

In the year 1794—1795 - 91	In the year 1804—1805 - 163
1795—1796 - 100	1805—1806 - 199
1796—1797 - 105	1806—1807 - 223
1797—1798 - 133	1807—1808 - 265
1798—1799 - 154	1808—1809 - 270
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‘The Bible Society, it must be remembered, was instituted in the month of March, in the year 1804. (Mr. D. p. 19.) Now look at this statement, and you will see, that the number of our admissions in that year was less by 72 than in the year immediately preceding; and that it was not till 1807 that we again reached the numbers of 1803.

‘Again: compare the number of admissions in the *ten* years preceding, and in the *five* subsequent, to your institution, and you will perceive, that till your Society began, ours was making (and especially in the later years) a rapid and tolerably regular progress. The admissions were, in the second half of that ten, nearly twice as many as they were in the former, the excess being 518; while the number admitted in the five subsequent years exceeds that of the preceding five only by 19. How “highly favourable,” (Mr. D. p. 22.) then, the influence of your Society may appear to have been, in this respect, let all men judge. If against this poor number 19, we set off the deduction of those who have actually withdrawn their names from us, in consequence of their becoming members of the Bible Society, I think we have good cause to “attach very little value to the favours in this way conferred upon us.” (Mr. D. p. 22.) It is by no means clear, that you did not give a very severe shock and check to our course, when it was in the most thriving and prosperous condition.’