

the quantity I received was quite insufficient to supply their wants. I disposed of them all, in the most equal manner I could, not giving more than two or three to any Family however large it might be; a great number were unable to pay for them in hand, but promised as soon as they could realize that much, they would appropriate it to no other purpose, and I felt it my duty not to withhold from them the riches of the Gospel because they were poor in this world's goods; you will probably be astonished both at the want of the scriptures, and the poverty of the people, but the reason will appear obvious, when you are informed that the greatest part of the Protestants in the vicinity of Mabou, have emigrated within these three or four years, a period in which the new settler is at unavoidable expense, and receives but a small return for his labour. Perhaps all of them had Bibles when they left their native country, yet being exposed to wet and other rough usage, in most instances they are nearly destroyed or illegible.

Our Country as well as our Society is in a rude and infant state, but we must be thankful for our day of small things, and look forward with pleasing hope to our emancipation from the bonds of ignorance and delusion to the glorious light of the everlasting Gospel. Along with the payment for what we have received, we will forward an order for a new supply, a part of which wanted, require to be Gaelic.

In the mean time, I am,

Your's most truly,

WM. M'KEEN, Secretary.

P.S. I have sent this open to Port Hood, by the Courier, where he will probably obtain some signatures.

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REPORTS.

REPORT AND RULES OF THE CAPE BRETON BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

At a Meeting held in Sydney, on the 20th July, 1824, for the purpose of establishing a Branch of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, the following Regulations were proposed and adopted.

1. This Society shall be called the Cape Breton Branch of the Bible Society of Nova-Scotia, and its object shall be the same with that Institution, viz. To encourage the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, to furnish Copies, gratis, to the indigent, and at reduced prices to those requiring them.

2. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee.

3. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, benefactions and subscriptions shall be solicited, and books opened with the Secretary and Treasurer, for receiving the names of benefactors and subscribers.

4. Every person contributing annually ten shillings, or at one time a donation of Five Pounds shall be considered a member of this Society.

5. A general meeting of the members of this Society shall be held every year on the third Tuesday in July, before which shall be laid accounts and proceedings of the preceding year.

6. The whole of the subscriptions and donations, after deducting incidental expences shall be remitted annually in aid of the Funds of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society. This Society receiving back half the amount of their remittances in Bibles and Testaments.