

REPORT OF MR. RUSSELL.

Having finished the visitation of a few of your Branch Societies, I respectfully submit the following Report:

I left *Truro* on the morning of Thursday, 26th October, for *Pictou*, and that evening attended, and took part in the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. Went on next morning, by coach, to *Pugwash*, in which place I addressed a small meeting, at night, in the Wesleyan Church. I regretted to find that nothing had been collected here for two years. At the close of my address, Collectors were appointed, who will soon go round soliciting subscriptions. One friend commencing the work, handed me as his and his family's contribution, \$3.75. Took the coach next day to *Wallace*, at night addressed a meeting in Temperance Hall. A Secretary and Treasurer, in the room of the late Stephen Fulton, Esq., was appointed, and the accompanying Resolution was adopted:

"It is with deep sorrow that the Society places on its minutes the record of the death of STEPHEN FULTON, Esq., who performed for many years, with entire satisfaction, the duties of Secretary and Treasurer. By the demise of Mr. Fulton, the Wallace Branch Bible Society has lost one of its warmest supporters and most efficient office bearers. His zeal and tact contributed not a little to the success that has hitherto attended our feeble efforts to aid the British and Foreign Bible Society in the noble work of distributing the Word of God among all the people and nations of the Earth; and this Society cannot permit the opportunity afforded by its first meeting, after his death, to pass without recording their high appreciation of his character and services, and dropping a tear over his grave, as one whose whole life was fruitful of good, and whose death was blessed with peace."

It was considered advisable that I should address another meeting in *Wallace*, and on the evening of Sabbath a large number assembled in the Wesleyan Church, to whom I spoke upwards of an hour. At the close a collection of \$8.00 was taken and handed me, to aid the work of circulating the Scriptures among the bereaved families in France and Germany. Collectors will, in a day or two, be appointed to solicit subscriptions for the general work of the Society.

Next day, kindly taken by Mr. Kirk, to *New Annan*, addressed in the evening a very good meeting, in the Presbyterian Church. This Branch will, at the usual time, forward its Annual Contribution.

Next morning, Rev. James Watson kindly sent me on to *Tatamagouche*. At night I addressed a pretty large meeting in the Presbyterian Church. The President, Rev. J. Sedgwick, was from home. Soon after his return arrangements will be made for collecting subscriptions.

Through the kindness of Robert Purves, Esq., next morning (Wednesday) I was sent on to *River John*, where in Temperance Hall, in the evening, there was (considering the snow storm), a good attendance. A collection of \$3 was taken, and handed me, and Collectors were appointed for the several districts of *River John*. Returned by coach, at night, to *Pictou*, and next morning came on to *Truro*.

In all the places visited, opportunities were given, at the close of my addresses, to any person present, to ask any questions they pleased. One or two questions were asked in *Pugwash*—no where else—and answered to the entire satisfaction of all there, with the exception of answering, I did not advert to old controversies. It was not necessary. So far as I could judge, there is thorough confidence in the British and Foreign Bible Society, and at every meeting addressed the most marked attention was given to the statements made regarding its operations.

I regret that it is out of my power to visit the remaining Branches. (D. V.) I shall hold a meeting in *River Philip*, next January, when on my way to *New Brunswick*.

As on the occasion of former visits, I experienced much personal kindness among the proprietors of the coaches, that run between *Pictou* and *Pugwash*, kindly allowing me to proceed and return for half-fare.

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