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THOUGHTS ON THE PECULIAR CLAIMS OF the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Under the Home Department for this month will be found a brief report of the public Meeting announced in our last No., as summoned to meet in the Assembly Hall, Pictou, with a view to celebrate the Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society.—We regret exceedingly that measures were not adopted to secure a full report of all that was said and done on this most auspicious occasion. No public or permanent record has been made of a meeting, the return of which, not one of the principal speakers or spectators will live to witness. Fifty years, added to man's prime, will extend beyond the three score and ten, or rather, to the four score years which turn human strength at its west estate into labor and sorrow. The generation that will live when another semi-century of this society is celebrated will look with laudable curiosity for such authentic records as may be expected to contain the proceedings which were followed when their Fathers held Jubilee. The main inducements, however, which dictated the propriety of inserting a somewhat minute though concise report of the meeting, and to devote so large an amount of our available space to Bible Society intelligence, remain yet to be told. The British and Foreign Bible Society is almost universally patronized by the Presby-

terian Church of Nova Scotia, and consequently held in high repute by the great majority of the readers of the Register. The Pictou Auxiliary was chiefly indebted for its origin and early maintenance to the unwearied labors of that truly apostolic minister Dr McGregor, whose name all our churches have been taught to venerate as indelibly engraven upon the foundations of our Zion.—The original document, in the handwriting of this truly eminent individual, has fortunately been preserved, and will now be given to our readers verbatim et literatim.

“A number of the inhabitants of Pictou, contemplating with approbation and pleasure the exertions made by the British and Foreign Bible Society for diffusing the light of Divine revelation, and extending the bounds of the Redeemer's kingdom, judge it their duty to contribute to the support of so noble a design. Wherefore, by public intimation, they met at the West River Church upon the tenth day of April 1813, and after hearing an appropriate sermon by the Rev Jas MacGregor, their senior minister, from 2 Thessalonians iii. 1—“Pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified,” and after choosing Edward Mortimer Esq. for their president, passed the following resolutions:—

“1st, That a society, to be called the Pictou Bible Society, be formed, for the purpose of furthering the design of the parent institution.

“2nd, That persons of whatever religious denomination, who contribute Ten Shilling or more annually, shall be members of this