

fortable support in many of the settlements, and might prove a blessing to unborn generations.

In the *third* place, I would recommend to the Society to send out a proper supply of School Bibles, Testaments, Psalm Books, Gaelic do. and every other book needful for both Sabbath and week day instructions. All the books intended for school reading ought to be bound in strong canvas. The great heat of their fires, and the dryness of the air, cause the leather-bound books to break immediately. The school Bibles might be divided into several parts, and the Gaelic Psalm Books should have the Scotch version bound with them, as both are often sung at the same meeting the same day*. A good supply of plain practical orthodox divinity books are also greatly wanted. All these books to be furnished at first gratis, but to be sold upon the island at prime cost prices, in order to keep up a continued supply for further use; so that this continued supply may always be sold upon the same terms, without subsequent aid from the Parent Society. This will allow their further bounty to be bestowed upon other destitute colonies; and many of them, I am persuaded, are as destitute as the island I am pleading for, but I had not funds to enable me to visit them.

In order to carry this scheme into proper execution, the islanders must be apprised that it is their duty to find a librarian, either to do the work gratis, or to be remunerated by themselves; otherwise the books must be sold at home retail prices, which will still be near one-third lower than they can be got

* They have plenty of English and Gaelic Bibles in the Bible Society's Depository at Charlotte Town, but not at reduced prices, consequently they are both too good in quality, and too high in price, to be appropriated to school reading. And having been ordered from London, they have no Psalms bound with them at all.

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