

were at least two thousand present, who listened for three hours with marked attention to the reading of an excellent Report, and to the addresses delivered by various speakers. The Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society is doing a good work in circulating the Word of God in the Province of Quebec.

I was called on to speak at the Anniversary. I told briefly of what Nova Scotia had done and was doing in helping on the great work of the British and Foreign Bible Society. I mentioned that the first Bible Society formed in British North America—and with two or three exceptions the first formed on this continent—was organized in Nova Scotia. I spoke of the number of our Branches, and the aid rendered to the Parent Society. I stated that besides what had been remitted from societies in Pictou County of direct contribution, more than £10,000 stg., of legacies had been remitted to London from that one County. I related some incidents in the early history of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society, particularly of the Bible given by "Bishop Black" (as he was familiarly termed) to the wild sailor lad, a prisoner on Melville Island; how that Bible was, under God, the means of that sailor's conversion, and how he became "Father Taylor," the celebrated sailor preacher of Boston. I concluded by referring to the efforts which had been made, and were still making, to have the Holy Scriptures circulated in Nova Scotia, and by conveying, as directed, to the Montreal Auxiliary the fraternal greetings of the sister societies which I represented.

Next afternoon, the Committee with the delegates met to deliberate about the proposed Bible Union of the various Auxiliaries of British North America. With the other delegates, I considered the projected Union very desirable, but none of us were authorized to pledge the Auxiliaries we represented to any action on the matter. It was suggested, and the suggestion met the approval of all present, "that each Auxiliary should send a copy of its annual Report to all the other Auxiliaries," and I