

at a numerous meeting of the most respectable part of the community of that place where, after adopting the necessary and usual rules for the government of the Society, a very handsome sum was raised in subscriptions and donations, and forwarded to your Committee.

The Secretary of the Society after stating the circumstances of its formation, observes—"Though when viewed in connection with the numerous supporters of the grand and noble designs of the British and Foreign Bible Society, our own circumscribed establishment shrinks into comparative inutility, we trust that in future we shall not cease from doing what we can towards placing within the reach of those immediately around us, the word of Holy Inspiration, and illuminating with the light of Divine truth, the dark places of the earth, where tens of thousands are yet crowding in the habitations of cruelty."

For the relief of the pressing wants of the Society, expressed in a Resolution passed at the meeting, your Committee hastened forward to them such supply of the Scriptures as might answer immediate demands, and on the receipt of further grants from the Parent Society, a large number of copies was again shipped to Sydney, many of which have been distributed in various ways to the Society.

In consequence of the communications of the Cape-Breton Society, with several respectable individuals residing at out ports in the Island, the formation of another *Branch Society* at *Mabou*, was projected and took place in October last, when a very liberal contribution to its funds was made, considering the recent date of the settlement, and the difficulties with which new settlers are compelled to struggle; the greater part of the Protestant population of the place having emigrated thither within the three or four years last past. The Secretary of the Society being in Halifax, late in the Autumn, applied to your Committee for a supply of the Scriptures which was furnished, to an amount which was then supposed would be sufficient to meet the immediate wants of the place, which he lately writes, was quite inadequate to the numerous demands made for him. It appears that they have been all disposed of by sale, and that their arrival excited the most lively feelings of gratitude.

In acknowledging the numerous instances of support and goodwill afforded to the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, in furtherance of great objects, your Committee must not omit, the donation of Bibles from the *Ladies' Benevolent Society* at *Yarmouth*; and they cannot but express the hope that the *Branch Society* at that place, which owing to the pressure of the times, was obliged to discontinue its operations, will again ere long, be numbered in the ranks of our increasing branches; and lend a helping hand to our cause.

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