

APPENDIX A.

To my own Flock and Friends, and all Friends of the Church in Newfoundland.

MY BRETHREN AND FRIENDS,

Having been invited to join the Auxiliary branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, lately formed in Newfoundland, I think it my duty to declare to you the substance of my reply; which touched upon these two points;—(1) The necessity for such a Society in Newfoundland; (2) The Society itself.

(1) "That the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified" (2 Thess. 3, 1) is, or should be, as much the desire and endeavour of every Minister of Christ, as of the great Apostle himself. To proclaim, therefore, that your Ministers have neglected this sacred and important duty, and that a new Society is necessary to supply their lack of service, is no light censure: not, I would hope, intended; and not, I am sure, merited in this case.

What are the facts? During his whole ministry among you, now of six years' standing, Mr. BRIDGE has, yearly and each year, procured from England large numbers of the Sacred Scriptures; and through both the Clergy and Schoolmasters, by gratuitous distribution and sale at reduced prices, in St. John's and the Outharbours, has laboured to extend their circulation, and put them within the reach of all classes and denominations of the people. Through this channel any persons might have readily, as many have constantly, received supplies;—and, by putting money into Mr. BRIDGE's hands for this specific purpose, the