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To S. L. Shannon, Esq.

N. E. Margarie, 20th December, 1850.

MARTIN G. BLACK, Esq.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the members of this Branch Bible Society, to send you the annexed Extract from our Minutes respecting the death of our late President, with an earnest request that it may form a part of the Appendix in your next year's report.

I remain respectfully,

Your most ob't servant,

JOHN MUNRO,

Secretary.

*Extract from the Minutes of the Margarie Branch Bible Society, Cape Breton, 1st October, 1850.*

The Secretary, Mr. Munro, stated that this meeting was called for purposes connected with the Society; but more ostensibly for an expression of mingled emotions of deep regret and unfeigned gratitude to God. They sincerely lament the loss of a most valuable fellow-labourer—one of those friends who had known this Branch Bible Society in its rising and smallest beginnings, Irad Hart, Esquire. At the same time they feel constrained to bless God, that by His overruling Providence their departed friend was led to enter into an intimate connection with the Society by accepting the important office of President, and that he was enabled by His grace to perform the duties with a degree of regularity and order, of steadiness and perseverance, of sound practical knowledge, of strict integrity and constant attention to the best interests of the Society, which justly endear his memory to its friends and supporters. In the performance of this duty the deceased was actuated by far higher than mere personal considerations. He was under the influence of real solid Christian principles; to serve his God and to render himself useful in his day and generation, was his simple but noble object. Having himself deeply felt the inestimable value of the word of life, he longed to see it universally diffused; and having in his own soul experienced the grace of that adorable Redeemer of whom the Scriptures testify, he desired that His sacred name and blessed Gospel should be proclaimed to the very ends of the earth,—though with singular fidelity exerting himself in his office of Christian labour in the Bible Society; yet he generally aided the cause of other Christian and benevolent institutions, acting upon that truly apostolical principle, "let us do good unto all men, but especially to them that are of the household of faith."

Branches and Agents in the Country are particularly requested, when they order Books from the Depository, to provide a conveyance, or direct how they may be sent without delay. Also to furnish with their remittances, which can be easily done, lists of contributions for publication. This has been partially attended to, but the number received is so small, their insertion in this Report would lead to misapprehension—these lists being in some instances regarded as including all the amounts contributed by the various Branch Societies.