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Yours &c. &c.

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Secretary to the Nova Scotia Bible Society.

TRURO, Feb. 4th. 1824.

Dear Sir,

I have delayed answering your favour so long because the scarcity of money renders it difficult for the members to procure the means of paying their subscriptions. I have taken a good deal of pains to render the sum as respectable as possible, although it still falls short of what I could have wished to obtain. A few shillings over twelve pounds you will receive from our Treasurer Wm. Dickson, Esq. Among the new settlers between this and Pictou we find a considerable want of the Scriptures but they are unable to pay for them, of course what they have received has been given gratis. When ignorance and poverty are conjoined the former will not likely be removed without foreign assistance, and a population destitute of knowledge will in general be also in want of principle. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," the foundation of honesty, integrity industry, and every quality that renders man a blessing to Society.

I am afraid that there is a greater scarcity of Bibles in the province than most of us are aware of. One or two copies of the sacred Scriptures in a large family are not sufficient; every individual who can read ought to possess a Bible, this was the case in that part of the world where I received my education, and it ought to be so every where.

The greater part of every community are shut out from all other sources of knowledge except what is drawn from the Bible and a few religious tracts.

Persons whose means of information are so limited ought to have them always at hand and should be requested by those who know their value to make a proper use of them. Ignorance will always be attended with vice, scriptural instruction leads to the fountain of every virtue.

Yours most sincerely,

JOHN WADDEL President.

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