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REPORT

OF THE

PICTOU AUXILIARY,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

B. and F. Bible Society for February, 1878.

AT the close of another testing year, financially and spiritual-ly, it affords your Committee, in presenting their 52nd Re- port of the Pictou Auxiliary, heartfelt pleasure to be able to place on record the *service* of some of the many brave and un- tiring defenders and disseminators of "God's Word Written" as recorded in the voluminous Report of the Parent Society. Con- scious as we are that a great sifting is before the nations, and at no distant date, your Committee feel that we cannot place too high an estimate upon that word which our KING so powerfully used when contending with the *Master Spirit of Evil*. Foiled by "it is written", the Devil thoroughly defeated retired from the field leaving Jesus, the Champion of the Word, undisputed Master. Nobly did the Christian Church awaken to a knowledge of the power of this word when she commenced the glorious work of the B. and F. Bible Society. All honor to *Charles of Bala* he did what he could—and the result, only eternity can disclose. Thou- sands and tens, yea hundreds of thousands, have been brought to Jesus by the word alone.

Your Committee feel thankful to state that, notwithstanding the financial crisis that the world has been called upon to pass through, the falling off of the funds of the Parent Society, only amounts to some £15,000 a strong evidence that the Claims of the Society are felt to be of paramount importance. The amount re- ceived this year by the Parent Society was £206,978. 17. 7—outlay £212,408. 12. 11 thus a surplus of £11,000 of last year was chang- ed into a deficiency of £5,000 this year, and yet the Society is solvent as £6,000 surplus still remains. Again the number of copies of Scripture as sent forth this year are some 11,443 less— still the number amounts to 2,670,742 making in all since the Society commenced 79,103,465 copies in 216 different languages and dialects.