

society, and donations of any amount shall be received.

"3rd, That the business of the society shall be managed by a committee consisting of the President, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the corresponding Secretary, and twelve Directors.

"4th, That the committee shall meet twice a year to transact the business of the society, and oftener if necessary, when and where they think most convenient.

"5th, That a general meeting of the society for hearing the report and choosing officers, shall be held annually, on the first Tuesday of July, in rotation in the different churches of Pictou.

"6th, That there shall be a subordinate annual meeting, at each of the churches within the bounds of the society, for receiving subscriptions and donations.

"7th, That one half of the funds of the society shall be sent directly to the parent institution, and the other half expended on bibles, as the Committee shall see meet.

"8th, That clergymen of all denominations, who shall be members, shall be Directors.

"After these Resolutions were passed, David Lowden was chosen Vice President, the Rev. James McGregor corresponding Secretary, the Rev. Thomas McCulloch Treasurer, and the Rev. Dunean Ross Clerk. The following gentlemen were chosen Directors till the first Tuesday of July 1814:—Donald Fraser (Thomas' son), Colin McKay, and Alexander Grant (miller), East River; Anthony McLellan and George McConnell, West River; John Douglas, Middle River; Robert Lowden Esq. and Daniel Anderson, Merigomishie."

From this important record, it appears that the Pictou Bible Society was established in 1813, and from other sources we learn that its institution preceded that in Halifax by six months. This precedence was rather unceremoniously ignored by the metropolitan society, which having assumed the somewhat pompous title of the "Nova Scotia Bible Society," summoned the Pictou society to surrender independent action, and rank under their banner as one of their branches. This summons was most respectfully but firmly declined, on the ground of seniority, and hence to this day the two societies maintain separate correspondence with the parent society. The Pictou Auxiliary have well supported their credit, and have for many years equalled, if they have not surpassed, their competitor, in the amount of free con-

tributions remitted to London. They have farther well sustained their claim to seniority, by being the first to sound the trumpet of jubilee. This, however, should not preclude, but stimulate to similar activity the friends of every auxiliary in Nova Scotia. The Halifax committee, we are pleased to see, have already announced their intention to follow out the recommendations of the parent society, and have issued circulars, soliciting the co-operation of the several branch societies and ladies' associations throughout the province. It would be a happy circumstance were all who annually contribute either to the Halifax or Pictou societies, to employ during the present year their best efforts to draw public attention to the parent society, whose truly christian career, when properly understood, every true Protestant must "delight to honor." Where public celebration may be considered inexpedient, the circulation of collecting cards, such as have been transmitted by the London Committee, would tend greatly to increase the interest and swell the contributions—objects, which may be said to constitute the substantial honors, of the Jubilee. No one can look at the European continent in its present aspect without discovering that Bible colportage is the instrumentality, destined under an all-wise and gracious providence, to eventually, and it may be speedily, evangelize the anti-christian kingdoms now groaning under the iron yoke of despotism, both civil and ecclesiastical. Hence the concordats which have already issued in the imprisonment and exile of many loyal and christian subjects. The protestant churches must be lamentably blind to the handwriting upon the wall of the Papal superstructure, if they do not now unite in one resolute effort to preserve in ever increasing efficiency the resources of Bible societies, and especially, the British and Foreign Bible Society, which is "the mother of them all." It is truly refreshing to contemplate a society which has survived the trials and troubles of half a century, not exhibiting the symptoms of that decrepitude and imbecility, which accompany old age; but gathering renewed strength as time rolls on, and rising in the might of