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To the Friends of Colportage in the Lower Provinces.

The Executive Committee of the British American Book and Tract Society beg leave to lay the following statement of the work and wants of this Institution before the Christian Public.

The Society was organized in Halifax, Aug. 2, 1867. Its object, as defined in the Constitution, is, "to diffuse a knowledge of Our Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality, by the circulation, through Colportage and other means, of Religious Books and Tracts, calculated to receive the approbation of all Evangelical Christians."

Actuated in some humble measure by the spirit of the work, and of Him who came to seek and save the lost, the Committee have endeavored faithfully to prosecute it, and extend its benefits as widely as possible, so far as, in their judgment, the wisest and most economical use of means entrusted to them would permit.

By the Divine favor the work has been greatly prospered. A large amount of the best Religious Publications has been placed in the hands of the people. The poor and the destitute have been sought out. The hearts of multitudes ready to perish have been made glad with the Bread of Life carried to their homes and firesides. Many who were once careless and impenitent have been awakened and led to Christ. The desponding have been cheered and the Christian strengthened in the Divine life. The labourer, toiling in the Master's service, has been furnished with improved weapons of warfare, and incited to renewed earnestness. Parents, Sabbath School Teachers and Ministers of the Gospel have been aided in educating and training for service here, and a glorious immortality hereafter, those committed to their care. Christians have been instructed and stimulated to more liberal and systematic giving in support of the Gospel, by the circulation of Tracts on that subject. Hundreds of thousands of Publications have been placed in the hands of the youth of our land, calculated to instil into their hearts and minds moral and religious principles. The seed of the Gospel, God's own truth, has been sown beside all waters; and though much of it doubtless will be lost, much of it will spring up and bear fruit to the glory of God,—some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold. Its influence will be extending deeper and wider as long as time shall last.