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reports continue to bear ample evidence of the high spiritual value of their work. Besides its great and growing work in foreign fields of labor the Bible Society aids numerous benevolent institutions in England and offers soldiers and sailors starting for active service copies of the New Testament or portions, and has greatly aided Sunday Schools by enabling them to supply themselves at such little cost with Bibles and Testaments. Remembering how world-wide are its operations, and how many of the human family are still without the Word of God, we ought to support in Nova Scotia the Bible Society, because to it has been entrusted chiefly the great work of translating and publishing the Scriptures in the different languages of the earth, because it is thus the ally of all Protestant Churches in their foreign and home missionary efforts. It is not enough to send missionaries; if ever we are to have intelligent native churches we must give the people the Word of God in their own language, and teach them to read and study it for themselves. This our missionaries are able to do through the help of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Every month supplies of Scriptures are sent out for the great missionary fields of the east and west, and to Uganda alone, where the newly awakened and eager spirit of Bible study is one of the most remarkable facts of the century, some 68,000 copies have been despatched. Because this Society, through its own colporteurs, sends and distributes the Word of God in places where it is not possible for evangelical churches to send missionaries. In France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Prussia, Turkey and Egypt the colporteurs have sold many thousand copies of the Scriptures during the past year, and added their personal testimony to the love and power of the Saviour therein revealed. In India and China these colporteurs with their packs of Bibles have been the first messengers of Christ to many cities, towns and villages, and have prepared the way for permanent occupation by missionaries sent directly from the Churches.

What then are we doing in Nova Scotia to aid the Bible Society in its Christian and philanthropic work?

In 1893 we remitted as a free contribution, £250, and for purchase account, £200 19s. 5d.; in all, \$2,206.05. In 1894, £450 free contribution, and £223 17s. 3d. for purchase account. The Pictou Bible Society also sent the parent society in 1894 £49 12s. 5d. as a free contribution (and a legacy of the late Alexander Rose of £20). This Society is an independent Bible Society. We have thus been able to increase considerably our free contributions to the parent Society. Our last printed report for 1893 shows a very large increase in amounts collected in the city, which amounted to \$629.04, a small increase in amounts collected