

number of zealous and active ministers of the Gospel of the different denominations, and many of the most pious and influential of their several congregations, who have not only shown me, as the agent of your Society, the utmost kindness, and rendered me all the assistance in their power, but have identified themselves with the blessed cause, and are now engaged in carrying out its important objects. And what is still more,—the countenance and blessing of the Almighty, have not been withheld from our meetings and operations in general, nor need we fear they will be, if we persevere in this good work with a sincere desire to promote his glory and the salvation of mankind.

From this cursory review there is much cause for gratitude to God, and ground for hope that enlarged success will crown the labours of all the Branches and Associations in future. To accomplish this I have constantly urged upon the attention of the office-bearers and others, the necessity and importance of regular and systematic operations when my agency shall have ceased. By these means, and the blessing of that God whose cause it is, may the object contemplated be fully attained.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC SMITH,

Travelling Agent.

HALIFAX, 10th May, 1850.

FROM MISS NEWTON.

SECRETARY OF THE GUYSBOROUGH LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

February 4th 1850.

In being permitted to address you, at this *new era*, on the important subject of the Bible Society, I am led to wonder at the great mercy of God! in sparing an unworthy worm so many years, to be thus honoured and occupied; feeling, that gratitude and praise should inspire my heart and pen.

Every succeeding year confirms me, in a view, not only of the vast importance of a circulation of the Sacred Volume "without note or comment," but also of the excellency of the Parent Institution, in that it recognises no *sect or party*; but while it would have all, as one general family contribute to its resources, so in its unrestricted Benevolence, it dispenses the divine bounty to "every nation, and kindred, and people, and tongue." The visit of your Society's most devoted agent, in September last, was gratefully welcomed by our Association, and as usual, an important public meeting held; at which, abundant matter was brought forward by Mr. Smith, calculated to induce lively interest in the objects of the Society, and to impress a solemn sense of individual responsibility, and obligation to concur with a work so manifestly originating in the divine will, and bearing, so conspicuously inscribed on the divine Providences, the sanction of the Almighty! I have only to lament, as I always do, in making our remittance, the smallness of the sum forwarded. And in a view of the infinite and eternal benefits resulting to fallen man, through the Sacred Scriptures, the circulation of which we seem but so feebly to aid,