

**ADDRESS**  
OF THE  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
OF THE  
**British American Book & Tract Society.**

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**ORIGIN OF THE SOCIETY.**

A society bearing the above name, has been recently formed for the purpose of disseminating religious truth throughout our land. The *American Tract Society* extended its operations into this Province in July 1863, employing that year one colporteur; the next, eight; the next, twelve; this year (1867) ten, beside the Superintendent. More than twenty thousand dollars worth of its publications were circulated, a considerable part of which were in grants to the destitute. In the prosecution of its work many waste places were explored, and numerous facts revealed, of families and neighborhoods living without the gospel. A deeper interest was thus awakened in Missionary Colportage, and the circulation of Religious Books and Tracts as a means of spreading the gospel among the unevangelized masses. In 1866 the churches of Halifax agreed to co-operate with the Society in its benevolent work, by contributing one thousand dollars