

"RELIGIOUS TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND."

EDINBURGH, Feby. 19th, 1877.

Having had opportunity of inspecting the stock of the "British American Tract Society" in their Depository at Halifax, of meeting members of the Board of Directors, of making particular inquiry in regard to the principles on which the affairs of the Society are conducted, and of making the acquaintance of the Rev. A. MACBEAN, the Secretary, I have the fullest confidence in commending the Society to the sympathy and liberality of the Christian Public. No better organization of a missionary character exists in British America, and none that is more likely in the future to do greater good, if only it be adequately assisted by those who may be fairly looked to for support.

In that part of the British Dominions, as in every other part of the civilized world, men are every year betaking themselves more and more to the press for the day's intellectual stimulus and sustenance. A great responsibility is thereby laid on Christian men, to see that a literature which is full of Christ is carried in a Christian spirit to the homes of the people, and pressed on their attention with a view to their spiritual welfare.

Believing that the "British American Tract Society" has a great work to do, I desire most earnestly to commend it to the consideration of Christian friends.

WILLIAM GILLIES, Gen'l. Secy.

FREE CHURCH COLLEGE,

GLASGOW, Feby. 23rd, 1877.

My Dear Sir,—As President of the Religious Tract and Book Society of Scotland, I feel deeply interested in the operations of the "British American Book and Tract Society." Last year the Rev. GEO. M. GRANT, of Halifax, was present at a meeting of our Committee, and I well remember the stirring account which he gave us of the important operations of that Society. Our excellent Secretary, Mr. GILLIES, has made himself very thoroughly acquainted with their operations, and has spoken and written of them in highly commendatory terms.

And though from my absence on duty in this city, I had not the pleasure of meeting you in Edinburgh, friends have written to me so warmly about yourself and your mission to this country, that I cannot but regret having missed the opportunity of making your personal acquaintance. I do sincerely trust that your mission will be successful, since the importance and value of the work in which your Society is engaged can scarcely be over-estimated. Assuredly it will be so, if thoughtful Christian men, after receiving your weighty statements, come to see the object in the same light in which I do myself.

Wishing you, therefore, abundant success,

Yours very truly,

ALEXANDER DUFF.

The Presbytery of Glasgow (United Presbyterian Church), having heard the claims of the Society presented by the Secretary, Mr. MACBEAN, on motion by the Rev. Dr. GEORGE JEFFREY, unanimously agreed to recommend the Society to the Churches under its care.

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