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From Mr. Smith, the Travelling Agent.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY:

Gentlemen,—In presenting to you a Report of my labours during the past year, as Travelling Agent of your Society, I would commence it with an expression of gratitude to God for his goodness and mercy to myself, and for granting a measure of success to my feeble and unworthy efforts in his cause.

Since the last anniversary of your Auxiliary, I have made three extensive tours through the various parts of the Province, but have not been able to reach all the places I had formerly visited—though I was in many growing Settlements which I had not seen before. One cause for this omission was, the want of time;—it was only a little more than nine months and a half from the day on which I left the City in the spring, to the time of my return from the third tour on the 11th instant,—and during that period I was laid aside more than a month by a severe accident in which I had the misfortune to fracture my leg. I was delayed some weeks also during the winter by severe snow-storms, which not only retarded my progress, but often compelled me to retrace my steps, and alter my mode of travelling, thereby adding to my journeys more than two hundred miles.—Another cause was, the pressing request made by some of the Branch Societies in the Western parts of the Province—that I should visit them in the winter, to enable many persons who leave their homes during the summer and return, and others who are more at leisure after the busy season is over, to attend our meetings.—This, it will be remembered, I was instructed to accede to, in the hope that I should be able to visit all the Branches once, and those in the Western parts of the Province twice during the season.

In my first tour I visited thirty-one places west of the City, in which something was done for the advancement of my object,—eight of these were new,—and held twenty-seven Meetings, many of which were well attended, and well sustained by Ministers and other influential persons, who cheerfully and effectively rendered their assistance. I made numerous calls also, on persons likely to take an interest in the cause, especially in places where meetings could not at the time be convened,—in order to gather up funds, or prepare for another visitation. In most of these places I found excellent friends, whose valuable co-operation tended to give a new impulse to some of the old Societies, and enabled me to form four new Branches under circumstances which warrant the hope for successful and