst the SOCIETY cheerfully undertake the charge which an additional distribution of Books and Tracts by so many new channels brings upon them, they trust that they shall still continue to obtain an increasing support from the benefactions of those who, having the ability, are anxious for the further advancement and promotion of Christian Knowledge. They record with much satisfaction the following benefactions and legacies since the last Report :

John Charrington, Esq. Mile End, ....	Legacy of £200
Mrs. Catherine Garforth, of Boston, near Witherby .....	ditto 100
Rev. John Fox, Etton, near Beverley .....	ditto 20
Mrs. Elizabeth Elliot Frances Wiltshire ....	ditto 500
Charles Baldwin, Esq. Manchester .....	ditto 100
Mrs. Sheppard, of Amport.....	a Donation of 105
Mrs. E. Ramsden, of Bath .....	ditto 200
Mrs. D. Brookes, of Croft, near Leicester ..	ditto 100

Other benefactions and legacies, as well as donations from Diocesan and District Committees, will be found in the Appendix † ; and also the statement of the receipts and expenditure of the SOCIETY for two years ‡.

\* See Appendix, No. V.

† No. VI.

‡ No. VII.



The General Board have now, in the last place, *The State of the SOCIETY'S Missions.* to communicate the proceedings of the SOCIETY in the remaining department of their General Designs, which relates to Foreign Intelligence and the state of their several Missions.

At the close of the last year, the General Board had much satisfaction in receiving a communication from the Protestant Episcopal Society for the advancement of Christianity in South Carolina. *South Carolina.* The Trustees of this Institution conceiving that there existed an unity of design and a similarity of operations in the two SOCIETIES, were anxious to acquaint the Board with the existence of their religious association, its constitution and bye-laws, its gradual progress, and its flattering prospects of future success and permanent utility. The General Board received this interesting communication with peculiar satisfaction, and immediately directed, in compliance with a request therein contained, that the SOCIETY'S Annual Reports for the last five years should be transmitted to them. They added also, as a mark of brotherly regard and christian fellowship, copies of all the bound Books and Tracts on the SOCIETY'S Catalogue, and assured them, that any communications they should think fit to make to the SOCIETY, would be cordially received.

The Members will, in a former part of this Report, have seen the progress which has been made in India, by the formation of Diocesan and District Committees; it only now remains to detail the present state of the SOCIETY'S Missions.



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Mission,  
for 1816.*

Several letters have been received from India, since the publication of the SOCIETY's last Report.

The Rev. Mr. Pæzold, in a letter dated at Vepery, the 1st of March, 1816, acknowledges the receipt of the SOCIETY's remittances for the preceding year; and communicates information of the death of the Country Priest Sattianaden.

Several other letters have subsequently been received from Mr. Pæzold, as well as from Mr. Pohle Mr. Kolhoff, Mr. Holzberg, and from the Danish Missionaries, in which, the most interesting particulars relate to the kind attentions, which the several Missions connected with the SOCIETY, had received from the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, in the course of his Visitation.

The Lord Bishop of Calcutta, in a letter dated at Negaarater near Tranquebar, the 17th of February, 1816, reports, that in the course of his Visitation, through that part of India, in which alone Christianity had made any progress among the Natives, he had availed himself of the vote of credit, granted him by the SOCIETY, and referred to in the SOCIETY's Report, for 1814. Before his arrival at Tranquebar, accounts had reached him of the distresses of the Danish Mission, in consequence of the cession of that settlement to the British Government, by whom the Mission had been supported, and of the failure of its resources from Denmark. The Mission had contracted debts, for the payment of which, the creditors had become urgent, and which it could liquidate only by the sale of property, indispensable towards carrying on its designs. More than one hundred



children had been dismissed from school, for want of means to support the teachers. In this state of things, the Bishop had thought it right, especially considering the relation, that had long subsisted, between this SOCIETY and the Danish Mission, to grant to the latter, on the part of the SOCIETY, the desired aid, the nature and extent of which were made to appear in copies of a correspondence, that had taken place, on the occasion. *Report of East India Mission, for 1816.*

The Danish Missionaries were most grateful, for what had been done in their behalf; and a deputation of Christians, from Tranquebar, had followed the Bishop from that place, a distance of sixteen miles, to assure his Lordship, that the children were all about to return to school, and that the hearts of many parents were made to rejoice. The Bishop trusted that the SOCIETY would approve of what he had done, which, in the existing circumstances, would redound to the SOCIETY's credit.

The Bishop observed that the Madras District Committee was going on very well; and that Mr. Pæzold had agreed to furnish that Committee with books from the Mission stores, on their engaging to account for them to the SOCIETY. The Bishop desired that £96, the amount of what he had then advanced to the Tranquebar Mission, might be paid to his agent, Mr. Seth Stephen Ward, of the Accountant General's Office, in Chancery-lane; which method he meant to adopt in future.

His Lordship was then about to go to Tanjore, where he should not fail to offer to his Highness the Rajah, the thanks of the SOCIETY, for the



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countenance, and protection, he had long afforded to the SOCIETY'S Missions.

Annexed to a duplicate of the above described letter, and dated the 13th of March, 1816, were copies of a letter to the Lord Bishop, from the Danish Missionaries, stating the sad circumstances of their Mission, adverted to in the Bishop's letter to the SOCIETY, and soliciting relief; and of his Lordship's reply to the statement, and supplication of those Missionaries; and of their receipt given to the Bishop, for the amount of the relief then furnished, viz. 240 Star Pagodas, or £96.

The Bishop then goes on to observe, that he had examined the state of the SOCIETY'S Missions, with some attention. The Tanjore, and Trichinapolly Missions, from their contiguity, and close relation, might be considered as one; and they form together, his Lordship observes, in a Christian point of view, the noblest memorial, perhaps, of British connection with India. To preserve it from decay, he recommends speedy and effectual aid. Mr. Pohle was far advanced in life, and his energies beginning to fail. Mr. Jacobi's death had left him without a successor; and if none were appointed, especially considering the insufficient establishment of Country Priests, the more distant Christian flocks might be dispersed, and not reclaimed.

Mr. Kolhoff would exert himself to the utmost; but no man could be equal to such a charge, considering that the congregations are spread through a district, extending more than 200 miles. The Bishop, therefore, suggested, that a new Mission-



ary be engaged, as soon as possible ; and that Mr. Kolhoff be allowed to employ three native Priests, in addition to those already on the establishment. *Report of East India Mission, for 1816.*

The Bishop having had an interview with the Rajah of Tanjore, his Highness had assured him, that while the SOCIETY sent out such men as Mr. Swartz and Mr. Kolhoff, their Missionaries should never want his protection.

The Bishop, when at Vepery, finding that the Mission press had been for a long time, unemployed, had desired Mr. Pæzold to submit a statement upon the subject, to Mr. Gericke's executors, as trustees of the Mission property ; and should they report the Mission funds to be inadequate to support the expences of the press, he purposed to set it to work again without delay, the burden not being likely to be great, and there being in store a good supply of printing paper, and ink, &c.

Another letter from the Bishop of Calcutta to his agent, Mr. S. S. Ward, having advised him, that he had made a second draft upon the SOCIETY for £96, to be applied, as the former sum had been, towards the preservation of the Mission Schools at Tranquebar ; these two sums have been advanced by the SOCIETY, with feelings of gratitude to his Lordship for his judicious and seasonable application of the powers vested in him, for the benefit of the Missions in India, connected with the SOCIETY.

The solicitude expressed by the Missionaries, for an additional appointment of the assistants in their Missions, denominated Native or Country Priests, has led the SOCIETY to agree that if two or three natives shall be found fit to be invested



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with that office, and shall receive ordination according to the ritual of the Lutheran Church, the customary allowances shall be made to them ; and the Missionary, Mr. Holzberg, who had been suspended from the exercise of his functions, in connection with the SOCIETY, in consequence of reports, and representations to the prejudice of his moral character, having transmitted testimonies of a more favourable nature, the SOCIETY, taking advantage of that knowledge, and sound discretion, which, it is certain, would be acted upon, by the venerable Bishop of Calcutta, have requested the favour of his Lordship to investigate, as far as he can, the true state of the case, respecting Mr. Holzberg, and if he see fit, to inform him, and the other Missionaries, Mr. Holzberg may again resume his functions, in connexion with the SOCIETY.

It is painful to the SOCIETY's Mission Committee to have to report that no satisfactory tidings have yet reached them, of suitable persons to be united with their Missionaries in India, in a work that has been long carried on, and, through the blessing of God, has confessedly been productive of much good. The Lutheran Churches in Germany, and in Denmark, and particularly the sources there, whence used to issue a supply of well educated and zealous Missionaries, in consequence of the calamitous occurrences, that befel those countries, during the revolutionary wars, have experienced so much evil, as to unhinge their powers of action, and to occasion difficulties, where none used to be experienced. Correspondence, however, is still entertained with the reputable professors of Halle, in Saxony,



and a hope is encouraged of the arrival of two Missionaries, for the SOCIETY'S establishments in India; respecting whom, if they do arrive, it will be a happy circumstance, should they furnish the same measure of promise, as was furnished in the ever to be lamented Jacobi.

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Respecting the worthy Bishop of Calcutta, it may be interesting to the public to know, that he has made a very extensive circuitous Visitation, which lasted nearly twelve months. After leaving Madras, he travelled over land, through the whole of the south of India, by Cape Comorin to Cochin, from which place he went by sea to Bombay, where he remained four months, endeavouring to forward the objects of his high office. From Bombay, after touching at Goa, and visiting the Converts and Churches, and at Cananore, where he administered the rite of Confirmation, he proceeded to Ceylon, and spent ten days at Columbo. In the course of this Visitation, he had had the happiness of seeing every thing, that could be considered as at all important, with reference to Christianity.

By the aid furnished to the Tranquebar Mission, on the SOCIETY'S account, as before stated by the Bishop, there is reason to believe, that that establishment has been saved from ruin, and its effects from confiscation.

On the settlement of a District Committee at Columbo, the Bishop, availing himself of the vote of credit granted to him by the SOCIETY, was likely to promote the printing of a Cingalese version of the Book of Common Prayer, which would

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useful, and could not well be otherwise accomplished. He had engaged a competent person to make the translation, without expence. This book had been printed, in the Tamulian language, at Madras; towards which, Government had given £200, and the Bishop £40; and a copy from Ceylon had been taken to Calcutta, to be printed; so that, if the work be well done, the doctrine and worship of the Church of England, will be accessible to the Tamulian, or Malabar, natives.

Of the \* Governor of Ceylon, it is not possible to speak too warmly, either in his public capacity, or on account of his private worth. He devotes his whole time, and attention, to the happiness and improvement of the people, committed to his charge. Christianity is making a slow, but, the Bishop thinks, a sure progress, under his auspices. He is building Churches, and founding Schools, and making the best provision,\* in his power, for converts, who make any sacrifices by their conversion. The SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE can only pray God that his blessing may attend such efforts.

\* His Excellency Sir Robert Brownrigg.



## APPENDIX, N<sup>o</sup>. I.

SIR,

AS there have been frequent applications made to the *District Committees* Committee of Correspondence concerning the establishment and conduct of DISTRICT COMMITTEES, the Committee have endeavoured to put together such particulars of information as may meet the greater part of the enquiries; and in answer to your letter of I beg to forward to you the following statement respecting

I. The object and wish of the SOCIETY in the formation of *District Committees*.

II. Particulars to be observed for the attainment of that object.

III. The operation of District Committees on the interests of the SOCIETY.

IV. The advantages to individuals, either *Members* of the SOCIETY, or DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

I. The SOCIETY, although it has existed above a century, may even at this time be considered as little known in some parts of the kingdom, and the Board is desirous by the establishment of *District Committees* to extend its influence to every part; and to add to the funds, on which its utility must depend, both by inducing more persons to become annual subscribers, and by collecting from charitable persons in every rank of life such contributions as they can afford, although much below the sum of One Guinea, which is necessary to becoming a Member of the SOCIETY.

II. For the attainment of this object, the Board look in the first place to the Parochial Clergy, from whom they



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may hope assistance in every parish in the kingdom, from their interest in the promotion of Christian Knowledge, and in the support of the Established Religion of the Country. The Clergy from their local knowledge, will in their own parishes be able to join with themselves persons of whose readiness and ability to assist in the work, they are assured; and will at the same time be best acquainted with the wants of their neighbourhoods. With such various and extended connections as may be hoped from the *District Committees*, it is highly important to the carrying on of the business of the SOCIETY, that all be conducted as much as possible on one uniform plan, as far as relates to the SOCIETY at large;—although there may be regulations merely of a *local* nature, which may differ in each *District Committee* according to its judgment and circumstances; and the Board has therefore with particular attention drawn up the following Papers;

**A.** A set of rules for the regulation of *District Committees*, to all of which, as also to the General Rules and Orders which are binding on the SOCIETY at large, as far as they are applicable, it desires the conformity of the Committees, as is stated at the end of Rule 20, and in the heading of the local regulations C.

**B.** A statement of the object of *District Committees*, which the SOCIETY wish to be circulated, in explanation and as an application for subscriptions, and which with proper insertions will also serve for a notice of meetings.

**C.** A form to point out the principal local regulations, which are necessary. A few of these are printed with directions in *Italics* to shew their use.

**D.** A form in which the SOCIETY request to have the



account of each District Committee transmitted to *District* the Secretary in London, before the 1st of February, *Committees.* annually.

- E.** A book of correspondent form offered for the use of the Secretaries and Treasurers of *District Committees*, which it is hoped may afford them facility in keeping their accounts.

[These several papers may be had from the SOCIETY *gratis*.]

The Committee beg leave to remark here upon a few of the Rules in Paper A; the purport and reason of which do not appear to have been perfectly obvious to persons unacquainted with the business of the SOCIETY.

Rule 2. The SOCIETY consider the *District Committees* as conducting in the country the same concerns of the SOCIETY which are conducted in London by the General Board; and, that a co-operation and union of interest may appear through the whole, it is highly desirable that all Subscribing Members of the SOCIETY should be induced if possible to take a share in the concerns of the Districts to which they belong, by attending the meetings of the Committee, of which they are Members by Rule 2, although they do not perhaps subscribe to it.

Rule 4. Is intended to allow persons who may not be Members of the SOCIETY to attend the meetings of the District Committees for *local purposes only*; it being left to each Committee to admit under such regulations as they shall think proper as to recommendation, ballot, or otherwise; the SOCIETY prescribing only that all must be Members of the Established Church, and contribute at least 10s. 6d.

Rule 10. Besides the supply of books at home, the SOCIETY conduct at a considerable expence various important concerns abroad, by supporting Missions, &c. where no return is made to the funds of the SOCIETY. The property



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of the SOCIETY meets this expence in part; but the most important of its pecuniary means arise from the Annual Subscriptions of Members, which are given without any correspondent demand for books being made. But when it is considered that the prices at which the SOCIETY supplies its Members or District Committees with Books, are reduced to about three-fifths of their actual cost to the SOCIETY, it will be ruinous to the SOCIETY to supply a District Committee with books at such reduced prices, unless such Committee give a part of their contributions to the general designs. Under this Rule 10, a District collecting £30 remits £10 to the SOCIETY, and may expend £20 in books at a price so far reduced, that the actual cost of them is about £31 13s. 4d. By requiring *one-third* therefore of all contributions, the SOCIETY certainly does no more than is necessary to preserve itself unhurt: and the same observation applies to the division directed under Rule 14, as will appear by considering that if a District Committee on receiving £20 for books sold at the reduced price, could again apply to the Board for £20 more in books which actually have cost upwards of £30, and re-sell them in the same manner, the SOCIETY would be a loser of £10 and upwards *toties quoties*; but by thirding the receipt in the manner there directed, it is secured from any loss which is material in amount. The exception in Rule 10, in favour of the Subscribing Member, is not designed to extend to such subscriptions as he may make annually to a District Committee, but solely to occasional donations, which he has the privilege, beyond Members of a District Committee only, of applying to the purchase of books to the full amount of the donation.

Rule 15. Is intended to afford facility to any Member of the SOCIETY in getting a limited amount of books on the terms of the SOCIETY without delay, and is an important convenience afforded by the establishment of local depôts. Requests to a larger amount must be sent to the Board in London for approval, as heretofore. This Rule does not



authorize a District Committee to apply for books, by reason of its having any number of members of the SOCIETY on the list of the Committee. Such applications to the amount of £3 to each, would obviously be ruinous to the SOCIETY. *District Committees.*

Rule 18. The SOCIETY hope that the expence of printing will be almost entirely saved, except at the first establishment of a District Committee, by the adoption of the several papers prepared by the SOCIETY. An expence for the use of a meeting room and some others, will, if requested by any particular Committee, be allowed as a deduction from the total collection; and may be stated in the annual account, D.

III. From the establishment of District Committees, the Board hope for an increase to the number of their Subscribing Members to the SOCIETY, as such contributions can alone enable them to carry forward with effect the general objects of the SOCIETY, and to afford the supply of books which are furnished to their members for distribution at a price not exceeding *three-fifths* of their cost on an average. Unless therefore the number be considerable of Subscribing Members, who contribute without making a correspondent demand on the SOCIETY for books, the SOCIETY would be unable to comply with the requests made to them, where either the zeal of the distributor or the wants of his neighbourhood, occasions a large demand. In forming a Committee therefore, it should be well observed, that if funds are collected solely for the use of the District, although it forwards the objects of the SOCIETY in that particular part of the country, it gives no assistance to its general purposes, and that it is on that account particularly desirable to add to the list of Subscribing Members, to whom it should be urged, that the SOCIETY are with increased means extending their several plans for general good purposes precisely as heretofore from the general Subscriptions, and are by means of the Committees superadding a provision for the *local* wants of each district, from the *local* contributions.



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Besides the annual subscriptions of larger amount from members, much may be collected in smaller sums parochially for similar purposes. Another advantage arising to the SOCIETY from the District Committees, will be the regular collection of the subscriptions and payments for books through the intervention of the several Secretaries or Treasurers, who from their local knowledge of the parties will with ease receive those sums, which now remain frequently a long time in arrear to a very large amount for the want of a facility in remitting them. To the same local knowledge in the District Committees, the SOCIETY look for the correction of their List of Members by death, removal, &c. the want of this is attended at present with no small inconvenience in the accounts of the SOCIETY, and in the delivery of the Annual Packet. It is requested therefore that regard be had by the Committees to Rules 7 and 9 in Paper A, as well as to the return of names and places of residence in Paper D; and it might be desirable that each Committee prior to their meeting at or about Christmas, should give notice to their members of the payment to be made at such meeting. And it is particularly the wish of the SOCIETY that attention be paid to the transmission of the District Account before February 1, according to Rule 17, as the accounts of the SOCIETY are audited to Lady-Day in each year. The quarterly remittances may be made by even sums of £10, (Rule 17.) and the balance paid once in the year.

IV. The advantages afforded to the Members of the SOCIETY by the establishment of a District Committee in his neighbourhood, are not intended to be of a pecuniary nature to him, by furnishing him with books cheaper than heretofore. In respect to his individual privileges, his situation remains unaltered, as he is entitled to no books for distribution unless by purchase at a reduced price in addition to his annual subscription; yet the advantages to him are various besides that which results from a combination of energies. He is enabled to make his remittances with facility as above stated, and to get such books as are actually



wanted for his own individual distribution, with facility and <sup>District</sup> dispatch by application to the Secretaries of District <sup>Commit-</sup>tees under Rule 15, to a limited extent: this last circumstance is of much importance, as in a distant part of the country it will frequently happen that the difficulty now existing on that subject will totally deter from the attempt, and an opportunity of doing good may be wholly lost by the unavoidable delay of communication through the Secretary to the Board, and afterwards to the Booksellers in London. The Subscribing Member also of one guinea annually to the SOCIETY alone, if his pecuniary means do not enable him at a further cost to purchase books for his private distribution, may as a member of a District Committee, by Rule 2, take a share in the direction of its funds towards the supply of the poor in his neighbourhood without any farther expence to himself. If he subscribe one guinea both to the SOCIETY and DISTRICT; the former subscription is applied to the several purposes of the SOCIETY by the Board in London, unless he apply for the purchase of books to distribute personally; and by the latter subscription, books amounting to 14s. at a reduced price, equal in value to about 23s. 6d. are put into the hands of the District Committee. The contributor to the district *only*, is not as such entitled to any books for distribution on his own account. All of them are by Rule 14, considered as placed at the discretion of the Committee collectively, and are by the Committee at their quarterly meetings apportioned under the same Rule (14), to the contributions and the wants of the several parishes. Yet it will seldom occur that a contributor cannot be supplied by a Committee with such books as it may be reasonable for him to ask, particularly if it is kept in view, that in a charitable institution pecuniary advantage to the member is not to be expected, but benefit to the object of his bounty. Besides, it is left open by Rule 14, to the discretion of the Committees each for themselves according to circumstances to allow by a local regulation, as some Committees have done, that every member may purchase from the funds of



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the district to an amount proportioned to his subscription ; the SOCIETY only providing, as is indeed necessary to its existence, by the division directed under Rules 10 and 14, that it shall not be impoverished by a demand for books at a reduced price, beyond what the third of the subscription enables them to furnish without loss on the whole, independent of the sums paid by Subscribing Members of the SOCIETY, who may still apply for books for their own use as heretofore.

For the purpose of conducting the distribution of books regularly by the Committees, it would be desirable that from each parish the Minister should bring to every quarterly meeting of the Committee, a list of such tracts as might be wanted : the Committee would then be able to apportion the distribution properly, and to give an order accordingly to the Secretary, who would at the subsequent meeting report such order as executed, and the amount would be passed as a bill.

It is recommended that every District Committee be furnished with one Copy of each of the 8vo. and 12mo. Bibles, Testaments, and Common Prayers, on the SOCIETY's List, and with a Testament and Psalter bound together ; as specimens to their members of the size, type, &c. They may be had for this purpose on application to the SOCIETY, with their several descriptions and prices lettered on the back. The cost is £2. 8s. 3d.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your faithful and obedient servant,

WILLIAM PARKER,

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.



A.

# REGULATIONS *for the Establishment of* DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

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## *General Rules relating to District Committees.*

I. THAT in the formation of DISTRICT COMMITTEES, *Regulations for the Establishment of* the sanction of the Diocesan be previously obtained; and that regard be had, wherever it is practicable, to the ecclesiastical divisions of Dioceses, Archdeaconries, and Deaneries. *Dist. Com.*

II. THAT with such sanction, four or more Subscribing or Corresponding Members of the SOCIETY have power to form themselves into a District Committee; of which all other Members of the SOCIETY residing in the District shall also be Members, although they be not subscribers to the particular use of such District: provided always, that no such Committee be then acting within such District.

III. THAT the District Committees do meet quarterly at the least.

IV. THAT in all matters relating only to the local concerns of the Districts, or to the application of their funds, the District Committees *may* be open, *if deemed expedient*, under such regulations as they shall appoint, to Members of the Established Church, who subscribe not less than Half-a-Guinea annually to the use of the District.

V. THAT every President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or other Officer, (except the Assistant Secretary or Clerk\*) in District Committees, be chosen from such persons only as are Members of the SOCIETY.

\* See SOCIETY'S Standing Order, No. 15.



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VI. THAT all such Officers be Members of any Subcommittee, which may be formed for special purposes, not relating to the duties of their several offices.

VII. THAT the Treasurers or Secretaries of such Committees be empowered to receive Benefactions or Annual Subscriptions for the use of the SOCIETY, and payments for Books furnished to its Members; and to give receipts for the same.

VIII. THAT such Committees do receive other annual or occasional contributions, however small, for "the general Designs of the SOCIETY," or for the particular use of the several Districts.

IX. THAT all Annual Subscriptions be considered as due at Christmas.

X. THAT towards defraying the increased expense occasioned to the SOCIETY by the supply of books to the various Districts on the favourable terms allowed to its Members, one-third of all Benefactions, Subscriptions, Contributions, or Collections whatever, in each District, be remitted to the SOCIETY: provided always, that no such remittance be required on account of any Sum, which a Subscribing Member of the SOCIETY may give wholly for the use of a particular District; or of any other donation for defraying special expenses, and not for the purchase of Books from the SOCIETY.

XI. THAT the remainder of all Contributions in any District do form a separate Fund for its use, as far as its wants may require, or be either wholly or in part remitted to the SOCIETY, for the supply of less opulent Districts at home, or for the purpose of promoting its objects in *Foreign Countries*.

XII. THAT Members, who *collect* any sums for the above purposes, and who reside where a District Committee is established, do pay all such sums to the Treasurer of such District Committee; the sums *collected* by Members where no District Committee is established, being divided and expended by them in like manner as is herein-



after directed concerning District Committees, except in the case of sums given for "the general Designs of the SOCIETY," which are to be wholly remitted to the Office in London. *General Rules relating to Dist. Com.*

XIII. THAT the District Committees \* be empowered to order, through their Secretaries, at the cost of their several Funds, any Books on the SOCIETY'S List, upon the terms allowed to its Members.

XIV. THAT the Books so ordered may be either distributed *gratuitously* in the Districts, or sold *at reduced prices* to or for the use of the Poor; regard being had, wherever required, to the amount of the several parochial collections within the year: provided always, that the money returned to the Committee from such sale, be considered as a further Contribution in the District, subject to Rule X.

XV. THAT if the fund of any District do allow the formation of a Local Depository of Books, the Subscribing or Corresponding Members of the SOCIETY may receive Books therefrom upon the terms of the SOCIETY, for distribution on their own account: provided that all requests from any Member for Books, exceeding in value £1 10s. at any one time, or £3 in one year, be previously transmitted to the General Board in London, for approval; and that all monies received for such Books, so issued, belong *wholly* to the Fund of the District.

XVI. THAT no Books, which are not on the SOCIETY'S List, be purchased by the Funds of the Committees, or be received into the local depositories for distribution.

XVII. THAT remittance † be made by the Treasurers or Secretaries, of monies received and due to the SOCIETY, whenever the sum in hand, so due at the time of any Quar-

\* *Special forms of applications for Books, on account of District Committees, will be forwarded to their respective Secretaries.*

† *In remitting any sum of money to the SOCIETY, the Secretaries and Treasurers of District Committees are particularly requested to state the specific objects for which the remittance is made.*



*General Rules relating to Dist. Com.* terly Meeting, shall exceed £10; and that before *February* 1st, in each year, a clear account be transmitted, and full payment be made of all sums received for the general Designs of the SOCIETY, or due for Books ordered by the District Committee in the year preceding.

XVIII. THAT the SOCIETY, if requested, do defray all necessary expenses incurred by the District Committees, except the charge of carriage.

XIX. THAT the District Committees be requested to transmit annually to the General Board an account of the Schools within their respective districts, which have been supplied wholly or in part with Books by the SOCIETY, together with the number of scholars of each sex educated in the several Schools.

XX. THAT the District Committees do once, at least, in every year, transmit to the Bishop of the Diocese and to the Board in London, an abstract of their general proceedings, and a copy of all regulations made by them: and do in all things conform to the Rules and Orders of the SOCIETY.



## B. STATEMENT of the OBJECTS of DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

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*\*\* This Paper may serve, by filling up the blank space, as notice of Meetings proposed, and also may be distributed as an application for Subscriptions, &c.*

### A District Committee of the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE \*

THE SOCIETY was established in 1699, and has continued, at an increasing annual expense, which Anno 1817 exceeded £60,000, to promote the Knowledge of Christianity both at *home* and *abroad*, by encouraging MISSIONS and SCHOOLS, and by distributing in various languages BIBLES and PRAYER-BOOKS, and also RELIGIOUS TRACTS in conformity with the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England.

The Objects of DISTRICT COMMITTEES are:

1. To extend the usefulness of the SOCIETY, to increase its influence, and its means of circulating Religious Books at *home*, and of imparting the blessings of the Gospel to *Foreign* Countries, by the union and co-operation of the Clergy and other Members of the Established Church.

2. To invite all such persons in a DISTRICT, whether Clergy or Laity, who have the ability, to become Subscribing Members of the SOCIETY, with a contribution of not less than One Guinea annually; the Parochial Clergy being admissible, on application for that purpose, as Corresponding Members without Subscription.

3. To promote Parochial Collections, whether annual or occasional, and to receive Contributions, however small, for

*\* Here insert the name of the District, place of meeting, &c. And the SOCIETY'S PRINTER will, upon application to the Secretary, in London, fill up the Blank in such manner as may be desired for the use of any particular District Committee.*



Statement of the uses of the SOCIETY, or for a supply of Books to the  
of the Ob- DISTRICT.

4. To afford to the Members of the SOCIETY a facility of obtaining Books upon the very favourable Terms of the SOCIETY, and of paying their Subscriptions, &c. through the Secretary of the DISTRICT.

5. To ascertain the wants of the several parts of each DISTRICT; and, by giving assistance to the less opulent parishes, to enlarge their means of obtaining Religious Instruction.

6. And lastly, by promoting more frequent and friendly intercourse among the Members, to collect and forward to the General Board such local information as may tend to the advancement of Religious Knowledge.

With these objects in view, it is anxiously hoped, that both the Clergy and Laity will exert themselves in recommending and collecting Benefactions towards the designs of this ancient and truly Christian Institution.

All Subscribing and Corresponding Members of the Society, as Members of the Committee in the District where they reside, are earnestly requested to give their support by attending the Meetings, and transacting their business through the Secretary of the District; and their privilege of obtaining Books on the terms of the Society is not diminished by the Rules relating to District Committees.

Form of  
Applica-  
tion for  
Books.

Form of Application for Books, to be addressed to the Society's Secretary, in London, or to the Secretary of a District Committee :

REV. SIR,

I request from the { *Society's Bookseller* } the under-mentioned  
 { *District Committee* }

Books, on the Terms of the Society, to be forwarded by  
 , Carrier from

directed to

for, &c.



## C. FORM of LOCAL REGULATIONS.

*\* \* This Paper is applicable on the first Establishment of a District Form of Committee, by inserting a date at the head, and may be used also Local Regulations during its continuance, by dating the appointment of Officers in any subsequent year.*

AT a Meeting of the Members of the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, and others of the Clergy and Laity residing within the .....  
 ....., in the County of .....  
 in the Diocese of .....  
 .....in the Chair;  
 The SOCIETY'S statement of the objects of DISTRICT COMMITTEES being read,

RESOLVED, That the sanction of the Lord Bishop of .....  
 .....having been obtained, a DISTRICT COMMITTEE be now established for the said .....  
 in conformity with the rules and orders of the SOCIETY, and under the following local

### REGULATIONS.

If it be at any time deemed expedient to open the Committee,

That this Committee be open, as permitted by the Rule of the SOCIETY, No. 4, only to persons, who subscribe at least ..... annually, to the use of the District, and

That this Committee do meet at ..... on the  
 in the months of

That the Chair be taken at ..... o'clock, precisely;  
 but that if ..... Members be not then present, the Committee do adjourn, and Notice be sent to the several Members of an adjourned Meeting to be held within days.



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That at the Meeting a President be nominated, whose office shall continue , and that in each year Vice-President , a Treasurer, and Secretary (and Assistant-Secretary if necessary), be nominated for the year ensuing; and in case of any vacancy happening within the year, the same shall be supplied at the next Quarterly or Special Meeting, notice of such vacancy being previously given.

That the President, or Vice-President , or Members of the Committee have power to call a Special Meeting, giving days' Notice of such Meeting, and of the object of it.

That the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary be open to inspection at all General Meetings, and be audited annually at the Quarterly Meeting in

That a Local Depository of Books, for the supply of the District and of the Members of the SOCIETY, be formed at , under the direction of the Committee, by the appropriation of

That the Books be placed under the care of who shall, without reference to the Committee, comply with the request of any Member of the SOCIETY for Books, under the restrictions prescribed by the general Rule, No. 15, and report the same at the next General Meeting.

That an account of the state of the Local Depository be regularly kept, and be laid before the Committee at every General Meeting.

**RESOLVED,**

That

be requested to accept the office of President.

Vice-President.

Treasurer.

Secretary.



## D.

THIS Paper contains a form for the Secretaries and <sup>Form for</sup> Treasurers to transmit their annual Accounts to the <sup>Secretaries</sup> <sup>and Treasurers.</sup> SOCIETY.

N. B. *All these Papers are printed separately, and may be had, gratis, on application at the SOCIETY'S OFFICE.*



## APPENDIX, N<sup>o</sup>. II.

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### FIRST REPORT of the PRESTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

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THE COMMITTEE feel it their duty to lay before the present Meeting an account of their proceedings since the first public Meeting in August last, that the Members and Friends of the Establishment may have an opportunity of judging in what manner the Committee have exercised the powers with which they were entrusted, and to what extent they have been enabled to promote the important objects of the parent Institution.

They trust, that the statement they have to make, will furnish the most satisfactory evidence of the tendency of this institution to promote a knowledge of the doctrines and duties of Christianity, and of its strong claims to the general and warm support of every member of the Established Religion.

The first object of the Committee was, to establish a Depository of Books in the town of Preston, which they were soon enabled to effect, through the ready attention that was paid to all their applications by the board in London. From this Depository the members may obtain any of the books in the Catalogue of the Society, upon the reduced terms, and without any expense of carriage.

The following books have been issued from the Depository during the last six months, viz.—



Bibles .....	329
Testaments .....	262
Prayer Books .....	824
Bound books .....	517
Small Tracts, unbound .....	1000
School Books, ditto .....	5376

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Another subject to which the attention of the Committee has been particularly directed, is the education of the poor in the principles of the Established Religion. With a view of forwarding this most important object, they have been active in diffusing a knowledge of the new system of teaching, which is now patronised and recommended by the highest authorities both in Church and State. In order to facilitate the introduction of this system into the neighbouring parishes, the Committee have made an arrangement with the Visitors of the Preston National School, by which any person from the country, properly recommended, will be instructed in the improved system, by their master. And, as a further encouragement, the Committee will allow the sum of twelve shillings a week, towards defraying the expenses of board while the master may be in attendance at Preston. It is considered, that a competent knowledge of the system may be acquired in about a month or five weeks.

Five Masters and two Mistresses have been trained in the Preston National School, and are now engaged in different schools within the District, where the new system has been introduced.

In those parts of the District where, from local circumstances, there was no prospect of establishing Day Schools, the Committee have recommended the establishment of Sunday Schools; and, as an encouragement to the more respectable inhabitants in these places to make the attempt, they have offered to supply them with such elementary books as they may have occasion for.



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Application has been made to the Clergy, to favour the Committee with an account of all Sunday and Day Schools on the Establishment, within their respective parishes. A list of these, with the number of scholars, as far as the returns have been received, is subjoined to this Report.

The Committee have taken such means as appeared to them most proper, for making the benevolent designs of the SOCIETY generally known to the lower classes of the people; they have made it their duty to enquire, where there was a want of Bibles and Prayer Books: and, as far as they were able, have supplied the deficiency.

To the Poor-house and House of Correction, in this town, very seasonable supplies of Bibles, Prayer Books, &c. have been sent; and the Committee are happy in stating, that the same attention has been paid to similar establishments in other parts of the District.

As instances have frequently occurred, of persons coming from very distant parts of the District, to purchase a single book at the Depository in Preston, the Committee beg leave to recommend to the Clergy throughout the District, to keep small collections of the SOCIETY'S books in their respective vestries, for the accommodation of their own parishioners. This plan has been adopted, with much convenience, in Preston and several of the neighbouring churches.

The Committee beg leave most earnestly to recommend to the Clergymen throughout the District, to explain to their parishioners, and enforce from their respective pulpits, the object and design of the SOCIETY and its high claims to their assistance and support; and to promote collections in their parishes, once a year, at such time as they shall judge most convenient; and to transmit the amount to the Treasurer in Preston, on or before the first of July.

The Committee annex to this Report, a statement of their receipts and disbursements; being well assured, that when the friends of the institution see in what manner the funds have been laid out, and to what extent the objects of the



SOCIETY have been promoted, they will not only continue that patronage and support which they have hitherto given it, but will use their best exertions to enable the Committee to meet the daily encreasing demands, which are made upon the Depository, from the different parts of the District.

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*DAY SCHOOLS, in which the National System has been introduced.*

	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Preston National School .....	283	199	482
Walton National School .....	96	50	146
Parish of Penwortham, viz.			
Parish Grammar School, at Hutton, (partially) .....	60	30	90
Farrington National School .....	40	40	80
Chorley, (partially) .....	60	40	100
Singleton, (partially) .....	25	18	43
Lund, (partially) .....			25
Parish of Poulton, viz.			
Poulton township .....	55	45	100
Thornton township .....	50	50	100
Carleton township, (partially) .....	30	25	55
Houghton National School .....			100
Parish of Kirkham, viz.			
Kirkham National School .....		98	98
Langton School .....		45	45
Treales and Warles .....			70
Lytham, (partially) .....	100	65	165
			<u>1699</u>

*SUNDAY SCHOOLS, in which the National System has been introduced.*

	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Parish of Penwortham, viz.			
at Farrington .....	70	70	140
at Penwortham .....	100	30	130
at Howick .....	60	40	100
at Hutton .....	60	39	99
Goosnargh, (partially) .....	80	50	130



		Boys.	Girls.	Total.
<i>Preston District Committee.</i>	Walton Sunday School .....	80	70	150
	Kirkham .....	160	150	310
	Marton .....			400
	Singleton (partially) .....	36	32	68
	Eccleston, near Croston, (partially).....	105	93	198
	Poulton, Carleton, and Hardhorn .....	50	60	110
	Thornton .....	50	50	100
	Rufford .....			
	Lytham .....	30	20	50
	Hesketh, with Becconsall .....	23	20	43
	St. Michael's, (partially).....	40	20	60
				2088

### *DAY SCHOOLS, on the old Plan.*

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Preston Blue Schools.....	13	19	32
Penwortham Parish, Howick .....	38	32	70
Warton .....	18	16	34
Ribby Boys' School.....	50	30	80
Ditto Girls' School .....		40	40
Broughton Higher School .....	9	12	21
Ditto Lower School .....	40	30	70
Newton Blue School .....			60
Grimsarg .....	14	7	21
Eccleston, near Croston, (five) .....	150	97	247
Chipping .....	80	30	110
Alston, (four) .....	42	50	92
Garstang.....	60	35	95
Garstang Church Town .....	70	30	100
Croston .....	98	60	158
Hesketh with Beconsall .....	41	23	64
			1294

### *SUNDAY SCHOOLS, on the old Plan.*

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Warton .....	22	25	47
Roach Mill .....	48	42	90
Grimsarg .....	15	15	30
Chipping .....	86	39	125
Preston, (three) .....	290	320	610
Clayton-le-Woods, (two) .....	42	30	72



	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Preston District Commit- tee.
Leyland.....	196	176	372	
Alston, (two) .....	60	80	140	
Garstang .....	100	30	130	
Garstang Church Town .....	40	22	62	
Inglewhite .....	52	14	66	
			<hr/> 1744	
General Total of Children.....			<hr/> 6827	

Besides several Schools from which no Returns have been received.

### *Rules of the Preston Committee.*

I. THAT this Committee be called "THE PRESTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE," and be open to all the subscribing Members of the SOCIETY who may find it convenient to attend the Meetings.

II. THAT a Depository of Bibles, Prayer Books, &c. for supplying the Parishes and Chapelries within this District, be kept at Preston.

III. THAT this Committee be governed by a Patron, two Presidents, Vice Presidents, two Secretaries, a Treasurer, and Librarian, the Clergy of the Established Church, resident in Preston, with an equal number of Laymen resident there, and the Clergyman and a Layman, or two Laymen, from each Parish and Chapelry in the District; provided they be Members of the SOCIETY.

IV. THAT the Clergy and other Members of this SOCIETY be requested to enquire generally within their respective parishes, what want there is of Bibles, New Testaments, and Common Prayer Books; and where a deficiency is found, to promote parochial subscriptions and donations, for the purpose of obtaining a supply of these and of other publications of the SOCIETY.

V. THAT the officiating Clergy be respectfully requested to recommend the SOCIETY to the benevolence of their



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respective parishes; and, with the assistance of the Churchwardens and other respectable inhabitants, to adopt such measures as they shall think most likely to promote the objects of this Institution.

VI. THAT all donations be applied to the general Depository of Books, and all subscriptions and collections be placed to the credit of the respective places from whence they shall be sent, which places shall be entitled to receive Books to the amount of two-thirds of that sum, upon the terms of the SOCIETY, free from any charge for carriage or package; but if any balance shall remain on hand at the commencement of another year, it shall be transferred to the general Depository.

VII. THAT necessitous parishes, in which collections cannot be made adequate to their own supply, be aided at the discretion of the Committee, by grants of Books from the Depository, and particularly for the support and encouragement of daily and Sunday Schools.

VIII. THAT the Clergy be requested to make a return of the Schools in their respective parishes in which the School Books furnished by the SOCIETY are used.

IX. THAT the Officers of this Committee, who shall together form a select Committee for the management of its concerns, do meet four times in each year, viz. on the first Tuesdays in February, May, August, and November, and at such other times as they may think convenient.

X. THAT a General Meeting of this Committee take place on the first Tuesday in May, in every year, to receive a report of the proceedings, and to consider of the best means of still further promoting the exertions and usefulness of the Institution.

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*The Names of the Gentlemen appointed to receive Subscriptions, and manage the concerns of the SOCIETY, at each place of the District, so far as the Returns have been received.*

*Alston, Rev. Robert Parkinson, William Buck, Esq.  
Brindle, Rev. C. Bristed.*



*Broughton*, Rev. Hugh Hodgson.

*Chorley*, Rev. Oliver Cooper, John Cunliffe, Esq. Mr. *Preston District Committee.*  
James Kay.

*Croston*, Rev. S. Master, Edward King, Esq.

*Cop Chapel*, Rev. Reginald Sharp, Edw. Rishton, jun. Esq.

*Chipping*, Rev. Robert Smith.

*Eccleston*, near *Croston*, Rev. W. Yates, Mr. T. Hawkshead.

*Garstang*, Rev. E. Thornton, Mr. Thomas Bell.

*Garstang Church Town*, Rev. J. Pedder, H. Fielding, Esq.

*Goosnargh*, Rev. R. S. Barton, John Parker, Esq.

*Grimsargh*, Rev. John Harrison, Wm. Cross, Esq.

*Heapy*, Rev. J. Rebanks, — Reddish, Esq.

*Hesketh with Beconsall*, Rev. T. Whitehead.

*Hoole*, Rev. Miles Barton.

*Hambleton*, Rev. Thomas Butcher.

*Inglewhite*, Rev. E. Wilkinson.

*Kirkham*, Rev. James Webber, Rev. James Radcliffe, Joseph  
Hornby, jun. Esq. Hugh Hornby, Esq.

*Leyland*, Rev. Rigby Baldwin, Mr. Arthur Dawson.

*Longton*, Rev. Robert Tongue, John Moss, Esq.

*Lund Chapel*, Rev. Thomas Stephenson.

*Lytham*, Rev. — Lister.

*Marton*, Rev. Thomas Bryer, Mr. John Whalley.

*Preston*, Rev. James Penny, Rev. W. Towne, Rev. R.  
Harris, Rev. E. Law, Mr. Thomas Petty, W. St. Clare,  
jun. M. D., Mr. Hopkins, Mr. John Taylor.

*Poulton*, Rev. Robert Bowness, Thomas Wilson, Esq.

*Penwortham*, Rev. T. Selkirk, John Horrocks, Esq.

*Ribchester*, Rev. J. Quartley.

*Ribby*, Rev. James Fox, Joseph Hornby, Esq.

*Rufford*, Rev. E. Master.

*Singleton*, Rev. T. Banks.

*St. Lawrence*, Rev. Robt. Dixon, Robt. Shuttleworth, Esq.

*St. Michael*, Rev. Hugh Hornby.

*Walton*, Rev. E. S. Radcliffe, Charles Swainson, Esq.

*Warton*, Rev. J. Fox, Thomas Mayor.

*Woodplumpton*, Rev. Henry Foster.



## APPENDIX, N<sup>o</sup>. III.

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*An ADDRESS to the INHABITANTS of the DEANERY of  
LEWES, &c. on the Formation of a DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE of the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRIS-  
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AT the close of the seventeenth century, a few individuals of elevated station and eminent piety, both among the Clergy and Laity, justly conceiving that "the growth of vice and immorality was greatly owing to gross ignorance of the principles of the Christian Religion \*," formed themselves into a SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

The principal object of this Association was to create a Fund to aid the professional labours of the Parochial Clergy in the religious instruction of the poor, "by erecting Catechetical Schools, by raising 'Lending Catechetical Libraries' in the several market-towns of this kingdom, by distributing good books, &c. &c.\*" and to guard against any deviation from the original design especial care has from the first been taken to admit those persons only as Members of the SOCIETY, who are well-affected to the Civil and Ecclesiastical Establishment.

Within little more than ten years from the commencement of its exertions, nearly five thousand children of indigent parents were taught in its SCHOOLS, in and about the cities of London and Westminster: and so beneficial was the

\* Preamble to the first proceedings of the SOCIETY.



impulse thus given to the country at large, that in 1741, no less a number than forty thousand were regularly and gratuitously receiving, under the auspices of the SOCIETY, the inestimable blessing of Education in the principles of the Church of England. *Lewes Deanery District Committee.*

After lending its pecuniary assistance towards the institution of these Charity Schools, the next care of the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE was to supply them, not only with elementary books of instruction, but with copies of the Holy Scriptures and Books of Common Prayer, together with devotional and practical Treatises, composed by some of the most learned writers, in strict accordance with the doctrines of the Gospel.

After the lapse of so many years it is gratifying to consider how greatly the nation has been indebted to the early example and increasing influence of the SOCIETY, for the progressive extension of Education among the lower orders of the community. When under the ample dome of the Cathedral of the Metropolis the Philanthropist contemplates with rapture above eight thousand little children assembled at one time from the various households of Charity within the immediate vicinity, all hailing with, as it were, one voice the beneficent Father of the Universe—let him reflect that they form but a small portion of those, who in different parts of the kingdom, and during a series of years, have been trained by similar Catechetical instruction to Christian faith and practice; but a few of the many thousands of infant poor, in whose susceptible minds this SOCIETY has been the blessed means of laying the sure foundation of an early attachment to that Church, in communion with which their forefathers lived in peace and died in holy hope: and at the same time to that Constitution, by which their religious and civil freedom has been effectually protected and secured.

The BIBLE, and especially that most important portion of it, the NEW TESTAMENT, it was the earliest purpose and has ever been the most anxious care of the SOCIETY



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to distribute among all classes as extensively as its funds would admit; nay, in the prosecution of this Apostolical labour, it has been led to exceed occasionally its actual income—in a firm reliance however, in which it has never been disappointed, that the bounteous Giver of all good would bless its pious work, and raise up from time to time persons willing to contribute of their abundance to the spiritual necessities of their Fellow-Christians.

The SOCIETY has at the same time been well aware that the COMMON PRAYER BOOK of the National Church was also necessary to excite, to direct, and to assist the devotions of the poor, to enable them to join in the same offices of prayer and praise, and to partake of the same sacraments with their brethren in their Parish Church; and to furnish them in the hours of retirement, when either presumption or dejection of mind might incapacitate them for the difficult task of addressing their Creator aright, with forms of supplication and thanksgiving, not only conceived in the spirit, but for the most part expressed in the very language of the Holy Bible.

To the Bible, and to that happy application of its doctrines to the necessities of our fallen nature, which forms the Liturgy of the Church of England, the SOCIETY has added in its discreet bounty a series of RELIGIOUS TRACTS, Doctrinal, Devotional, and Practical; calculated in a very eminent degree to enable the unlearned reader of the Scriptures to "*understand what he reads*" in the Sacred volume. A copious list of these Tracts at the very reduced prices of the SOCIETY is subjoined, divided into twelve classes. The limits of an Address will not admit of any detailed account of the important subjects of which they treat. But it may be useful to remark, however cursorily, their general character. The first class is chiefly designed to explain those doctrines and precepts of Scripture over which time with its gradual change of habits, ideas, and language, has superinduced a shade of obscurity: to interpret obsolete phrases by a reference to the former state of the world, and



to reconcile apparent contrarieties of doctrine ; to investigate and to point out the appropriation of particular precepts to particular nations and individuals, according to the exigences of particular seasons ; and thus finally to place on high, and freed from all intervening obstacles, the pure light of Gospel Truth ; that never failing Pillar of Fire which is still vouchsafed by a guiding Providence to mankind, to direct and illumine the path of the wanderer through the wilderness of human life. This precaution having been taken for a right interpretation of Scripture whereon to build a system of faith and practice, the next five classes are chiefly devotional, illustrating the beautiful Liturgy of our Church, pointing to its inspired original, and deducing therefrom the nature, and the importance, the benefit and the obligation of her Creed, her Offices, her Ordinances, and her Sacraments. As a right understanding of the word and attributes of God leads naturally to a proper form of devotion—the necessary effect of a sound faith and pure worship is to superinduce a corresponding practice. The seventh and largest division of Tracts more particularly enforces the leading duties of Christianity : and as men are too apt to rest contented with general notions of religious obligation ; and too often neglect to apply the precepts to every particular of their own conduct, the following class comprehends the particular duties, addressing all sorts and conditions of men, and applying to the various sins which most easily beset our fallen race. The Treatises in the ninth class shew the evils of those Corruptions of the word of God from which we happily escaped at the Reformation. The tenth is directed against that Enthusiasm, which professing to be most opposed to the tenets of Popery, is too nearly allied to it in the pride of its pretensions, in its ensnaring spirit of Proselytism, and in its deleterious influence on the reason, on the moral feelings, and (if it be not religion to impute partiality to God, if it be not religion to address our Maker in the language of human passion) on the religious principles of mankind. The two remaining classes relate to

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**Education:** The eleventh containing Elementary books of Instruction which are used in all the National Schools throughout the kingdom; and the twelfth, such real, or fictitious narratives as are calculated to blend amusement with instruction, and to make the Reader, while commenting on the conduct of others, unconsciously his own tutor in the sacred and social duties of life.

If it be admitted, and surely it must be admitted, that the Bible needs exposition: that the Parochial Clergy, however zealous in the discharge of their duties, cannot be at all times and in all places ministering the required instruction: that therefore printed Commentaries on the Doctrines of Religion, and printed persuasives to the observance of its Precepts, are the best means of assisting the labours of the Clergy, by qualifying the unlearned to comprehend more clearly, and to follow up with more edification the truths they may hear from their Spiritual Teacher: if, too, it be acknowledged that the most frightful heresies, and the most pernicious errors may be, and indeed are, in this way, and particularly in this age of general Education, impressed as with the sanction of authority upon the unsuspecting minds of the young and of the ignorant, it must be consoling to all the friends of sound morality and true religion to know, that NO TRACT IS ALLOWED TO BE SENT OUT UNDER THE SANCTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, WITHOUT THE SUREST HUMAN GUARANTEE FOR ITS ORTHODOXY AND BENEFICIAL TENDENCY. Although among the Authors of the various Treatises are read the honoured names of Barrow and of Tillotson, of Sherlock and of Secker, of Leslie and of Lyttelton, of Porteus and of Horne, of Horsley and of Paley, yet even their publications were not admitted into the SOCIETY'S Catalogue till they had been "recommended to the SOCIETY by three Subscribing Members who had read the same, and reported them to be proper and requisite to promote the designs of the SOCIETY;" nor until, even after this recommendation,



“ they had been referred to four other Members to report *Lewes*  
 “ their opinion thereof to the General Board,” nor until *Deanery*  
 after all these precautions it had been “ determined by *District*  
 “ ballot whether they should be admitted or not\*.” *Committee.*

To understand the value of these cautionary measures, it is further necessary to consider what description of persons has been from its commencement the watchful stewards of the sacred trust reposed by the public in this SOCIETY : but to enumerate them would be to give an extended list of the brightest characters in Church and State for the last century. In addition, therefore, to those who have been already mentioned, suffice it to name only a few others who have enriched the stores of the SOCIETY with their labours, or have pleaded its cause at the Anniversary Meetings—such as Stillingfleet and Gibson, Wake and Fowler, Gastrell and Wilson, Stanhope and Tucker, Waterland and Randolph, among many high Dignitaries of the Church, who are all gone to receive the reward of their unwearied exertions in the promotion of Christian Knowledge. Of those who now, with guardian care, watch over the important interests entrusted to this SOCIETY, it is impossible to enumerate all, and it might appear invidious to make a selection.—Let the Reader only call to mind all those whose Christian virtues shed a pure lustre over the high situations they have been called to fill in the government of the affairs of the National Church, and he will find them all countenancing the SOCIETY by their subscriptions, and most of them taking an active and zealous interest in the furtherance of its benevolent designs. He will see those Prelates more especially, whose elevated stations require their general residence in the neighbourhood of the SOCIETY, and who therefore enjoy the most enlarged opportunities of witnessing the effects of its proceedings, mixing with their high functions in the Senate, and their pastoral superintendance of their Province and Dioceses, a paternal solicitude for the

\* General Rules of the SOCIETY respecting Books.



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welfare of this SOCIETY, a zealous vindication of its extensive and well directed powers, an earnest recommendation to their Clergy to assist its beneficent exertions, and a constant participation in its humble but most important labours.

And, while recounting other instances of watchful care of the SOCIETY exhibited in the conduct of the highest Guardians of our Church, it would be ingratitude in this Committee not to take the earliest opportunity to notice the encouragement they have afforded to the publication of a work, which was almost the only thing wanting to complete the beneficial designs of the SOCIETY. We allude to the printing of a FAMILY BIBLE in cheap numbers, for the accommodation of the poor, with Notes, explanatory and practical, selected from the most eminent Writers of the Established Church, by the Domestic Chaplains of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury; to which the SOCIETY contributes gratuitously Maps, Plans, and other appropriate Engravings. Of this Work, which has been some time before the public, and extensively circulated, it would be superfluous to say more at present, than that the great expectations originally formed from the high character of its Patrons, from the extensive erudition of its Editors, and from the known principles of the SOCIETY, have (and it has now nearly reached its conclusion) in no one instance been disappointed; and that it will be the particular care of the Committee to facilitate, by all the means in its power, the distribution of the new edition, which is to be immediately undertaken.

What region of the dominions happily comprehended under the protection of our Constitutional Monarchy has not profited by the diffusive charity of this venerable SOCIETY? Before it had been established ten years, it instituted "Lending Libraries" in each of the Dioceses of WALES, and circulated the Common Prayer Book and the Bible, together with some of its most valuable devotional and prae-



tical Tracts, all translated into the language of the Principality; distributing in the course of six impressions, no less a number than eighty-seven thousand copies of the Bible alone, besides sundry editions of the New Testament and Common Prayer Book. In IRELAND, in SCOTLAND, and in the ISLE OF MAN, the same union of piety and charity was successively exhibited in translating the Bible, Liturgy, &c. into the respective languages of those countries for general gratuitous distribution. And even before this period the SOCIETY had furnished our countrymen in distant lands with ample supplies of books, fixed Parochial Libraries, and assisted in the erection of Churches, in our numerous and extensive Settlements and Plantations in both Hemispheres.

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To the Members of our great National Establishments, the ARMY and the NAVY, to which under Providence our Country owes her prosperity, and Europe her safety, it has ever been the care of the SOCIETY to afford the instructions and consolations of Religion. The friends of the Church will be gratified by the information, that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have lately engaged to defray the expence of all the Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, which the Chaplain General may at any time require from the SOCIETY for the use of our gallant seamen. In regard to the Army (to quote from the Annual Report for 1812) the late excellent Regulations of H. R. H. "the Commander-in-Chief have in a great degree superseded all solicitude, and left scarcely any thing further to be desired by the most anxious friends of a sober, pious, and religious education."

Relieved in some measure from the constant demand upon its funds from these quarters, the SOCIETY has within these few years, made a general call upon the Parochial Clergy and other Subscribers to ascertain the spiritual wants of the poor in the WORK-HOUSES, HOSPITALS, and PRISONS, within their respective parishes, in order to afford a gratuitous supply of books to such as are not pro-



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vided with any proper fund for the purchase of them. From the outset, indeed, of its holy career, the attention of the SOCIETY has ever been directed, as occasion required, and as its means allowed, to the religious edification of the inhabitants of these abodes of wretchedness. The first formation of Schools in Work-houses, and the introduction of Divine Service into Prisons, are mainly owing to the joint recommendation and assistance of the SOCIETY.—And, what higher praise can be given to it than to record, that in obedience to the command, and in humble and faithful following of the steps of our Blessed Master, it has made it its invariable purpose that to the Poor, under every circumstance of sin and sorrow, the Gospel of Peace should be proclaimed: their best consolation in sickness and want, their surest support and aid in penitence and prayer; their only hope amid the gloom of desertion, and under the impending terrors of death.

Nor has Kindred or Country prescribed a limit to its charitable exertions. The Society has not only translated the Scriptures, &c. into the WELCH, IRISH, MANX, and GAELIC Tongues, but into those of PORTUGAL, FRANCE, DENMARK, and GERMANY. To the Protestants in the latter country, when suffering under persecution, it promptly afforded temporal as well as spiritual comfort. It has, moreover, extended its regard to the Greek Church in PALESTINE, SYRIA, MESOPOTAMIA, ARABIA, and EGYPT.—Nor let it be forgotten, that, when by the severe fortune of war our enemies have become our prisoners, and have been for a time shut out from communion with their own Church, then has the holy zeal of the Society cheered the gloom of their captivity, and, by supplies of Bibles, Psalters, and Prayer Books, in their own vernacular language, enabled and encouraged them to sing the Song of their Zion in a strange, yet hospitable land.

Wherever, on the other hand, the spirit of our commerce, enriching and enriched, has formed COLONIES and DEPENDENCIES, thither has the Society been zealous to con-



vey the sound doctrines of our National Creed. Of its *Lexes*  
 MISSIONS to the East Indies, it were superfluous to say *Deanery*  
 more in this place, than, that the reader of the volume upon *District*  
 the subject hereafter mentioned in the twelfth class of its *Commit-*  
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 publications will rise from its perusal with a stronger at-  
 tachment, if possible, to a SOCIETY which has long and  
 strenuously supported so pure, so rational, so Apostolical an  
 institution. He will see, that this noblest effort of pious  
 philanthropy commenced with a zeal free from the wild uproar  
 of enthusiasm; that it has ever since been prosecuted with  
 an energy, restrained only by a sound discretion; and, that  
 it is still animated by a pure and holy fervor, tempered,  
 however, by a tenderness to the feelings of a weak brother,  
 and by a due respect to the sacred rights of conscience. He  
 will acknowledge the wisdom of a SOCIETY, which pursues  
 such high behests without interfering in the secular concerns  
 of Heathen nations, sedulous only to shew to those who are  
 in error the heavenly light of Gospel Truth; and visiting  
 those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, only  
 to give this light unto their minds, and to guide their feet into  
 the way of spiritual peace. He will become more earnest in  
 the support of a SOCIETY, which has obtained from the  
 ready and respectful attention of the Government, as the  
 perfection and crown of its endeavors, the formation, in  
 those interesting settlements, of an ECCLESIASTICAL ES-  
 TABLISHMENT, consentaneous in doctrine, and conformed  
 in discipline to our own: which, while it affords to our  
 countrymen the happiness of an English Sabbath in a remote  
 region of the world, is admirably calculated, though silently,  
 yet most persuasively, to attract by its simplicity, and to en-  
 courage by its purity the natives of the surrounding districts  
 to contemplate, to examine, to approve, and in due time to  
 imitate the decent solemnities of Public Worship exhibited  
 in the rites and ordinances of the Church of England. May  
 every blessing attend this glorious effort to enlighten by ra-  
 tional conviction a peaceful, a pious, but, uninstructed or  
 misguided people! May they be converted thereby from



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the frantic and horrible worship of base idols, supposed to delight in their torture, and to glory in their blood; to the living God, merciful and gracious, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; to a Saviour, relinquishing the beatitude of heaven, and laying down his life for his sinful creatures; to the Holy Spirit, reclaiming the lost prodigal, infusing the holy wish, prompting the secret prayer, and gently leading back the self-condemned wanderer into the paths of righteousness and peace!

Such are the undisputed claims of the SOCIETY to the general gratitude and support of every friend to virtue and religion, especially of those whose minds, after serious thought and attentive observation, are convinced that practical morality is no where better taught, and rational piety no where more fully manifested than within the pale of the Church of England.—So extensively, so zealously, and (under the guiding mercies of Providence) so successfully has the SOCIETY for more than a century contributed, at home and abroad, to the diffusion and to the maintenance of Christian Knowledge, and Christian Practice.

How happens it then, it may well be asked, that such an Institution should not have been long since universally known, and adequately supported in its high and holy career of beneficence? It was in the true character of its founders that, according to the genuine spirit of Christian charity, they vaunted not themselves. And, therefore, while Africa, and America, and Asia to the farthest India, seeing its good works, blessed its fostering care: its name had scarcely penetrated, with its deeds of piety and charity, into the recesses of its own country: While the streams of its charity adorned and fertilized, and gladdened in their course thousands of its native villages, the parent spring was unheeded in the silent vallies through which they flowed. As the SOCIETY acted always in harmonious co-operation with the Ministers of the National Church, those who distributed its stores most largely, were too generally considered as the al-



moners' of their own bounty alone, without reference to the Treasury, which contributed most liberally to their assistance. This was the case in the more favored parts of the kingdom. But the generality of the Clergy were too poor to extend the joint charity of the SOCIETY and themselves without the aid of their wealthier brethren among the Laity; who, without offence be it remarked, were not always as attentive as at present to the necessity of preserving their indigent neighbours from the callous infidelity of earthly philosophy on the one hand; and on the other from the wild enthusiasm of misjudging and misdirected piety. Nor, indeed, did the same necessity heretofore exist for their friendly interposition: Till within a few years, the poor resorted regularly to their Parish Church for spiritual instruction, and were content to rely upon their appointed teachers. The deep seclusion of the country had not then been invaded by the disorganizing spirit of Unbelief and Insubordination. Fanaticism itself had but lately begun, with inauspicious Schism, to obtrude its wild dogmas, its unhinging misquotations and its perplexing misapplications of Scripture, on the simple-minded cottagers of the peaceful hamlet.

But when Scepticism, which fostered by flattery had been long brooding in secret over its fancied wisdom, when Licentiousness, inflamed by the passions, arraying itself with the name and symbols of Liberty, left the schools of modern philosophy to play their mad pranks on the vast amphitheatre of the world; when with wild uproar and heedless fury they had overturned, in other countries, at once the Altar and the Throne—the unprecedented character of the times called on all our countrymen, who valued the constitutional freedom of the State and the sound piety of its Church, for new and increased exertions. Many flocked with their contributions to the SOCIETY which had so long and so faithfully served to the utmost of its means the holy cause of the National Religion. But other Institutions were immediately formed to pursue separately, and in detail, the different objects of charity which the SOCIETY had comprehended in

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its vast plan.—And, unhappily, many members of the National Church, too hastily assuming, or too implicitly crediting the incompetency of the Parent SOCIETY to carry its multifarious, though concurrent designs, into full execution; and borne along, it may be surmised, by the specious praise of liberality, diverted into other channels the bounty which was alone wanting to insure the complete efficiency of all the munificent purposes of this SOCIETY. During the impetuosity of the storm, the impending danger admitted not of cool reflection; but now that it has abated, it is to be hoped that the error will be discovered by the more considerate friends of the pure and Apostolical branch of the Christian Church happily established in these kingdoms. It is to be lamented that on many occasions zeal has outrun discretion: that in several of the other Institutions, to say nothing of those which profess to disapprove the National Establishment, the same wise precautions at least have not been taken to promote the attachment of the great mass of the people to the sober doctrines and rational discipline of the National Church.

And if it be the duty of the members of our Church to endeavour to prevent the mischief which may be expected to flow from the hostility of some Associations, and to supply the deficiencies of others, their most strenuous efforts are at the same time as imperatively demanded to obviate a still greater evil, the dispersion of Pamphlets (unsanctioned by any men of learning) by irresponsible bodies of traders, whose agents traverse the country, and by every art of persuasion, by the cheapness of their publications, by unlimited accommodation in regard to payment, by addressing the credulity of the simple, and in some cases the base passions of the licentious, procure a ready sale for their motley assemblage of Tracts. There are few persons, at least among those whose function it is to watch over the morals of the young and ignorant, unacquainted with the character of the little pamphlets thus circulated throughout the kingdom, and bought up with avidity by the indiscriminating



vulgar. A Catalogue of one of these travelling booksellers *Lewes Deanery District Committee.* has been well characterized in the SOCIETY's Report for 1813, by the Bath District Committee, as containing—  
 “ 1st, Methodistical and enthusiastic Tracts—“ 2d, A low species of Tales and Novels, which from their titles and contents, seem calculated to minister to the sensual passions. 3d, Inflammatory Pamphlets on political subjects. 4th, Miscellaneous books of unexceptionable tendency, which seem to have been purposely intermingled with the others.” Nor can we hesitate to adopt the persuasion of this Committee, that much evil must result from the uninterrupted circulation of such Works among the lower orders: or to arrive at the same conclusion, viz. that it behoves the Members and especially the Ministers of the National Church to counteract the evil, by giving as wide an extent as possible to the distribution of the excellent Tracts of their own Society.

The Committee must be pardoned if its detail of the proceedings of the SOCIETY should appear to partake too much of the character of panegyric. The delicacy which became its founders belongs not to those, who pretend to no higher merit than that of appreciating their virtuous intentions, after the trial of a century, and of treading in their footsteps. Of late years, too, it has become the duty of all who wish prosperity to the sacred cause in which the SOCIETY in concurrence with the Church is engaged, to meet insinuations against its zeal and its liberality with a decided disavowal.—Its zeal has been shewn to have been limited only, or scarcely limited, by the extent of its funds. It wants indeed the liberality of surrendering the surest guarantees for its right performance of its stipulated duties to the Church and to the State. It admits to Membership those only who are recommended as being well affected to the Civil and Ecclesiastical Establishment. And, is this its offence? Is it not rather its highest praise, that instead of interfering with the Constituted Authorities of the Realm, its rule has ever been to inculcate a strict adherence to all the forms of the State,



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and to encourage a ready obedience to all the Ordinances of the Church: not to interpose officiously, without warrant or responsibility, between the spiritual Pastor and his appointed flock, but to assist the happy intercourse. If it be bigotry *to hold fast the form of sound words which we have heard, knowing of whom we have heard them*, it is the bigotry recommended by the Apostle to his most eminent and useful disciple.—If it be Prejudice to submit ourselves to human ordinances, it is the Prejudice enforced in Scripture, and exemplified in the conduct of the Author of our Religion. Of the Faith which we profess, of the Establishment which protects that Faith, we are stewards for those who are yet unborn. The sacred inheritance which we have received from the toil, the persecutions, and the death of our forefathers, we have received not for ourselves only, but in trust for the future generations of men. In the emphatic language of a living Prelate, who was called from the highly important office of Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford to take charge of the spiritual interests of the most populous Diocese, “INDIFFERENCE TO FORMS OF FAITH IS “INDIFFERENCE TO TRUTH OR FALSHOOD”—and again, “From our ancestors we have inherited the profession of primitive and genuine Christianity: in neglecting “to secure its transmission, in unabated purity, to after “ages, we should be guilty of the most unprincipled injustice to our children, the most criminal disregard to the interests of posterity \*.”

The Committee repels therefore the charge of a want either of zeal or of liberality in the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE. The only reproach which it could ever have admitted (if reproach it can be called) was its poverty—the inadequacy of its funds to the charitable and pious labours it had undertaken. This was a reproach, however, which attached rather to the persons who made it, than to the SOCIETY against which it has been

\* The Bishop of London's Sermon, in Annual Report for 1814.



directed. And it has since been abundantly evident, that it was a reproach which would speedily disappear, as the beneficial designs of the SOCIETY became more generally known, and as the necessity for its exertions increased. We proceed with unfeigned satisfaction to the History of the auspicious rise and happy progress of those subsidiary Committees, which have been lately established in the different Dioceses of the Kingdom, and in some of the Presidencies of our foreign possessions.

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In June, 1810, at a General Meeting of the Members of the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, the late Bishop of Ely in the Chair, it was unanimously agreed, "That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering and reporting upon the proper means to be adopted for extending the usefulness of the SOCIETY, for increasing its influence, and for promoting the union and co-operation of the Parochial Clergy, and other friends of the Church throughout the Kingdom."

The special Committee thus appointed, met immediately; and the next week, all the Members thereof being present, under the Presidency of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, who as Head and Patron of the SOCIETY gave his sanction thereto, reported the Resolutions, upon which, with a few subsequent amendments, the DIOCESAN and DISTRICT COMMITTEES, have since been formed. These Resolutions, thus unanimously adopted, were as soon as possible communicated and recommended by the Archbishops to the Bishops of their respective Provinces, and by the Bishops or Archdeacons at the ensuing Visitations, to the Clergy at large.

Diocesan and District Committees have in consequence been progressively established in various parts of England during the last six years, and the wisdom of the plan has, with the same progression, now fully developed itself. Nor can we doubt that all the objects, for which the formation



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of such Committees was originally encouraged, will speedily be attained throughout the British Dominions.

These Objects were, To increase the Funds, and extend the usefulness of the SOCIETY, by

1. Inviting new Subscriptions.
2. Affording greater facilities to its members, of obtaining its Books.
3. Ascertaining, more correctly, the Spiritual wants of the Poor.
4. Forming local Depositories of its Books, for gratuitous distribution, or for sale, at reduced prices.

And for these important purposes, to promote the union and co-operation of the Parochial Clergy, and of all other Friends of the Church.

1. How far the first object has been attained will be easily seen on reference to the subjoined Table, which is designed to shew the concurrent increase in the number of District Committees, and of subscribing Members of the SOCIETY, since the year 1810.

	1810	1811	1812	1813	1814	1815
District Committees .....		26	48	85	109	160
Subscribing Members ....	3560	4450	5969	7689	9511	11,746

2. And while the Funds of the SOCIETY have been thus augmented by District Committees, to the general advantage of the Community, the Members themselves have derived from them much personal accommodation; and, where that object has been sought, some diminution of their expences. It is a fact well known to most of the Members of the SOCIETY, that the trouble and cost incurred heretofore, in obtaining Books from the Office in London, have tempted them sometimes to delay a request for what might be wanted for a present emergence; sometimes to include in it what they might not immediately require; and that sometimes



when the occasion was pressing, they have incurred as heavy an expence for the carriage, as for the original cost, of the packets. All this inconvenience and charge is spared to the Subscriber to a distinct Fund, and the saving will in many cases equal the amount of his Subscription. It will be also in the recollection of many readers, that persons willing to subscribe to the SOCIETY have hesitated on account of the trouble and risque of remitting small sums for their Subscriptions and packages to the Office in London. The District Secretaries and Treasurers, by keeping a running Account between the SOCIETY and its Committee, take from the Subscriber all this care.

3. The third object of District Committees is, To ascertain with more precision, and to supply with greater discretion, the Spiritual wants of the Poor. The bounty of the SOCIETY to Schools, Hospitals, and Prisons, has already been adverted to; the utility of a local Committee, composed of Members residing in the neighbourhood, in aid of this benevolent intention, cannot be questioned: and its obvious effect must be to bring home to the observation of the principal Inhabitants of every District, the claims of the SOCIETY to general support. With this view the fifteenth Regulation is framed. The local Committee is equally useful in attaining the information and assistance for which the sixteenth Regulation provides, in order to procure for the Poor generally, an adequate supply of Books, whether to be gratuitously distributed, or sold at still further reduced prices. The Board in London could not otherwise ascertain the particular exigency of distant Villages, and the Minister who might know the special necessities of his Parish, might not be, and in most cases is not, able to relieve them. Entrusted to the officiating Minister, and to such of the Laity as being Members of the SOCIETY are willing to assist him, the Books are not likely to be misapplied by the donors, or disregarded by the receivers.—On the subject of LENDING THE MINOR TRACTS in volumes for perusal, which may appear to be a new measure, it may be useful in this place



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to remark, that the plan, originally suggested by the wish to do the most good at the least possible expence, has been attended with very satisfactory success. The Books being made returnable to the officiating Minister every Sunday before Divine Service, either to be lent again to the same person, or to be exchanged for another volume, a more familiar intercourse has been encouraged between the Pastor and his Flock: Tracts, which might otherwise have lain a long time neglected, have been read within a limited period: the Clergyman has become better acquainted with the particular nature of the Spiritual wants of his Congregation: and the Ordinances of Religion have been attended by the Poor, not only with increased regularity; but, it is to be hoped, (as the Tracts enable them to follow up at their homes the course of instruction which they receive in their Parish Churches) with enlarged opportunities and means of edification.

4. On the importance of the fourth object of District Committees, as provided for in the eighteenth and nineteenth of the foregoing Regulations, it is scarcely necessary to enlarge. Local Depositories of the SOCIETY'S Books, from which all the Subscribers may be supplied without the trouble, delay, or charges heretofore incurred, is an advantage which has already been noticed. And a still greater public benefit will be derived from these Regulations, if they should have the effect in the Deanery of Lewes, which they have already produced in other Districts, of encouraging the industrious Poor to save from their earnings, whenever they may exceed the present wants of themselves and their families, sufficient to purchase the SOCIETY'S Books for themselves. These little savings, which might otherwise be wasted in unprofitable if not vicious indulgencies, accompanied with little satisfaction at the moment, and followed generally, at no distant period, with reproachful recollections, will thus procure for them Pleasures, pure as the peaceful joys of Innocence, ever present, and ever fruitful of new gratification. Their little Libraries they will prize the more, as the reward of their own Industry and Temper-



ance. And to them they will daily have recourse for the most cheering occupation of their minds in the otherwise listless hours of repose from bodily toil; and for the sweetest solace of their spirits, amidst the ordinary cares and transient sorrows of life. How far this charitable design may be effected, must greatly depend upon the liberality of individuals assisting the Committee in a still further reduction of the SOCIETY'S prices.

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It will not be unseasonable here to remark, in elucidation of the seventeenth Regulation, at how comparatively cheap a rate the Books of the SOCIETY are afforded to the District Committees. For example, let it be supposed that the Committee wished to purchase for any Parish 100 Bibles, 200 Testaments, and 300 Common Prayer Books, according to the cheapest rate, at which they are afforded by the SOCIETY, in the annexed list. These six hundred most valuable Books will, including the one-third allowed to the General Fund, if purchased of the SOCIETY, cost only £69. 13s. 9d. but if purchased of the ordinary Bookseller, could not be obtained for less than £102. 10s.—This will be made to appear more clearly from the following statement:

	Charge to the Members by the SOCIETY.	Charge to the Public by the Bookseller.
100 Bibles, 12mo. Demy, <i>Nonpareil</i> , at 3s. 15 0 0—at 5s. 6d. 27 10 0		
200 Testaments, ditto, <i>Brevier</i> , 1s. 1d. 10 16 8—at 3s. . . . 30 0 0		
300 Prayer Books, ditto, <i>Brevier</i> , 1s. 4½d. 20 12 6—at 3s. . . . 45 0 0		
Two-thirds remitted for the purchase of the above . . . . .	46 9 2	102 10 0
One-third for the general Designs of the SOCIETY . . . . .	23 4 7	
	£.69 13 9	69 13 9
Positive Saving to the Parish or Committee of . . . . .		£.32 16 3

As Economy is the best basis of Charity, it may be useful here to remark that the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, independently of its liberality



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in affording Prayer Books, Testaments, and Tracts, at less than half the Bookseller's charges, undersell the more recent Bible Associations in the article of Bibles alone.

Suppose a Collection to be made in any Parish for the purchase of 300 Bibles, it would require £52. 10s. more to obtain them of the latter than of the former.—For instance :

SOCIETY'S PRICES. Association's PRICES.	
300 Bibles, 12mo. Demy, Nonpar. at 3s. £.45 0 0—at 4s. £.60 0 0	
One-third of Collection remitted to the SOCIETY .....	22 10 0
One half of Collection required by the Association .....	60 0 0
Total £.67 10 0	£.120 0 0
	67 10 0
	£.52 10 0

By what has been already observed of the general effect of District Committees, the Reader will have been prepared for the following Table.

Books distributed by the SOCIETY in the last six years. .

	1810	1811	1812	1813	1814	1815
Bibles .....	9533	10224	13824	21993	25765	26766
Testaments & Psalters	15169	16242	24626	50753	47314	48018
Common Pray. Books	19136	20556	29998	48661	56628	65492
Other bound Books	19864	20908	38523	42529	49310	51525
Tracts .....	126350	145123	221830	430796	488710	523412

On reference to the published accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the SOCIETY for the fifty years preceding the institution of District Committees, and on taking the Average of each successive period of ten years, it will be found that in the first of these periods they did not amount to one-fourteenth part of the Receipts and Expenditure of the present year : and, that even in the last of these periods,



although the imminent dangers which during the whole ten years threatened the Church and the State had been the occasion of a vast addition to the number of the Subscribing Members of the SOCIETY, neither the Receipts nor Expenditure much exceeded one-fourth of those of the present year.

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Before the formation of District Committees :

	1761 to 1770	1771 to 1780	1781 to 1790	1791 to 1800	1801 to 1810
Receipt	£3,497	£4,251	£4,468	£6,982	£13,196
Expend	3,510	4,306	4,604	6,986	13,219

Since the formation of District Committees :

	1811	1812	1813	1814	1815	1816
Receipt	£22,201	£23,472	£30,633	£34,545	£47,634	£50,226
Expend	22,203	22,226	31,954	34,536	47,643	50,226

It will hence be manifest, that if the Funds of the SOCIETY have been within the last years progressively augmented, the demands upon those Funds has increased in more than a proportionate ratio : neither can it be expected, nor is it right to hope, that these demands will ever be lessened. Much of this increased expenditure has been shewn to have originated from the formation of District Committees.—A new and daily accumulating source of demand is superadded by the formation of a new institution, emanating from this SOCIETY, corresponding in its primary object, and indeed composed of its leading Members, chiefly for the purpose of carrying a most important part of its designs, by the late wonderful improvements in Education, more completely into effect. We refer to THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE POOR IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH, which arose within a few months after the establishment of the first



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District Committees. The Founders of this excellent SOCIETY were well aware, that Education without Religious Instruction, was scarcely the Education of a Man, certainly not that of a Christian ;—an Education which would insure no one moral principle, because it neglected to fix morality upon its only firm basis ;—an Education, at best, of an immortal being, not for his ultimate high destinies, but barely for the infancy of his first limited state of probation. —They conceived, at the same time, and most justly, that a Religious Education should comprehend, not merely those elementary principles of Faith which are equally acknowledged by all the multifarious Interpreters of Scripture, but those momentous truths also, and essential doctrines of Christianity, which the wisest and most learned of men have deduced, after patient search, from the book of Revelation ; which the best, the holiest of men have lived in toil and danger to support, and died in agony to witness.—And they were fixedly convinced, moreover, that a Nation cannot subsist in strength and peace, without a National Creed.—The Friends of the Constitution in Church and State therefore, who founded the National Society for the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church, wisely determined to apply the powerful mechanism of Dr. Bell's System to the general Instruction of the Poor of the whole Kingdom, not only in the arts of Industry, which are calculated to form them into useful Members of Society, but in those Truths of Religion which cannot fail of making them conscientious and attached Subjects of the State, and of preparing them for the glorious inheritance hereafter. And to secure these NATIONAL SCHOOLS from the danger of unsound doctrines, the Trustees have resolved that no Book shall be admitted into them which has not undergone the scrutiny and received the approbation of the SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE— and the latter SOCIETY has munificently taken upon itself the whole cost of this increased and increasing supply.



The additional expence incurred by this engagement, is *Lewes Deanery District* scarcely to be calculated. "More than one hundred thousand children are actually returned to the Committee (of *Committee*) the National Society) as at this time under a course of Education in five hundred and seventy Schools, formally united to the National Society\*." And when it is further considered, that through this comprehensive Institution, the number of the Readers is yearly increased to an unlimited extent; and especially of Readers attached by early habits, or by observing the happy influence of such an Education on their children, to the Church of England, and to the SOCIETY which has ever been one of its best aids and strongest supports, the calls upon the SOCIETY for its Bibles, Prayer Books, and Tracts, must be indefinitely multiplied.

It is therefore not with surprise, nor is it yet with dismay, that the Committee proceeds to transcribe the following paragraphs from the last Annual Report.

"The great exertions on the part of the SOCIETY to extends its efficiency in the sundry important objects already detailed press heavily on the Funds, and call therefore for the continued and increasing support of the Benefactions and Legacies of well-disposed Christians."

"The Audit of last year left no Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, and they were under the necessity of selling out between six and seven thousand pounds 3 per cent. Consols."

The Committee considers it to be its duty also to observe that although the Expenditure of some preceding years appears to have very little exceeded the Annual Receipts, yet that in those Receipts are included several sums obtained by former sales of Stock, which have been gradually diminishing the permanent Funds of the SOCIETY.

The Committee would indeed contemplate this excess of Expenditure with feelings of unfeigned concern—but for the

\* Annual Report for 1815—p. 37.



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conviction that it will be viewed with approbation and gratitude by all the zealous friends of the Church and State: and that it will be met with corresponding Resolutions to support the SOCIETY in all its pious and charitable exertions: and particularly to extend their bounty to its District Committees, which are calculated, by their local Knowledge of the Spiritual Wants of the Poor, to provide for the adequate supply and discreet distribution of its valuable stores.

Indeed, indeed it is no common species of Charity, though such claim has been seldom disregarded, that the Members of the Committee solicit. It is not merely instruction in the humble arts of life that they seek to extend to the poor within their district; though this purpose is of sufficient magnitude to justify their most earnest importunity. But it is that, in union with a SOCIETY which was diffusing its blessings over the world before any of the present generation of men were in existence; we may more efficiently form the unsteady minds of the young to habits of rational thought and virtuous conduct, before their passions shall have gained strength to obscure the dictates or counteract the influence of their reason—it is, that we may fix the wavering Faith of the uneducated Poor of all ages, beyond the power of Infidelity to undermine, or of Enthusiasm to mislead. It is not to supersede or to interfere with the professional labours of the Parochial Clergy, but to co-operate with them: to enlarge the sphere and to increase the efficacy of their exertions. It is that, by uniting our efforts with those of the SOCIETY to promote that Religion which has contributed, with the blessing of Providence, to the safety of these Realms amidst the general wreck of Empires, we may continue to preserve the blessings we are enjoying, as a Church and as a Nation, inviolate to the latest posterity.

Do those who have separated from our Communion take no care to inculcate their particular opinions? They do it most zealously. But they do more; they reproach us with



want of zeal. That they accuse unjustly the venerable *Lewes*  
 SOCIETY whose cause we have been advocating, has been *Deanery*  
 sufficiently proved. But have none of us as Individuals *District*  
 been, at any time, rendered supine by too implicit a reli- *Commit-*  
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 ance on the goodness of our cause? Have we never been  
 betrayed by feelings of security into that inaction which has  
 given to them occasion to fasten upon us the imputation of  
 Indifference? Have we not at times trusted too much to  
 the expected exertions of others; too much to the establish-  
 ed Schools; too much to the stated opportunities of Reli-  
 gious Instruction?—

——Pudet hæc opprobria nobis,  
 Et dici potuisse, et non potuisse refelli.

Let us then, regardless alike of the reproach of Bigotry,  
 too often cast upon those who are most conscientiously at-  
 tached to their National Institutions, and of that spurious  
 praise of Liberality which continues to be publicly heaped  
 upon all who are willing to surrender the fences of our Civil  
 and Ecclesiastical Liberties, strenuously support the NA-  
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 KNOWLEDGE: as the only SOCIETY, which at first pro-  
 fessedly engaged, and for a long series of years has uni-  
 formly exerted itself to aid the efforts of the Clergy in the  
 dissemination of the pure Doctrines, and in the maintenance  
 of the enlightened and tolerant Principles of the National  
 Church: as a SOCIETY, therefore, admirably calculated to  
 strengthen and uphold that Establishment which the Na-  
 tion has linked in an indissoluble union with her Civil Po-  
 lity: Allies, connected by the ties of reciprocal interests;  
 associated Guarantees of each other's safety.—Nor let us  
 ever forget the just encomium and prophetic warning of an  
 eminent deceased Prelate, whose works are among some  
 of the most profitable Tracts on the list of the SOCIETY,  
 “ In the Services of the Church of England we find the  
 “ Faith once delivered to the Saints, and the Morality once  
 “ practised by them. Truth and Holiness are the charac-



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“teristics of her Ritual. Avoiding the follies and absurdities of Enthusiasm, which is Religion run mad; and Superstition, which is Religion frightened out of its senses; she keeps the even tenour of her way, in a firm, manly, rational, cheerful Piety towards God, and an unbounded Charity towards man. Congenial to the spirit of the British Monarchy, the Church of England has shared of old in its fall and in its restoration. *They have been lovely and pleasant in their lives.* May they continue to be so, to the years of many generations! But, from the aspect which the Times wear toward both, it is easy to foretel, that whenever the day fatal to one of them shall come,—if come it must—*in their deaths they will not be divided\*.*”

In fine, without seeking unnecessarily to disparage those Institutions, which unite much that is praiseworthy with some things of a questionable character, let this be at least our highest boast, as Members of the Church of England, that ours is strictly, and wholly a Church of England Institution, calculated to spread more widely the blessing of true Religion through the Country, and by strengthening the Alliance between the Church and State, to transmit unimpaired to future ages the inestimable inheritance of Civil and Religious Liberty.

With such important, such pious purposes in contemplation, the Committee confidently appeals to the Inhabitants and Sojourners within the District, for their countenance and pecuniary support—and, can it appeal in vain? Can it appeal in vain to the friend of true Charity, when its object is to promote the present peace and future happiness of his indigent neighbour? Can it appeal in vain to the admirer of Rational Piety, when its purpose is to diffuse through the land the light and life of Christianity uncorrupted by human traditions, unwrested from its true meanings by partial interpretation? Can it appeal in vain to the

\* Bishop Horne's Works, by Jones, Vol. V. Discourse 12.



faithful Member of our Establishment, when its tendency *Lewes*  
 is avowedly to protect and to enlarge the National Church? *Deanery*  
 —that Church, which, Apostolical in her Origin, rational *District*  
 in her Discipline, pure in her Formularies, tolerant in her *Commit-*  
 Principle, and Scriptural in her Doctrines, has in most *tee.*  
 cases a good report of them which are without, and of all  
 those who are included within her Pale, of all who have  
 studied her Character, and borne part in the ministration of  
 her Rites, is at once the Admiration, and the Joy, the  
 Glory and the Blessing.

By direction of the Committee,

SAMUEL HOLLAND,  
 ROBERT JAMES CARR, } Secretaries.



## APPENDIX, N<sup>o</sup>. IV.

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### REPORT of the HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, DIOCESAN COMMITTEE.

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THE Committee proceed to the subject of EDUCATION. It will be recollected that the last Annual Report of the Committee stated, that as the Education of Children in sound principles of Religion has ever been a primary design of the PARENT SOCIETY, this Committee had turned their attention to that important object. And as the PARENT SOCIETY had been very actively engaged in promoting all the advantages of the Madras System of Instruction, the Committee resolved to attempt the introduction of it into this Diocese. They also determined, with the concurrence and assistance of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Paul's, to establish a Parochial School in Halifax for that purpose; and to assist with a gratuitous supply of appropriate Books, all other Schools in which the Madras System should be adopted.

The progress of this design has greatly exceeded every hope that was then entertained.

The attempt was warmly encouraged by the PARENT SOCIETY. An application was made to the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS, by whose benevolence numerous Schools in this Diocese have been assisted from the first settlement of the province; and they most liberally engaged to grant an adequate salary for any Schoolmaster of unexceptionable character and qualifications, who could be induced to take charge of a School in Halifax.



The difficulty in finding such a person was removed by *Halifax,*  
 the persevering endeavours of the NATIONAL SOCIETY *Nova*  
 FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE POOR, to whom applica- *Scotia,*  
 tion was made for the purpose; and although with much *Commit-*  
 inconvenience to themselves, they kindly selected one of the *tee.*  
 best masters in their service, and gave him permission to  
 proceed to this place.

Being seriously impressed with the importance of the ob-  
 ject, and anxious to procure every necessary encouragement  
 for it, that SOCIETY was pleased to request His Grace the  
 Archbishop of Canterbury, their President, to recommend  
 the attempt to the patronage of His Excellency the Right  
 Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, then proceeding to this Go-  
 vernment. His Lordship has most condescendingly laid  
 the letter before the Committee, and the following is a copy  
 of it, inserted in this Report, by the kind permission of his  
 Lordship.

*“ Addington, Sept. 25, 1816.*

*“ MY LORD,*

*“ I am requested by the SOCIETY FOR THE EDUCA-*  
*“ TION OF THE POOR, of which I have the honour to be*  
*“ President, to recommend to your Lordship’s protection,*  
*“ a branch of the institution, established in Halifax. We*  
*“ have recently sent over a Master, well instructed in the*  
*“ the mechanical part of the business; and we can enter-*  
*“ tain no doubt of the success of his labours, provided he*  
*“ have the good fortune to merit and obtain your Lordship’s*  
*“ encouragement and countenance. Your Lordship will*  
*“ perhaps forgive me if I avail myself of this opportunity to*  
*“ solicit your favourable consideration of another SOCIETY*  
*“ over which I have the honour to preside, a branch of*  
*“ which will also be found in Halifax, I mean the SOCIETY*  
*“ FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE. If, my*  
*“ Lord, in both or either of these recommendations, I*  
*“ have transgressed the limits of propriety, I must ask your*  
*“ pardon. They are institutions, in my opinion, of great*  
*“ value to the public, and I cannot be insensible to the*



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“ importance of your Lordship’s powerful protection of  
“ them. I pray God to give your Lordship a safe voyage  
“ to Halifax, a successful administration of the Government  
“ of Nova-Scotia, the blessings of the people at the close  
“ of it, and a prosperous return to your own country.

I have the honour to be with great respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship’s faithful humble Servant,

(Signed) C. CANTUAR.”

The Schoolmaster alluded to, Mr. William West has arrived. A National Free School has been opened at Halifax. Its regulations have been carefully adapted to the State of the Country; and it has been placed under the active superintendence of the Rector, and Church-Wardens of St. Paul’s, and three Members of this Committee—Seventy Scholars have been admitted in the first month; and provision has been made for the accommodation of any number that may apply for admission; and for the gratuitous Instruction of as many Schoolmasters from every part of the Diocese, as may desire to obtain a complete knowledge of the Madras System of Education, that the diffusion of its peculiar and important benefits may be as general and extensive as possible.

These benefits arise partly from the mechanical arrangement of the School, which is very important, and enables a well qualified Master to superintend several hundred Scholars. But they are greatly increased by the unremitting care which is taken, to make all instruction easy and pleasing to the children; to give them ideas with every word they learn: to diversify their lessons, so that their minds are occupied, without fatigue, during every moment of their time; to rivet their attention to whatever they are learning, and to impress it so strongly upon their memories, that it can hardly be forgotten. The result of all this is, that children learn much in a very short time, and very perfectly:—and what will be considered more important than all, their religious



and moral duties are so interwoven with all their instruction, *Halifax,*  
that it may be confidently hoped, their progress in religion *Nova*  
and virtue, will always (with the divine blessing) be equal to *Scotia,*  
their advancement in knowledge. *Committee.*

A very liberal and a very ample subscription has been already made, to defray the immediate expences of the School, for which the Committee offer their grateful acknowledgments to all the subscribers. The encouragement which this undertaking has already received, leads them to hope they may be enabled to erect a commodious building for the permanent use of the school, in aid of which His Excellency Sir John Sherbrooke, before his departure from the province, was pleased to grant £100 from a public fund, at the disposal of his Excellency.



## APPENDIX, N<sup>o</sup>. V.

*An ADDITIONAL LIST of the SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS of the  
SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, admitted  
between September, 1815, and 15th of August, 1817.*

*\*\* It having been deemed by the Board likely to be satisfactory to the SOCIETY  
at large, to see the Names of the New Members admitted since the printing  
of the last general List of Names, the following List is subjoined.*

A.		£. s.
1816	ABERGAVERN, Right Hon. Henry, Earl of, .....	1 1
1817	AYLESFORD, Right Hon. Heneage, Earl of, .....	1 1
	Abbot, Rev. George, .....	1 1
1815	Abbott, Henry, jun. Esq. .....	1 1
1816	Abbott, Hon. Mr. Justice, .....	1 1
	Abbott, Rev. William, M.A. .....	1 1
	Abdy, Rev. John Channing, M.A. .....	1 1
1817	Adair, Alexander, Esq. .....	1 1
1815	Adam, Rev. Robert, M.A. .....	1 1
1816	Adams, Mr. Peter, .....	1 1
	Adams, Mr. John, .....	1 1
1817	Adams, Samuel, Esq. .....	1 1
	Adcock, Halford, Esq. .....	1 1
1815	Addams, Richard, Esq. .....	1 1
1816	Addison, Rev. James, .....	1 1
1817	Addison, Mr. James, .....	1 1
1815	Aislabie, Benjamin, Esq. .....	1 1
1817	Albro, Mr. John, .....	1 1
1815	Alcock, William, Esq. .....	1 1
1817	Alderson, Edw. H. Esq. M.A. .....	1 1
	Alderson, Samuel H. Esq. M.A. .....	1 1
1816	Alexander, Mr. Gervase, .....	1 1
	Alexander, Mr. Lewis, .....	1 1
1817	Alexander, Daniel, jun. Esq. .....	1 1
1815	Allen, Rev. Thomas Dawson, .....	1 1
1816	Allen, Mr. John, .....	1 1
	Allen, Joseph, Esq. .....	1 1
1815	Anderson, Samuel, Esq. .....	1 1
	Anderson, David, Esq. .....	1 1
1816	Anderton, Mr. .....	1 1



1816	Anderton, Rev. John, <i>B.A.</i>	<i>Head Mast. Newcastle Sch. Staff.</i>	1	1
	Andre, John Lewis, Esq.	<i>Camomile-street</i> .....	1	1
1817	Andrew, Rev. James,	<i>Vic. Boughton Monchelsea, Kent</i>	1	1
1816	Andrews, William, jun. Esq.	<i>Reading, Berkshire</i> .....	1	1
1817	Arkwright, Richard, Esq.	<i>Willersley Castle, n. Cromford, Der.</i>	2	2
	Arkwright, Rev. Jos. <i>B.A.</i>	<i>Bodenham, near Leominster</i> ....	1	1
1815	Armstrong, Rev. Matthew,	<i>Dover, Kent</i> .....	1	1
1816	Armstrong, Lieut.-General,	<i>Frederickton, New Brunswick</i> ....	1	1
1815	Arnold, John, Esq.	<i>Lutterworth, Leicestershire</i> ....	1	1
1817	Arnold, Richard Aldon, Esq.	<i>Ellough, near Beccles, Suffolk</i> ..	1	1
1816	Ashley, Rev. Thomas, <i>B.D.</i>	<i>Fell. Braze-nose College, Oxford</i>	1	1
1815	Ashton, Rev. Ellis,	<i>Vicar of Huyton, Lancashire</i> ....	1	1
1817	Assheton, W. jun. Esq.	<i>Brandon House, near Coventry</i> ..	1	1
	Astley, John Dugdale, Esq.	<i>Notton House, Laycock, Wilts.</i> ..	1	1
	Astley, W. B. Esq.	<i>Everley House, n. Pewsey, Wilts.</i>	1	1
1816	Attherton, John, Esq.	<i>Prescot, Lancashire</i> .. (at Admis.)	50	0
	Atkinson, Rev. Christopher, <i>M.A.</i>	<i>M. Elland, n. Halifax, Yorkshire</i>	1	1
	Atkinson, Rev. Henry Arthur,	<i>Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford</i>	1	1
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1815 Nouaille, Mrs.	<i>Greatness, Seven Oaks, Kent</i>	1	1

## O.

1816 OLDAKER, Miss Susan,	<i>Brickleyhampton, Worcestershire</i>	1	1
1817 Oliver, Mrs.	<i>Reading, Berks</i>	1	1
1816 Oom, Mrs.	<i>Halkin-street, Grosvenor-place</i>	1	1
1817 Orme, Miss,	<i>Upper Terrace, Islington</i>	1	1

## P.

1815 PAGET, Right Hon. Lady Harriet,	<i>Shenstone, near Lichfield</i>	1	1
1817 Paley, Miss,	<i>Carlisle</i>	1	1
1815 Palk, Lady A. E.	<i>Dalby, Leicestershire</i>	1	1
Palmer, Miss S. O.	<i>Loughborough, Leicestershire</i>	1	1
1817 Papillon, Mrs. E.	<i>Chawton, near Alton, Hants.</i>	1	1
1815 Parke, Miss Susan,	<i>Lancaster</i>	1	1
Parkinson, Mrs.	<i>Pulham, n. Harlestone, Norfolk</i>	1	1
1816 Pender, Mrs. Frances,	<i>Chilcompton, near Frome</i>	1	1
Pickard, Mrs.	<i>Bloxworth, n. Blandford, Dorset</i>	1	1
Piercy, Miss Frances,	<i>Brentford, Middlesex</i>	1	1
Piercy, Miss Elizabeth,	<i>Ditto</i>	1	1
Porter, Mrs. Mary,	<i>Ashley Abbots, Salop</i>	1	1
1817 Pocklington, Mrs. Jane,	<i>Muskham Grange, Notts.</i>	1	1
1816 Prattenton, Mrs.	<i>Acton Hall, near Stourport</i>	1	1
Prescott, Mrs.	<i>Halifax, Yorkshire</i>	1	1
Priestly, Mrs. Mary,	<i>Woodhouse-lane, Leeds, Yorkshire</i>	1	1

## R.

1815 RANDOLPH, Mrs. Caroline,	<i>Hadham, Herts.</i>	1	1
1817 Relton, Mrs.	<i>Watlington, near Tetworth</i>	1	1
1816 Reynolds, Miss,	<i>Penair, near Truro</i>	1	1
Rich, Miss Ann,	<i>St. Paul's Walden, Bury, Herts.</i>	1	1



		£.	s.
1817 Richards, Miss Elizabeth,	Caversham, Oxfordshire .....	1	1
1815 Robinson, Mrs.	Woodford, Essex .....	1	1
1817 Robinson, Miss Jane,	Thorpe-green, n. Hamerton, Yksh.	1	1
Roche, Mrs. Susannah,	Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire	1	1
1816 Rodney, Mrs.	Pock-street .....	1	1
Rodwell, Mrs. Ann,	East Harling, Norfolk .....	1	1
Rodwell, Miss Frances,	Bailham, Norfolk .....	1	1
1815 Rolleston, Miss,	Denmark Hill, Camberwell ....	1	1
1816 Rolleston, Mrs.	Watnall, Nottinghamshire .....	1	1
Roughsedge, Mrs.	Wavertree, near Liverpool .....	1	1
Ruggles, Mrs.	Spains Hall, Essex .....	1	1
Ruggles, Miss,	Ditto .....	1	1
1817 Rundell, Mrs.	Gittisham, near Honiton, Devon.	1	1
1816 Russell, Miss Jemima,	Walthamstow, Essex .....	1	1

## S.

1816 SUFFOLK, Right Hon. Countess Dowager of, Duke-st. Westminst.		2	2
SUFFOLK, Right Hon. Countess of, .....			
STEWART, Right Hon. Lady, Grandtully, Newington, Edinburgh.		2	2
1815 SHEFFIELD, Lady, Lower Brook-street .....		1	1
Sapte, Mrs.	Codicote, Herts. ....	1	1
1816 Seymer, Miss,	Child Okeford, n. Blandford, Dor.	1	1
Seymour, Miss Charlotte,	Chilton, near Hungerford, Berks.	1	1
Seymour, Miss Alithea,	Ditto. ....	1	1
Shawe, Mrs.	Southgate House, Middlesex ....	1	1
1817 Sheppard, Mrs.	Amport, Hants. ....	5	0
1816 Sherbrooke, Mrs.	Oxton, Notts. ....	1	1
1815 Shirley, Mrs.	Eatington Park, n. Shipston, War.	1	1
1816 Shuart, Mrs.	Cavendish-place, Bath .....	1	1
1815 Shuttleworth, Miss,	Wimpole-street .....	1	1
1816 Skynner, Miss,	Lincoln .....	1	1
1815 Smith, Miss Ann,	Lower Brent-street, Ipswich....	1	1
1816 Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth,	Otley, Yorkshire .....	1	1
Smith, Mrs. John,	Blendon Hall, Kent .....	1	1
Smith, Miss,	Castleton Hall, near Rochdale ..	1	1
Smith, Miss,	West Malling, Kent .....	1	1
1817 Smith, Mrs.	Throuley, near Faversham, Kent	1	1
1815 Sneyd, Mrs.	Ashcombe, n. Leek, Staffordshire	1	1
1817 Southcombe, Mrs.	Honiton House, Southmolton, Dev.	1	1
1816 Sparkes, Mrs. Elizabeth,	Hadley, near Barnet .....	1	1
1817 Starkie, Miss,	Beccles, Suffolk .....	1	1
1816 Stephens, Mrs.	Chieveley, near Newbury, Berks.	1	1
Straw, Mrs.	Skellixgthorpe, near Lincoln....	1	1
1815 Streatfeild, Mrs. Sophia,	German-place, Brighton .....	1	1
1816 Streatfeild, Miss Ann,	Long Ditton, Surrey .....	1	1
1815 Sudell, Mrs.	Woodfold, Lancaster (in l. A. S.)	30	0
1816 Sutton, Mrs.	West Retford, Notts. ....	1	1

## T.

1815 TATE, Miss,	Burleigh House, Loughborough..	1	1
1816 Taylor, Mrs. Frances,	Friars-street, Reading, Berks....	1	1
Tennyson, Mrs.	Tealby, n. Market Rasen, Lincoln.	1	1
1815 Thomas, Miss,	Dover-place, Kent-road .....	1	1



		£.	s.
1816	Thorley, Miss,	<i>Chambers Court, Upton-on-Severn</i>	1 1
	Thorold, Miss,	<i>Lincoln</i>	1 1
	Thoyts, Miss Sophia,	<i>Sulhampstead House, n. Newbury</i>	1 1
	Toplis, Mrs. Sarah,	<i>Ashbourne, Derbyshire</i>	1 1
	Townley, Miss,	<i>Ulverstone</i>	1 1
	Trevenen, Miss Emily,	<i>Helstone, Cornwall</i>	1 1
	Trimmer, Miss Selina,	<i>Brentford, Middlesex</i>	1 1
	Tubbe, Mrs.	<i>Willesden, Middlesex</i>	1 1
	Tucker, Mrs. Sarah,	<i>Lyme Regis, Dorset</i>	1 1
1817	Tucker, Miss Mary,	<i>Eton College</i>	1 1
1816	Turner, Mrs.	<i>Cold Overton, Hull, Leicestershire</i>	1 1
1817	Turner, Mrs.	<i>Bloomsbury-square</i>	1 1
1816	Tutnell, Mrs. J.	<i>Broomfield, Essex</i>	1 1
1817	Twining, Miss,	<i>Isleworth, Middlesex</i>	1 1
1816	Twopeny, Miss Charlotte,	<i>Little Casterton, near Stamford</i>	1 1

## V.

1816	VERNON, Hon. Lady Anne,	<i>Grosvenor-square</i>	1 1
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## W.

1815	WIGRAM, Lady, <i>Walthamstow, Essex</i>	1	1	
1816	Waddilove, Mrs. Darley,	<i>Thorpe Lodge, Ripon, Yorkshire</i>	1	1
1815	Waddington, Mrs. Ann,	<i>Ely</i>	1	1
1816	Waghorne, Mrs.	<i>Church-row, Newington, Surry.</i>	1	1
1815	Waite, Mrs.	<i>Lewisham Hill, Kent</i>	1	1
	Walker, Mrs. Sarah,	<i>Priest Hill, n. Wetherby, Yorksh.</i>	1	1
1816	Walker, Miss,	<i>Leamington, near Warwick</i>	1	1
	Wallace, Mrs.	<i>Sheffield</i>	1	1
	Ward, Miss Elizabeth,	<i>Wellclose-square</i>	1	1
	Warner, Mrs.	<i>Hornsey, Middlesex</i>	1	1
1817	Warner, Mrs. James Lee,	<i>High Grove, Walsingham, Norf.</i>	1	1
1816	Waterhouse, Mrs.	<i>Halifax, Yorkshire</i>	1	1
1817	Way, Mrs. Caroline,	<i>Toppesfield, Essex</i>	1	1
1815	Webb, Mrs.	<i>Woolwich, Kent</i>	1	1
1816	Webber, Mrs.	<i>Nottingham-place</i>	1	1
	Webber, Miss,	<i>Ditto</i>	1	1
1815	West, Mrs.	<i>Wimpole-street</i>	1	1
1816	Westfaling, Mrs. Mary,	<i>Rudhall, near Ross, Herefordsh.</i>	1	1
	Wightwick, Mrs. Elizabeth,	<i>Sandgates, near Chertsey</i>	1	1
1817	Wightwick, Miss,	<i>Ditto</i>	1	1
1816	Williams, Mrs. T. A.	<i>Huske, Monmouthshire</i>	1	1
	Williams, Miss,	<i>Wellesborne, Warwickshire</i>	1	1
	Williams, Miss,	<i>Canwick, near Lincoln</i>	1	1
	Williams, Mrs. Frances,	<i>Lincoln</i>	1	1
	Wilnot, Mrs.	<i>Fixby Hall, near Huddersfield.</i>	1	1
	Wilson, Mrs.	<i>Alfreton, Derbyshire</i>	1	1
	Wiltott, Mrs.	<i>Dilhorne Hall, near Cheadle</i>	1	1
	Woodley, Mrs.	<i>Beccles, Suffolk</i>	1	1
1817	Woolcombe, Mrs.	<i>Alphington, Exeter</i>	1	1
1816	Wormeley, Mrs.	<i>Morden College, Blackheath, Kent</i>	1	1
	Worthington, Mrs.	<i>Duke-street, Liverpool</i>	1	1
	Wright, Mrs.	<i>Derby</i>	1	1
	Wright, Miss Ellen Elizabeth,	<i>Mansfield, Notts.</i>	1	1



1816	Wree, Mrs. Samuel,	Macclesfield, Cheshire.....	1	1
	Wyatt, Miss Isabella	Andover, Hants.....	1	1
	Wylde, Mrs. Ann,	College Precincts, Worcester....	1	1

Y.

1815	YATES, Mrs. Thomas,	<i>Tenters House, Bury, Lancaster</i>	1	1
1817	Yonge, Mrs. Ann,	<i>Yealinton, near Plympton</i>	1	1
1816	Yorke, Hon. Agnetta,	<i>Bennett-street, Bath</i>	1	1
	Young, Mrs. Fanny,	<i>Wargreave, near Maidenhead</i>	1	1



## APPENDIX, N<sup>o</sup>. VI.

A LIST of the CASUAL DONATIONS and LEGACIES to the  
GENERAL DESIGNS of the SOCIETY, and to the EAST  
INDIA MISSION, received between Christmas 1815, and  
Christmas 1816.

### DONATIONS TO THE GENERAL DESIGNS.

	£.	s.	d.
Mrs. Ramsden, of <i>Bath</i> .....	200	0	0
Mrs. Sheppard, of <i>Amport, Hants.</i> .....	105	0	0
Right Hon. Lord High Chancellor Eldon .....	105	0	0
Mrs. D. Brookes, of <i>Croft</i> , near <i>Leicester</i> .....	100	0	0
Right Hon. Earl of Harrowby .....	45	0	0
Rev. Dr. Butler, of <i>Harrow</i> ..... (3d Donation)	21	0	0
Rev. Edward Parkinson .....	20	0	0
Richard Arkwright, Esq. <i>M. P.</i> .....	20	0	0
His Grace the Duke of Newcastle .....	10	10	0
Rev. John Davies, of <i>Coventry</i> .....	10	0	0
R. Bethell, Esq. ....	10	0	0
Miss Brooke .....	10	0	0
An old Member .....	10	0	0
Anonymous .....	9	5	4
John Philips, Esq. of <i>Hanbury Hall</i> .....	6	6	0
I. S. Harford, Esq.; .....	5	5	0
A. G. Harford, Esq. ....	5	5	0
Lady Fowke .....	5	5	0
P. Grosvenor, Esq. ....	5	5	0
Lieutenant-General Crawford .....	5	5	0
Rev. R. Wilkinson .....	5	5	0
Lord Crew's Trustees .....	5	5	0
Hon. and Rev. E. J. Turnour .....	5	4	7
Rev. Richard Ford .....	5	0	0
Miss C. J. Dewar .....	5	0	0
G. Pountney, Esq. ....	5	0	0
D. Carpenter, Esq. ....	5	0	0



	£.	s.	d.
T. G. Simcox, Esq. ....	5	0	0
Anonymous .....	5	0	0
Rev. Dr. Spencer .....	5	0	0
Anonymous .....	5	0	0
Mrs. M. Colville .....	5	0	0
X. Y. ....	5	0	0
Rev. T. Fell .....	5	0	0
Lord Bishop of Hereford .....	3	3	0
Mr. John Cornish .....	3	3	0
Thomas March Phillips, Esq. ....	3	3	0
Hon. Edward Mounckton .....	3	3	0
George Talbot, Esq. ....	3	3	0
Miss Brooke .....	2	2	0
Rev. Charles Bird .....	2	2	0
Mrs. Sneyd .....	2	2	0
Lieutenant-General Twiss .....	2	2	0
Miss Hall .....	2	2	0
Thomas Borough, Esq. ....	2	2	0
George Flesher, Esq. ....	2	0	0
Rev. Thomas Sutton .....	1	19	3
Miss Mangnall.....	1	7	6
W. M. ....	1	2	6
Mrs. Winson .....	1	1	0
Isaac Hindley, Esq. ....	1	1	0
Rev. John Ewen .....	1	1	0
Mr. Stephen Moore .....	1	1	0
Miss Braithwaite.....	1	1	0
Miss — Braithwaite.....	1	1	0
Miss Barker.....	1	1	0
Mrs. Scale .....	1	1	0
J. D. Rolt, Esq. ....	1	1	0
Mrs. F. Way .....	1	1	0
Mr. Leigh.....	1	1	0
Rev. M. Warburton .....	1	1	0
Mrs. Hay .....	1	1	0
Mr. John Hall.....	1	1	0
Rev. W. Andrews .....	1	1	0
Rev. Thomas Holmes.....	1	1	0
Mrs. Roper .....	1	1	0
A Lady at Tiddenham .....	1	1	0
Miss Townley .....	1	0	0
Anonymous .....	1	0	0
R. H. ....	1	0	0
Mr. Ledward .....	1	0	0
R. W. ....	1	0	0



## LEGACIES TO THE GENERAL DESIGNS.

	£.	s.	d.
John Charrington, Esq. <i>Mile End</i> .....	200	0	0
Mrs Catherine Garforth .....	100	0	0
Rev. John Fox. ....	20	0	0

## DONATIONS TO THE EAST INDIA MISSION.

X. Y. ....	51	5	0
By Collection at the German Chapels for the East India Mission ..	26	0	0
Anonymous .....	5	0	0

DONATIONS *received from the* DIOCESAN and DISTRICT COMMITTEES, *and* PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, *from Christmas 1815, to Christmas 1816.*

\*\*\* *These Remittances are one-third of the original Collections, except where otherwise stated; the remaining two-thirds being reserved for the purchase of Books on the Terms of the SOCIETY, for the use of the District, or Parish.*

	£.	s.	d.
Alford Committee, by the Rev. Edward Dawson .....	10	10	0
Alnwick, by Robert Thorp, Esq. ....	13	8	5
Andover, by the Rev. Robert Cole .....	6	7	6
Aylesbury, by the Rev. C. Turnor .....	51	10	0
Barking, by the Rev. George Hughes .....	18	17	4
Barstaple and Chafford, by the Rev. Harry Powell .....	19	0	4
Basingstoke, by the Rev. J. Harwood .....	41	4	9
BATH, by Charles Lowder, Esq. ....	54	9	2
Bedford, by the Rev. J. Brereton .....	38	0	3
*Bentinck Chapel, by the Rev. Basil Woodd .....	40	0	0
Berkhampstead, by the Rev. J. Crofts .....	8	11	10
Blackburn, by the Rev. T. H. Backhouse .....	40	0	0
Blackheath, by the Rev. Dr. Waite .....	21	0	0
Blandford, by the Rev. F. Simpson .....	7	19	4
Bombay, by the Rev. H. Davies .....	66	6	8
Boston, by the Rev. J. Caparn .....	4	7	6
Bromley, Kent, by Benjamin Harenc, Esq. ....	53	4	7

\* The Bentinck Chapel Committee give the SOCIETY *one half* of the amount of their Collections.



	£.	s.	d.
Caister, by the Rev. Dr. Parkinson .....	33	6	8
CAMBRIDGE, by the Rev. T. Carr .....	19	1	5
Castle Hedingham, by the Rev. H. D. Morgan .....	12	3	0
Cerne, by the Rev. J. Davis .....	1	14	0
Chelmsford, by the Rev. John Nottidge .....	6	2	10
Clitheroe, by the Rev. Robert Heath .....	21	0	0
Cowbridge, by the Rev. Dr. Williams .....	79	7	4
Dartford, by the Rev. John Currey .....	15	0	0
Daventry, by the Rev. John Rose .....	6	13	7
Dengie, by John Bridges, Esq. ....	3	15	4
Dorchester, (County,) by J. H. Brown, Esq. ....	100	0	0
East Riding of York, by the Rev. George Ferreman .....	26	13	4
Ewell, by the Rev. Thomas Streatfeild .....	113	3	4
Fareham, by the Rev. C. B. Henville .....	35	0	0
Fordingbridge, by C. St. Barbe, jun. Esq. ....	33	2	11
Frome, by the Rev. J. Algar .....	3	9	8
GLOUCESTER, by Archdeacon Rudge .....	10	18	0
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, as under, by the Rev. Dr. Inglis:—			
Trinity Church, St. John's, New Brunswick, by the			
Rev. George Pidgeon .....	£12	0	0
A Society of Gentlemen, in Hampshire, Nova			
Scotia, by the Rev. W. C. King .....	5	14	0
Kingston, by the Rev. E. Scovil .....	9	9	7
Woodstock, by the Rev. G. J. Mountain .....	2	2	0
Fredericton, by .....	3	19	9
Sydney, Cape Breton, by the Hon. T. Crawley..	6	8	3
Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island, by Fade			
Goff, Esq. ....	7	10	0
St. Andrew's, New Brunswick, by H. Hatch, Esq.	10	10	10
	57	12	5
Hertford, by the Rev. Thomas Lloyd .....	11	1	6
Horncastle, by the Rev. C. N. L'Oste .....	16	1	1
Huddersfield, by the Rev. W. Robinson .....	11	3	5
Kibworth, by R. Haymes, Esq. ....	31	14	5
Kirton, by the Rev. H. J. Wollaston .....	11	14	3
Lancaster, by Thomas Johnson, Esq. ....	13	10	9
Leeds, by the Rev. J. Sheepshanks .....	4	1	0
Liverpool, by John Knowles, Esq. ....	66	13	4
Louth, by Henry Lucas, Esq. ....	8	15	6
Madras, by the Rev. Dr. Young .....	81	7	6
Malton, by the Rev. Richard Davis .....	61	17	0
Newbury, by the Rev. Samuel Slocock .....	17	5	6
Newfoundland, by Sir R. Keats .....	10	9	2
Newport, Isle of Wight, by the Rev. George Richards .....	16	12	0
Northampton, by the Rev. Robert Baxter .....	15	12	9
Ongar, by the Rev. H. J. Parker .....	5	11	6
Ormskirk, by Harvey Wright, Esq. ....	15	10	2



	£.	s.	d.
Oundle, by the Rev. Joseph Heath .....	3	16	3
PETERBOROUGH, by the Rev. J. Serpold .....	21	17	10
Petworth, by the Rev. Thomas Sockett .....	26	13	4
Preston, by John Swainson, Esq. ....	50	0	0
Rape of Hastings, by the Dean of Battle .....	23	2	11
Richmond, Yorkshire, by the Rev. James Tate .....	9	4	1
ROCHESTER, by John Gurr, Esq. ....	20	0	0
Rochford, by the Rev. W. B. Ramsden .....	6	6	0
SALISBURY, by the Rev. Dr. Evans .....	59	11	3
Sampford, by the Rev. W. J. Totton .....	7	1	0
Shaftesbury and Sturminster .....	25	0	0
*Sheffield, by the Rev. W. Smith .....	30	0	0
Shrewsbury, by the Rev. Hugh Owen .....	38	18	5
Stepney, by N. Charrington, jun. Esq. ....	57	15	0
Swaffham, by H. F. Day, Esq. ....	10	10	0
Taunton, by the Rev. Robert Jarratt .....	28	0	0
Tunbridge, by the Rev. Thomas Knox .....	32	14	2
Wakefield, by the Rev. Samuel Sharp .....	10	5	5
Walsall, by the Rev. J. R. Gleadow .....	8	16	0
Wareham, by the Rev. W. Bond .....	15	1	4
Windsor, by the Rev. T. Champness .....	50	0	0

Croxton-Kerial, Leicestershire, from the Minister and Parishioners of, the <i>whole</i> collection .....	10	10	5
Rington, Somerset, by the Rev. A. Foster .....	3	0	0
Great Horkeley, Essex, by the Rev. Philip Yorke .....	3	13	6
Kelvedon, Essex, by the Rev. Charles Dalton .....	2	0	0
Lexden, Essex, by the Rev. George Preston .....	3	0	0
Crossgate Chapel, Durham, by the Rev. H. Phillpotts .....	2	16	11
Llanellye, by Sir R. W. Vaughan, Bart. <i>M. P.</i> .....	2	13	4
Hampstead, Middlesex, by the Rev. Dr. White and Rev. W. W. Smith .....	25	10	6
Ripon, Yorkshire, by the Rev. the Dean .....	13	4	6
Gateshead Association, by the Rev. John Collinson .....	3	13	4
Torpenhow, Cumberland, by the Rev. John Fenton .....	0	10	8
Monmouth, by the Rev. Thomas Prosser .....	6	0	0
Stretton on Dynsmore, by the Rev. J. S. Sawbridge .....	9	13	10
Wokingham, Berks, by the Rev. W. Bremner .....	2	0	0
Bramford United Society, by the Rev. George Naylor .....	23	9	0
Scholars at Mr. E. N. Goymer's Academy, Stoke-by-Nayland ....	4	14	6
Walsall Sunday School, by the Rev. Philip Pratt .....	4	4	0
Reading School, by the Rev. Dr. Valpy .....	1	1	0

\* Being *one half* of the amount collected after a Sermon by the Rev. T. Sutton.



# APPENDIX, N<sup>o</sup>. VII.

## AN ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND OF

### Society for promoting from April 20, 1815,

#### RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Received BENEFACTIONS and LEGACIES to the General De- signs of the Society .....	4,729	3	10
Received SUBSCRIPTIONS from the Members of the Society ..	8,655	12	3
Received of the Members on account of packets of books on the terms of the Society .....	16,505	16	2
Received Dividends of funds for the General Designs .....	1,846	5	10
Received ditto at the Accountant General's Office .....	3,003	7	6
Received ditto on account of the Manks Impression .....	37	16	0
Received ditto of £100, in trust for a sacrament on holydays at Bow Church .....	2	14	0
Received ditto towards the support of a Mission and Schools in the Scilly Islands .....	49	15	2
Received ditto and rent for Mr. Belke's charity .....	63	12	4
Received ditto in trust for Mrs. Negus's charity for the distri- bution of Bibles, &c. in Rotherhithe .....	72	18	0
Received ditto in trust for Mrs. Negus's Welsh charity .....	27	0	0
Return of Property Tax on dividends .....	391	16	4
Received of the Members on account of Welsh Bibles .....	6	0	0
Received dividends on account of the East India Mission ....	313	3	4
Received Benefactions to the East India Mission .....	579	5	0
Received from the Lords of the Admiralty, through the hands of the Chaplain General .....	86	11	2
Received for balance of a former account, and for Bibles, &c. since the last Audit .....	278	1	6
Received Benefactions on account of the Family Bible .....	15	0	0
Received on account of the sale of ditto and in advance from Members .....	10,400	0	0
Received by sale of £5000, 3 Per Cent. consols .....	3,050	0	0
Received a Special Donation from Mrs Ann Jenkins, Wells, Somerset .....	105	0	0
Balance in favour of the Treasurer .....	7	11	8

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# OF THE DISBURSMENTS

THE  
**Christian Knowledge,**  
to April 18, 1816

## PAYMENTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Paid Messrs. Rivingtons the Balance of Account last Audit ..	7,531	12	9
Paid ditto, in part of £32,357 7s. 8d. for books and packets, delivered to Members <i>on the terms of the Society</i> , since the last Audit * .....	20,214	5	7
Paid ditto on account of Bibles and other books <i>gratuitously</i> distributed since last Audit .....	1,178	7	9
Paid ditto on account of Bibles, &c. distributed to the Navy, &c. since last Audit .....	277	6	9
Paid for Paper and Printing for the Anniversary Sermon, with the Annual Account of the Society, and for sundry Tracts and Papers <i>gratuitously</i> distributed .....	1,645	14	6
Paid toward the expences of the Anniversary Meeting of the Charity Children, June 16, 1815 .....	50	0	0
Paid for Salaries and Gratuities to the Missionaries in the <i>East Indies</i> .....	1,097	10	1
Paid for expences on account of the <i>Scilly Mission</i> .....	395	15	3
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