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they refuse, to be counted fellow labourers together with the Lord Jesus Christ,—while, therefore, we are [not astonished at the backwardness of many to contribute their mite in aid of the views of the Bible Society, we yet cannot refrain from grieving at the hardness of their hearts, and the contempt exhibited towards the Record which God has given us. The eagerness displayed in many instances to receive the word of inspiration has been indeed truly gratifying, and the satisfaction of knowing, that many families have the Scriptures now in their possession, of which, until the formation of our Society, they were wholly destitute, more than compensates for a thousand discouragements.

Since last autumn when we received your welcome donation of Bibles and Testaments, together with those on moiety account, we have sold and distributed 55 bibles, and 112 testaments—we have now on hand seventeen of the former, and 64 of the latter, the particulars of which you will find inclosed.

Our field, for gratuitous distribution especially, is still more ample than our means can satisfy, many of our out-Ports, and where the settlers are extremely poor, having as yet received but a very small part of the Books forwarded to us, and I am directed by our Committee to say, that could a further donation of Bibles and Testaments be made to us, they would be thankfully received, as it would enable us to supply those demands which otherwise must remain unsatisfied, from the scantiness of our own means, and the numerous spiritual wants of many around us.

I have the pleasure of enclosing a draft, handed me by our Treasurer, for £27, the amount of Books sold, and subscriptions since my last communication with you, the half of which we desire returned in Bibles and Testaments.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOSEPH NOAD, Sec^y.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq.

Sydney, Cape Breton, Jan. 1, 1827.

DEAR SIR,

I should have communicated to you the proceedings of our Society for the past year, at a period much earlier than the present, had not a delay been occasioned in the collecting some arrears.

Before, however, noticing our proceedings, our Committee desire me to acknowledge the receipt of two boxes of Books in June last, invoiced, the one on moiety account, consisting of English books, at £13 9s. 4d., the other as a donation of Gaelic Scriptures, from the Nova-Scotia Auxiliary, at £70 12s 6d.; for a supply so abundant, and so seasonable, arriving, as it did, at a time when applicants for the Scriptures of Truth, were of necessity, sent empty away; our Committee desire me to offer their sincere and warmest thanks.

In the distribution for the past year, of this volume, which contains the mind and will of our Lord and Saviour, and which is sent to make men wise unto salvation, our Committee have enjoyed the highest gratification, witnessing, as they frequently did, demands made for it, with an eagerness which they cannot but hope evidences an hungering and thirsting after righteousness; at all events our society has the solid satisfaction of knowing that through its instrumentality, "glad tidings of great joy," have been placed in the hands of the orphan, the fatherless and widow, the desert places around us, where nothing grew but thorns and thistles, have been sown with the unadulterated seed of God's Holy word—and we have the blessed