

daily and close attention to this invaluable book. The second thing I endeavoured to set forth, was, that means should be taken for supplying every family in each place with at least one copy of the entire Bible; and stated, that for accomplishing this, a general visitation of every house in each neighbourhood was necessary. Thirdly, I urged the duty of combining our labours with those of others, in order to send the Holy Scriptures to every country over all the world, and in the various languages of mankind every where. The fourth thing I brought forward at our meetings, was the manifest and imperative duty of all persons who are in possession of the Scriptures, to give *something*, less or more, year after year, as a tribute of thanksgiving for the invaluable book they possess, in order that through these contributions the sacred volume may be supplied to the poor around us, on the one hand—and also that it may be sent forth in all the various tongues of men, to the many millions of our fellow creatures living in heathenism, and to millions of others who have it not. I trust that God was present with us on all these occasions on which we met, and that these important matters were carried home more or less to all, by the power of the Holy Ghost. We are nothing in all our ways; yet God makes our nothingness instrumental for promoting his kingdom, and to him only, as the grand worker in all, be the praise and the glory for all that is done.

In Horton, Cornwallis, Liverpool, and Chester, the Bible Societies existing in them, were exhorted to new and increased exertions in the great Bible work in which they had for some time been engaged. They all acknowledged the *duty* of doing more than they had done, and I humbly trust they will be faithful to this duty, for the glory of God, for the good of mankind, and for their own honour. At Windsor, Aylesford, Bridge-town, Annapolis, Digby, Weymouth, Barrington, Shelburne, and Lunenburg, new Societies were formed; and from the interest manifested at the meetings, and in the preliminary arrangements, I trust these Bible Institutions will be permanent and prosperous. All these new Societies are immediately connected with your Provincial Auxiliary as Branches; and I hope they will meet in you with a Parent's feelings, and a Parent's care, for their life and welfare will probably much depend on your solicitude and attentions. The Societies at Horton, Cornwallis, Liverpool, and Chester, are also Branches of your auxiliary. Liverpool was disassociated from you for some time, but returned to you by resolutions entered into at our public meeting. The Society at Yarmouth is still an immediate auxiliary to the Society in London. It is, I may say, in a prosperous condition; and not the least cause of the same is owing probably to the praiseworthy activity of the Ladies Branch Society in that place.

Between Weymouth and Yarmouth, you are aware, that there is a large French settlement of about 600 families. All these people are of the Roman Catholic religion. I paid a visit to the Abbe Segogne, who is the principal priest on the station. I had a good deal of conversation with him about the general use of the Scriptures, and I learned from him that several of his people were in possession of a part or the whole of the Sacred volume. He gave me an order for 100 Testaments, and a dozen Bibles. It is particularly to be observed, that he wished for DeSacy's version of the Scriptures, and no other. These books were ordered direct from London, and are by this time, I believe, arrived in the country. The