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Laws and Regulations
OF THE
NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

- I. THIS Society shall be called **THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA, AND ITS DEPENDENCIES**; the object of which shall be the same as that of the British and Foreign Bible Society, viz:—To encourage the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, and to furnish copies of Scriptures *gratis* to the indigent, and at reduced prices to those requiring them.
- II. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee.
- III. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, benefactions and subscriptions shall be solicited, and books opened for receiving the names of benefactors and subscribers.
- IV. Every person contributing annually One Pound, or at one time, or a donation of Ten Pounds, shall be considered a Member of this Society.
- V. A general meeting of the Members of this Society shall be held every year, during the sitting of the Legislature, before which shall be laid the accounts and proceedings of the preceding year.
- VI. The whole of the subscriptions and donations, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be remitted annually, in aid of the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
- VII. Every Member of this Society shall be entitled to purchase, under the direction of the Committee, Bibles and Testaments at the reduced prices of the Society, which are as low as possible.
- VIII. The Committee shall be authorized to meet, for the purpose of conducting the business of the Society, as often as may be necessary.

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At the Thirteenth Anniversary of the Nova-Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society, held at the Royal Acadia School in Halifax, on Monday the 1st. of April, 1833.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Crawley.

The Hon. Joseph Allison, Vice President, was called to the Chair.

The Report of the Committee was read by the Secretary, whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. David Hare, it was

1st. *Resolved*, That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Kenneth MacKenzie, seconded by Mr. G. N. Russell,

2d. *Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this meeting be offered to the different Branch Societies, Associations and other Contributors to the funds of this Society, for their kind assistance in promoting the great objects of the Society, and that the meeting relies with confidence on their continued support.

On motion of the Rev. E. A. Crawley, seconded by Mr. M. B. Almon,

3d. *Resolved*, That this Meeting are of opinion, that it is highly desi-

able to revive the Halifax Branch Bible Society, and recommend their Committee to devise means for its re-organization.

On motion of the Rev. J. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Hugh Bell,

4th. *Resolved*, That this meeting desires to acknowledge its unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, for the various and continued blessings that have hitherto attended the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its numerous Auxiliaries and Branches, as well as those of every other Society of a like nature, throughout the world; and humbly commit their feeble efforts in this holy cause to His care and protection.

On motion of the Rev. Matthew Richey, seconded by Mr. John A. Barry,

5th. *Resolved*, That the Officers and Committee of this Society be requested to continue their kind offices for the ensuing year.

The Meeting was then closed with prayer by the Rev. John Martin.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THE REV. J. SCOTT, on moving the First Resolution, "That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Committee"—spoke as follows:—

Mr. Chairman,—Many weighty and affecting considerations concur to induce us to engage in the benevolent work, which now occupies our attention.

Institutions, Sir, having for their object the spread of the glad tidings of Salvation, have certainly the strongest claim to our aid and co-operation. On this point, it seems impossible that there should be any difference of opinion. The subject is one which must excite in our breasts one common feeling. Having our own hope in Christ, we cannot but desire to communicate this blessed hope to others. Relying on the merits of a crucified Saviour for that grace, by which alone we can be delivered from everlasting misery, and made partakers of everlasting happiness, we would have this way of salvation made known to all, who partake of our common nature. And, sir, must not this desire of our hearts be strengthened by the hope of promoting, at the same time, the honour of Him who redeemed us? Must not the promise of the Spirit, that he will strengthen and prosper us in every good work, and the more special promise of our Saviour, in reference to the work now under consideration, effectually encourage us in such labour of love?—Must not the assurance, which is given us, of the ultimate and universal prevalence of the Redeemer's Kingdom, establish our minds in the use of all proper means for accomplishing the glory of that happy period, when all shall know the Lord, from the least even to the greatest?

Now, sir, the prime instrument to be employed in this great and glorious work, is the Bible.—The Bible is the appointed and chief means of extending the Redeemer's Empire, and of saving immortal souls. The Holy Scriptures, sir, are the power of God unto Salvation, to every one that believeth. They are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, and able to make men perfect, thoroughly furnished to every good work. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and wielded by his Almighty arm, it is quick and powerful, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit. We know that it has already proved mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strong holds,—casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. God himself has ex-

pressly declared, that his word shall not return to him void, but shall accomplish that which he doth please, and shall prosper in the thing, whereto he sent it.

How strong then, sir, is our encouragement to engage in circulating throughout the earth, according to our ability, a Book, which through the instrumentality of the Spirit, is thus able to change and purify the heart, and make men wise unto salvation, bringing them out of darkness, into a marvellous light, and from being the wretched slaves of the usurped dominion of Satan, making them the happy subjects of our Redeemer's righteous Kingdom.

But, sir, the argument for disseminating this Book is strengthened, when we consider, that it is an instrument, not merely powerful and efficacious, in delivering men from the power of ignorance, superstition, and corruption,—but indispensably necessary for this purpose.

We have only to take a view of the state of the Heathen World, in all ages; we have only to consider the horrid ignorance and fierce barbarity; the gloomy superstition, and abominable views, which have prevailed, and do prevail wherever the divine light of revelation has not appeared, and do prevail wherever the Bible is indispensably necessary for the improvement and happiness of man. The benefit of this blessed Book, sir, we ourselves have all our life enjoyed. We never knew what it is to be without it. Hence we are too apt to think of it with indifference, and to have an inadequate sense of its infinite importance to our race. From seeing the Sun every day, we are not struck with his exceeding utility and splendour. But what would the world be, if the Sun were to rise no more; if this globe were to be wrapt in complete and perpetual darkness?—Then, we would know the value of the blessing we had lost. But what the Sun is to the natural world, the Bible is to the moral world. If the light of revelation were to be extinguished in the earth, the spiritual darkness which would succeed, would be infinitely more dismal, and more to be deplored, than the event of the Sun's extinction in the Heavens.

Have we then, sir, the Bible to be a light unto our feet, and a lamp unto our path, and shall we not use our best endeavours to send it to those who are sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death?—Have we tasted of the good word of God, and found that the Lord is gracious, and shall we not be disposed to shew mercy as those who have obtained mercy?—Having freely received, shall we not freely give?—Is it possible that men can feel the happy influence of divine truth on their own souls, and experience the blessedness of having peace with God, and the hope of eternal life, without feeling the necessity which is laid on them, of sending the Scriptures of truth to their Brethren, who are destitute of this Blessing, and living without God, and without hope in the world?—The love of Christ constrains us, sir, to engage in a work, which must appear to all, to be the most natural and effectual means of promoting the

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end of his mission, and of exalting his name amongst men. And what an honour is it, to be instrumental, in accomplishing so noble a design! What a gratification to supply with the bread of life, the poor in our own neighbourhood!—What a happiness to make known the way of Salvation to our fellow-mortals in heathen lands!—How delightful the thought, how unspeakable the privilege of being accessory to the religious instruction, the moral improvement, and the present and future welfare of millions of our race!

As a further reason, sir, for co-operating in this work, and as an encouragement to increase our zeal, in forwarding it,—I must merely allude to the highly gratifying intelligence, we have this evening received, through the interesting report, which has just now been read, of the formation of a new Branch Society, in connection with this,—the active operation of other Branches,—the success which has crowned the exertions of Bible Societies in different parts of the world, particularly the blessing which has attended the labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society, of which this is an Auxiliary,—and the present facilities for the distribution of the Bible in France, in Germany, in Greece, and the Islands of the Mediterranean, in India, in Burmah, in Australasia, and other Christian and Pagan Countries.

To all these considerations, sir, I must be permitted to add this solemn one:—that there is a great and awful day coming, when we must give an account of the various trusts, committed to our care. At the judgment seat of Christ, we shall be tried, not only for sins of commission, but for those of omission also,—not only for the things which we have left undone,—not only for our injustice,—but for our want of charity and mercy. How wise then, sir, to occupy in such a manner, that when we shall be called upon, to give in our account, we may be able to do it with joy and not with grief!—How wise to make to ourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when this temporal life shall fail, we may be found worthy to be received into everlasting Salvation!—How wise to improve our opportunities of promoting the Spiritual welfare of our Brethren, that we may be owned by our Lord, as his good and faithful servants, and obtaining the reward of those, who turn many to righteousness, may shine as the stars, for ever and ever.

The REV. MR. CRAWLEY, on moving the Third Resolution, observed, —It is well, Sir, the Bible Society needs no advocacy of mine, for it were utterly impossible for me to do justice to the grandeur of its object and the urgency of its claims. Scarcely thirty years have passed since a few individuals conceived the plan of a Society, whose simple object should be to purchase Bibles at the cheapest possible rate, to supply the wants of any part of the world, where copies of the word of God were either scanty or deficient.—Not yet 30 years!—and now behold a Society

with its magnificent income of ninety or a hundred thousand a year, rolling in every direction a tide of light and life. The apostle John from his barren dungeon in Patmos, beheld, we know, visions of the things that should come to pass on the earth, and in the course of the scenes so fraught with astonishment, terror, or joy, which then passed rapidly before him, there was one of "an Angel flying in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the Earth, and to every Nation and Kindred, and Tongue, and People." If we believe that that vision embodied every means employed for the promulgation of the truth, if we see its fulfilment in the many missionaries who in the course of a few years past, (not much more than those of the existence of the Bible Society,) have spread over the heathen world, can we fail to feel that the Bible Society itself must form an important feature in that class of events, which were thus made known to the apostle; especially when we remember that in upwards of 150 languages has the Bible been printed by the efforts of this Society, of which by far the greater part were new translations, into languages never before made the vehicle of the Scriptures, and that of Bibles and Testaments there have been distributed through its instrumentality directly or indirectly, no less than twelve millions of copies.

Sir, if the little band of worthies, to whom under God, the Bible Society owed its origin had been permitted like the apostle to look into futurity; if they had perceived the results that would issue in so short a time—twelve millions of their fellow men, who before were destitute, provided with a guide to Heaven and everlasting happiness—how unspeakable must have been their emotions of joy!—Some of them live to see it, and we, Sir, who stand at the verge of the period that has comprised the accomplishment of so much unexpected good, surely ought to partake of their joy. Condense the result in one view and suppose a neighbouring nation of 12 millions, supplied each with a copy of the Scriptures by one Society in so short a space of time, and we feel the force of the blessing. Twelve millions of our fellow-beings have been permitted thus to hear of Christ, who never heard before. Nay many more, for the wide diffusion of these copies will comprise a far greater number of individuals who have read them—unquestionably these have not all heard or read in vain—no, some of them, those Bibles have carried to heaven; and if now, another vision should reveal to us those redeemed souls, seated in glory, and praising God and the Lamb for the rich joy they possessed through the instrumentality of the pounds and shillings and pence, collected by the friends of the Bible Society—Oh, who has power to tell the influence of such a scene!

But whither am I running? Must I not pause? Twelve millions of human beings! But how many are those that yet remain destitute? Must we not speak of hundreds of millions? Can it be? Yes, Sir, 600 millions were a low computation of those as yet unsupplied with Bibles. Alas!

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how many are there thus even in countries, nominally christian! I did say the Bible Society needed not my advocacy—I must retract my words, and weak as my pleading may be, I must use it to implore all who hear me or yet may hear, to join in urging with unceasing energy and determination the appalling fact that these hundreds of millions perish, unless the remedy be carried to them, and that that remedy is contained only in the Bible. And oh! ought we not to remember how soon they perish? Behold! thousands in every year in pale phalanx entering the region of departed souls! Oh! could we suppose their looks, at this moment turned on us, should we be at any loss to interpret the sad but thrilling eloquence we might read in their features. "Rich man" they cry "part with your gold, a worthless bauble except for such an object as this. Send oh send the word of life to the souls ready to perish. Poor man spend not your breath nor your time in trifles whilst any remain on earth yet to be saved, and that time and breath may be employed in furnishing these with the gospel of salvation. Ye young and vigorous employ your strength in this holy cause. Ye aged who are about to quit the world, leave behind you the testimony of those who have believed and loved the Bible, and urged it while you live to excite those who possess the means to multiply and spread its pages. The motion, sir, which I introduce with these remarks, is as follows:

"That this meeting are of opinion, that it is highly desirable to revive the Halifax Branch Bible Society, and recommend their Committee to devise means for its re-organization."

I need add little on the specific subject it proposes. It has long been conceded that the overflowing treasury of the Parent Society draws its abundance far more from the pence of the poor, than the pounds of the wealthy. We need in Halifax such an institution as will enable the poor to contribute as subscribers the smallest amount. So blessed a work ought not to be restricted to subscribers of a pound.—Penny a week Societies would do vastly more. The Branch Society proposed by this resolution to be revived, is exactly adapted to meet the case, and I venture to express an earnest hope that it will go into operation.

The REV. MR. MORRISON in putting the fourth Resolution, said,—The subject of the resolution which is put into my hand to move, is, gratitude. It is expressed thus. "This meeting desires to express its unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, for the various and continued blessings which have hitherto attended the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of its numerous auxiliaries and branches, and also of all other Societies of a similar nature throughout the world."

This Sir reminds me of an ancient philosopher who used to thank the gods for three privileges—That he was made not a brute, but a rational

creature,—That he was born, not in barbarous climes, but in Greece,—
That he lived not in the more uncultivated ages, but in the time and
under the tuition of Socrates.

How much greater reason, Sir, have we to bless God, that in his Providence, our lot has been cast in a land of light and gospel privileges! Many of us have been accustomed to read the word and hear it expounded, almost from our infancy, and if we now have it in our power to put others in the possession of the same privileges, is it not our incumbent duty?

It is a remark, Sir, perhaps worthy of notice, which fell from an old Roman Poet, that the man accomplishes every thing, who combines the useful with the agreeable. And if he had lived in our day, when the sciences are generally cultivated, and the number of religious institutions vastly increased, would he not have found many striking examples of the truth of his observation?

But in his day, Sir, the useful and the agreeable were measured by a very low and defective standard indeed. This transitory world with its diversified succession of interests and pleasures, engrossed minds of the highest order, to the complete practical exclusion of futurity. To the achievements of the patriot, the philosopher, and the statesman, was the highest appeal made in evidence of utility and happiness. Hence we find that their deeds constituted the burden of ancient song, and are immortalized as the most sublime efforts of intellect and genius.

Now mark, Sir, what does Christianity teach? What does the Bible teach? It has taught mankind to form and entertain incomparatively more correct and exalted ideas of utility and enjoyment. It reveals with celestial clearness the eternal destinies of our race, and, teaches, that whatever promotes their felicity on the most exalted scale, is entitled to our profound consideration: it weighs in one scale all that this earth can possibly yield, whether of pleasure or of profit, and in the other the immortal nature of the soul, and so immeasurably vast is the difference, that it asks the broad question, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

What, let me ask, is the world? What is there in the world? Take this world as it seems to be, consider it merely as it is, without any reference to another; and I venture to say, there is no one living, who can assign a single end or purpose for which it was made. Its inhabitants rise to life, flutter abroad for a short time, then droop and disappear. Even the firmest human-establishment, the best contrived system of policy, can scarce boast of a nobler fate, or a longer duration. The mightiest states and most signalized nation perish like individuals. In one leaf you read their history, admire their achievements, become interested in their success: but when you proceed a little further,

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no more than a name is left, and the monuments which promised to endure forever in process of time share the same fate with the illustrious personage they were intended to immortalize. Is it wonderful then, that the Voice should say, Cry? or that the prophet should respond What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever.

The word of God, Sir, has withstood much fierce and formidable opposition. It met with many enemies when first propagated. Other religions opposed its progress; the lusts, errors, and selfish interests of wicked and worldly men, long stood out against it; the wit and learning of the Greeks and Romans were early at work to undermine and overthrow it; the princes of the earth drew the sword, and employed every engine of torture, which their ingenuity, prompted by mad ambition, could devise, for the destruction of its espousers. But the word has victoriously triumphed over it all, challenged the severest scrutiny, overpowered the boasted reasonings of infidelity, and secured the firm hold of the heart of every sincere Christian, amid unwearied efforts from almost every quarter, to debase the simplicity and diminish the importance of its leading and eternal truths.

I am aware, Sir, that much has been done by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and others of a similar nature, to spread the blessings of the Gospel; and for the success which has hitherto attended them, we ought to be grateful. But, Sir, I also feel convinced that no Society which has for its object the dissemination of Biblical knowledge, will redeem its pledge, until it has reached the Word of Life, to every people, kindred, tribe, and tongue, under the canopy of heaven. Myriads of mankind are still without the invaluable boon, and are immersed in the deepest gloom of ignorance and superstition. The Sun of Righteousness has as yet only gilded the hills of the distant horizon, and although his appearance may be hailed as the certain harbinger of meridian day, it would ill become us to shut our eyes, or throw down our tools, or fold our hands, as if the work assigned us were already done. Opposition we may meet with in such an important work, but difficulties we are willing to encounter. If the field which requires cultivation presents to the eye a rough and barren tract, it is not surely a hopeless undertaking to attempt it. He cannot deceive who has said, that "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be made glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." The cause is God's, and must prevail.

Let us then, in the spirit of gratitude and humble dependence, look up to Him who gives seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; who says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" who commanded

his early teachers to go forth and teach all nations, and assures all who engage in the great and good work, that he will be with them always, even unto the end of the world.

The Rev. MR. RICHEY in addressing the Chair on the fifth Resolution.—Permit me to say that I have listened with equal interest to the several addresses which have been delivered. Judging of their influence upon this large and respectable assembly by the responsive emotions with which they have thrilled my own breast, I would venture to predict that the *Branch* which you have this evening ingrafted on the majestic vine of the Parent Institution, will not exhibit an appearance of sterility, but bloom and bend with the fruits of christian benevolence. As I happen to occupy the back-ground in the arrangements of the evening, it would perhaps be more in keeping with the rest of the scene were I to remain in the shade. But, however congenial this would be to my own feelings, I am not sure that it would so well accord with the expectations of those who have furnished me with a Resolution, or with my deep obligations to that volume, whose praise, when all the stores of rhetoric are exhausted, to celebrate it, must still remain untold.

“ Most wondrous book ! bright candle of the Lord !
 Star of eternity ! the only star
 By which the bark of man can navigate
 The sea of life, and gain the coast of bliss. ”

From whatever point of observation we contemplate this volume, its supreme excellence immediately displays itself; while every distinct evolution of that excellence presents a powerful inducement to disseminate it, thereby imparting a sanction, and a lustre, to the hallowed enterprise in which we are engaged.

The first view we naturally take of this volume is indicated by its distinctive appellation. It is the *Bible*—the *Book*, so called by way not only of distinction, but of eminence, because the only book which contains the authorised and inspired record of the counsels of redeeming wisdom, and redeeming love. By some indeed its lofty pretensions are impugned; and they regard it as a test of mental superiority to reject Revelation entirely. There have been sceptics to whom the meed of genius and of cultivated talent is not to be denied : but we are not prepared to admit that infidels have monopolised all the intellectual opulence of the world. Were we disposed to glory in men, it were no difficult matter to present a list of names on the side of christianity, which form as splendid a galaxy in the heaven of mind as the annals of scepticism can boast. But we came not here to agitate this question. The object of our meeting involves a solemn recognition of the divine authority of the christian scriptures. If, then, the Bible is in reality what it pretends to be—a *Revelation from*

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God—to whom, I would ask, is that revelation made? The answer is,—
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 alike interested. Is the Bible a light kindled by the breath of divine in-
 spiration to guide the lost and bewildered family of man to the realms of
 immortal bliss? Then, let it illuminate the whole earthly sphere. Is it
 the voice of God? Then let its sound go forth to all the earth, and its
 words to the ends of the world.

Though not expressly designed, or generally regarded as such, yet, the
 Bible *is*, in truth, a literary book: it has its poetry, its eloquence, its his-
 tory and its philosophy. I am utterly at a loss to conceive why Plato ex-
 cluded from his imaginary republic the cultivation of an art so sublime
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 the tender and the pathetic, I go not to Homer or Virgil, to Demosthenes
 or Cicero, but to my Bible. The system of morals inculcated in the Scrip-
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 Diderot, though an infidel, caused his daughter to be carefully instructed
 in the precepts of the New Testament: nor is there a more eloquent
 passage in all the writings of Rousseau, than that which begins with the
 memorable acknowledgement, "I will confess to you, that the majesty of
 the Scriptures strikes me with astonishment; and the sanctity of the gospel
 has its influence on my heart." To the momentous question which the
 Roman governor put to our Lord,—"What is truth?"—the Bible alone
 gives an adequate answer. The relations which man sustains to God,
 with the obligations they involve are here distinctly unfolded. Nothing
 in fact is veiled, a knowledge of which is necessary to salvation.

Now, sir, look we for one moment at the glorious destination of this
 blessed book. In retracing its history I find that part of it existed centu-
 ries before Homer sung his Iliad. The completed canon of revelation
 has remained secure in the ark of Providence amidst all the storms
 of persecution: and what Sir is its destiny? A Rev. speaker has well re-
 marked that *perpetuity* is an attribute of this book, an attribute which
 can be claimed by no other. And who, sir, would not inscribe upon it,
 —'ESTO PERPETUA'—Be thou perpetual. Live forever ye oracles of God.
 Proclaim to remotest nations and to remotest ages the unsearchable riches
 of Christ. And perpetual it *shall* be. Universal its diffusion *shall* be. In
 its beam the thrones of tyranny, and the shrines of superstition shall all
 melt, and sin appear as hideous as the hell to which it leads. It will give
 laws, and literature, and religion, and happiness to all the earth. It will

become the Classic of the world. And all this will be achieved, under the divine blessing, by human instrumentality.

Independently of the direct and magnificent object of this Institution, there emanate from its operation very important collateral advantages to the christian cause. Two of these strike me with peculiar force: it is the common friend of all Missionary Societies; and it is well adapted to bring about a better understanding, and a better feeling, among the different denominations of christians. The British and Foreign Bible Society is the luminous rallying point where they may all meet in the exercise of the noblest susceptibilities of the human heart, and where they may concentrate their efforts for the moral and religious melioration of the world. Let christians, then, of every name strike their hands in a covenant of love—of love to God—to one another—to the whole redeemed species; and more anxious for the triumph of the gospel, than for the predominance of party, let them cordially unite in the benevolent work of circulating to earth's furthest verge, that illustrious BOOK, which they all acknowledge to be their beacon of safety, the charter of the common salvation, and the infallible and universal standard of faith and practice.

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REPORT.

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THE duty which devolves upon the immediate managers of every Institution, having for its object the good of the community, imposes upon the Committee of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society the grateful task of laying before the Society and the public, the result of their labours, with an account of the operations of the Society in its various Branches, during the past year.

Your Committee could most sincerely wish that such account were fraught with greater cause for rejoicing in the success of those labours, than they are permitted to enjoy, from the facts which they are enabled to state within the sphere of their own exertions.

There is however, amid much to depress, doubtless abundant reason for gratitude to God, that they are still permitted to continue in any measure the instruments of promoting his Kingdom on earth; but more especially that they have the privilege of witnessing the blessings that are daily and hourly flowing from the noble cause with which they stand connected.

In entering on a brief detail of the accounts received from several of the Branch Societies, your Committee would observe that in some instances where Annual Meetings have taken place, no particulars have been transmitted; and they would again remind their fellow-workers in this good cause, how desirable it is, for the promotion of their mutual success, that the Com-

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mittee should be furnished as early as possible after their annual meetings, with an account of their proceedings, in order that it may appear in the Report.

There has been remitted to the Parent Society during the past year, the sum of *Three Hundred and nine pounds, two shillings, and one penny*, currency; and there is now in hand £134. 16s. 2d.—One thousand, nine hundred and forty two Bibles and Testaments have been received during the year.—There have been issued from the Depository at Halifax, to Branch Societies, Sunday Schools and Individuals, six hundred and ten Bibles, and one thousand one hundred and forty nine Testaments—of which four hundred and eighty five Bibles, and nine hundred and thirty three Testaments have been sent to Branch Societies, sold at cost or reduced prices, or bestowed on the poor gratuitously.

From direct contributions to the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society, there have been received in Halifax £27, during the present year, and the further sum of nine pounds and four shillings, from the Treasurer of the Halifax Branch Society, being the balance of subscriptions collected in 1828.

In reference to this Branch, your Committee cannot but lament that its operations have not been continued, as from its success at its commencement, and the circumstance of its admitting subscriptions to any amount under *twenty shillings*, the limit of the Auxiliary Society, they have no doubt that it would become the most efficient means of increasing the fund in Halifax.

It is with great satisfaction that your Committee refer to the Cape Breton Branch Society, which during the past year has been unremitting in its labours in

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supplying the spiritual wants of the population with which it is connected, and in contributing to send the bread of life to those who are perishing in Heathen lands. They have remitted for yearly contributions the sum of £67 13s. 10½d. The Secretary of the Society observes, that "Justice requires him to state that this large amount has been chiefly realized by the generous and unwearied exertions of the Rev. Norman M'Leod, and the Settlement of St. Ann's, where he resided." Your Committee cannot refrain from proposing this noble example as most worthy of imitation for themselves and every Branch of the Society.

In the County of Annapolis, your Committee are happy to state, that the cause of the Society appears to be reviving; by a letter lately received from the Secretary, it appears that a meeting has been held at Bridgetown, and the sum of £15 10s. subscribed in aid of the Society; and they trust from the spirit that seems to prevail, that this Branch of our Institution will shortly resume its original vigour, and prove as formerly, one of our most useful allies in providing and distributing the word of God.

From the Cumberland Branch Society, we have not as yet received their usual Report, but it is very satisfactory to be able to state, that they do not appear to have in any degree relaxed in their labours, which have since their formation into a Society, been unremitting. They have forwarded on account of contributions and sales of Books, the sum of £14 1s. 7d.

From the Musquodoboit Branch Society, there has been received the sum of £12. By a brief notice of its meeting, in the public papers, it appears that its friends are increasing in number and efficiency; and

the growing population of the extensive district in which it is placed, will doubtless afford ample scope for its benevolent exertions.

It is with great pleasure that your Committee have to state the formation of another Branch of our Institution, in the Douglas Bible Society, which was organized on the 9th of January last, at Shubenacadie; at which time a liberal subscription was made, and the sum of £9 16s. 3d. has been received, with the request of a supply of the Scriptures, which has been forwarded. To those acquainted with the extent and wants of this rapidly increasing township, it cannot but be a matter of grateful satisfaction to know, that so good an undertaking has commenced among them, and that a constant source of supply of the Holy Scriptures will be thus, as it were, brought to every man's door.

Having thus briefly referred to the objects of most interest, connected with our own limited sphere of usefulness, your Committee beg leave to detain you a few moments, in taking a transient survey of the highly interesting and vastly extensive field over which the Scriptures of truth are now rapidly circulating, through means of the various societies formed for the pure and simple object of disseminating the word of God, without note or comment,

At the head of this holy phalanx stands the venerable British and Foreign Bible Society, the nett amount of whose income for the year, up to the last annual meeting in May, was £81,735. Its expenditure for the same period had been £98,400, and its total issue of Scriptures from the Depository in London, and the

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various Depots on the Continent, 583,888 copies; the largest distribution ever made in one year.

It must be with feelings of the deepest gratitude to God, that every friend to religion and humanity will learn, that throughout every part of France—that mighty nation, hitherto so highly distinguished by the successful cultivation of every branch of enlightened science and human learning, but in religion abandoned to infidelity and ignorance of God—daily and increasing opportunities are occurring for the spread of the Scriptures, far beyond the supply that can be afforded. France, for ages separated from her sister Kingdom, by the most bitter enmity, now under the over-ruling providence of God, bids fair to exchange the hateful passion, for the blessed rivalry of diffusing abroad the scriptures of Truth, and the glad tidings of salvation.—Seminaries are arising in France and Switzerland, for instruction in the pure principles of the Gospel.—England, and America, under the auspices of different orthodox Denominations, are sending forth their Missionaries to evangelize France, and France herself is preparing and sending forth the heralds of peace, to preach the word of life to heathen Africa. The Bibles and Testaments distributed in France, from April, 1831, to April, 1832, by Professor Kieffer, the Agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, were upwards of 176,000 in addition to about 12,000 copies issued by the Protestant Bible Society at Paris; and numerous extracts of letters from their Agents and others in various parts of France, are contained in the Parent Society's last Report, evincing the most eager desire among persons of all classes and denominations, to obtain the scriptures.

From the Depository of the Parent Society at Malta, chosen as a central position for supplying the spiritual necessities of the numberless immortal beings that people the shores of the Mediterranean, upwards of 4000 copies of the sacred scriptures were issued during the last year, in French, Italian, Arabic, Greek and Hebrew; many of which were sent to Algiers.

Greece, that country immortalized on the page of History as the earliest cradle of Liberty and Learning—of art and science—whose beautiful and expressive language was by God's Holy Spirit made the vehicle of conveying to man the glad news of a Saviour—that land endeared to the memory by every classic and enlightened, as well as by every holy recollection, is at length open to receive that life-giving word, which she herself was first made the means of sending forth; and many facilities thro' missionaries, Schools and Agents, are afforded to scatter abroad the precious seed of everlasting truth.

Throughout various parts of Germany, the scriptures continue to be extensively disseminated.—At Carls-huld on the Danube, 600 persons have formed themselves into a Protestant Church, which event Dr. Pinkerton, the Parent Society's Agent at Frankfort, writes "is mainly and principally the fruit of the distribution of the sacred scriptures, and affords a conclusive proof of the blessings which in these days attend the Bible Societies"—he adds, "May the friends of the Lord not be weary in disseminating richly the word of God among the Catholics of Bavaria; by the distribution of the sacred volume in the fens of the Danube alone, you have enabled several hundred

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The Empire of Burmah and the Continents and Islands of Australasia and the Pacific Ocean, are literally stretching out their hands to God, "eager to receive his word, and to be instructed in the truths of his gospel; and there is every reason to hope, that ere long the mighty power of the Chinese Empire will be so encircled and assailed on every side by the soldiers of Christ, that her gross and heathen ignorance must yield to the light that shines from Heaven, thro' the pages of eternal Truth.

Do not even the few facts here referred to, among numberless others of the same character, which might be adduced, suggest to every one who professes to believe the Bible to contain the only sure guide to immortal life, the only effectual remedy for the maladies of the soul,—high and holy motives to contribute to their utmost with cheerfulness and gratitude to the success of the Institution, the sacred objects of which we are now met to advocate and promote?

Little indeed has yet been accomplished, notwithstanding the millions of copies of the scriptures, that have been distributed by Bible Societies, compared with what still remains undone.—Few of the strong holds of darkness have yet been demolished, or of the degraded family of man, yet reclaimed from the thralldom of sin and satan, compared with the myriads that still continue sunk in superstition, ignorance and Idolatry.

Where then is the object, that in its affecting appeals to the best and holiest sympathies of our nature, in the moral grandeur of its results to the whole race of

man, or in its urgent demands upon our highest duties to our God, and our neighbour, can bear any competition with the obligation that rests on us, to give our best efforts, and our most fervent prayers for the success of the Bible Society?

Your Committee trust that such appeals will not be lost on this community; but that a more serious consideration of the claims of the Society, than has ever yet been afforded, will occupy the attention of all who admit the paramount worth of the soul over the things that perish; and they would affectionately call on every member and friend of the Society, to awaken to more diligent and persevering exertions to promote its interests, and pray for its success.

HALIFAX, 24th MARCH, 1833.

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EIGHTH REPORT OF THE GUYSBOROUGH LADIES' BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY, FOR 1832, 1833.

It hath pleased God in his abundant mercy, to permit us to assemble ourselves together on the present occasion; and your Committee feel it becomes them to be truly thankful,—thankful, not only that they are still spared to *live* and *move* and *act* upon the earth, his footstool; but also that the present occasion, witnesses to the *honor* conferred upon them, at the hand of Providence, in their being united as a little Society, for the *express purpose* of assisting in the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures, the *revealed will of God*,—that word that unfolds to man his eternal destinies!—gives a *passport* to the Immortal Soul, (thro' the blood of sprinkling,) from Hell to Heaven: and is so emphatically styled in the language of Inspiration, *the Book of Life*. While then the exit of the *old year*, with the rapidly succeeding months of the new, admonish with solemn *certainty*, the fast approaching day of *final* accountability; let us not only as a Society, but as *Individuals* feel our responsibility; and this feeling, while it will serve to *humble* us on the one hand, in a view of the little good we have been enabled to effect, will save us on the other from discouragement and supineness; equally assured from this Sacred Volume that while it “is accepted, according to what a man hath”—(whether of *interest, influence, or pecuniary aid*,) whatsoever a man “soweth,”—likewise—“that also shall he reap.” Since the last annual meeting of this Association, we have received from the Nova Scotia Bible Society, forty-eight English Bibles and Testaments of different sizes, six Bibles and five Testaments have been disposed of at prime cost, one Bible at reduced price, one Bible and eight Testaments gratuitously, leaving in the hands of the Depository twenty-two English and Gælic Bibles and Testaments. We regret to state, subscriptions to this Association, the past year, with sales of Bibles and Testaments, have only amounted to £5. Altho' this is comparatively a very small sum, yet considering the *dearth* of that needful circulating medium in this place, and the divers little *channels* of duty and benevolence, in which that *little* is called continually to flow—your Committee are not disposed to view the circumstance as any other, than an *effect*, of necessity following, a connect-

ing cause. We have to observe since our last annual meeting, our Canso subscribers have formed themselves into a *distinct* Branch of Benevolence in aid of the destitute children in *Burmah*, and we wish them God's speed!—This diminution of members, with the entrance of *Death* into our little Circle, has lessened our accustomed number by *Six*, while on the other hand, we have the pleasure to state, an increase of four additional subscribers. Let none on a view of the feeble efforts and limited means of this association, with its scanty distribution of the sacred Scripture, be led to draw unfavourable and discouraging conclusions, as if its interests were declining, and the effort comparatively *useless*, to keep it in existence. Such forebodings would argue mistaken apprehensions altogether, both of the *cause*, in which we are engaged, and our *interests* in that cause, as well as the place providence designs, *we*, as individuals, should be permitted to hold in connection with the *accomplishment* of prophetic declaration. "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him." The cause then, is the cause of God, and can only be said, to be *our* cause, in a *secondary* and very humble sense [of the word:—For it is written, "not by power or by might, but by my Spirit saith the Lord."—But perhaps it may be argued, if the cause is the Lords, and the divine purpose in this thing, is not to be frustrated, what avails our efforts or *engagedness* in the work? It will be *accomplished* whether we take part in it or not? To this your committee desire humbly, but confidently to reply—*assuredly* it will. The word hath gone forth, and it shall speedily be accomplished. The heathen, shall be given to him for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. But as it regards *ourselves*, our engagedness in the cause or otherwise, invited by the Great Arbiter of Heaven and Earth, to share in the accomplishment of this glorious event—turning a deaf ear and shutting our eyes to the overtures of Divine Providence; omitting to avail ourselves of the proffered *honor* and blessing in connection with our unworthy services—we shall be in danger of resembling the wretchedness of *Esau*, who failing to secure his birth-right, could not afterwards inherit the blessing, tho' he sought it carefully with tears, and not only so, but of coming also under the final, and awfully *increased* condemnation, of those to whom it shall be said,—“I was an hungered, (yea even for the bread of *life*,) and ye gave me no meat—I was athirst, (for the waters of Salvation) and ye gave me no drink”—and of going *with* them, “into everlasting punishment.” As it regards those copies of the sacred Scriptures we have been made instrumental in circulating, not only the *past* year but since the formation of this association, either by sale or gratuitously; immediately in our own neighbourhood or its vicinity,—your Committee feel they are enabled to draw the consolatory assurance, that *many* of them have been enquired after, and received by the earnest seekers of Salvation, souls in whom the solemn and

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affecting inquiry had been excited—"What shall I do to be saved?" and that their sacred pages, have led to the blessed and *soul-saving* solution, pointing them to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, in whom whosoever liveth, and *believeth* shall never die."

But turning our grateful hearts, from this our limited sphere of operation, let us give them a *wider* range; let us direct them a few moments towards those nations of the earth, where the Gospel has *not* yet shined in its meridian splendour—nay, where it has not even *dawned* to scatter the murky darkness of *sin*, *idolatry* and superstition, with which they are enveloped: for to these destitute, degraded nations of the earth, these *benighted* fellow-travellers to eternity, are your Committee's *efforts* directed; and fixing an eye of affectionate commiseration upon them, and placing ourselves for a moment in *their* stead, let us put *home* the inquiry,—how far is the sacred admonition—"whatsoever ye would, that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them"? and influential with us? forasmuch as we find it is, under the feeling application of this *golden rule*, given by Him who shall come to be our *Judge*.

But how *are* they to hear these blessed, these "gracious words that proceedeth out of the mouth of God—words that accompany salvation—words whereby the immortal soul is translated *out* of the kingdom of darkness, into the Kingdom of God's dear Son"—unless they are sent?—unless those, who through the mercy of God have *received* the glad word, have *tasted* of the heavenly gift, fired with that *zeal* which the reception of it inspires, and that *love* which it infuses, are led to extend the feelings of their compassion towards them; and in the exercise of an *active* benevolence, stretch forth their *hands*, in order to supply them with this sacred treasure, the *Holy Bible*? It is without doubt the manifest design of Infinite Wisdom, that man should *Minister* to man, in this work of mercy—the dispensation of this unspeakable gift. That human *agency* should be employed to bring about this glorious object; that *means* should be used to effect it, and this use of *secondary* causes, in affecting infinite purposes does in no wise derogate from the divine power and glory, in the *accomplishment* of such a work of mercy, but on the contrary *confirm* it; for none we presume, even for a moment, will view the Omnipotent, as *needing* the efforts of his creatures, the workmanship of his own hand, to the accomplishment of his glorious purposes; or place "the lively oracles of God" on a footing with any human composition, however excellent, as if the finite effort was necessary, to give *Infinite* power efficiency. No, the Bible being the word of Inspiration, proclaims its *own* mandate! carries within itself, its own divine agency: is its *own* pioneer, so to speak: clears by its *own* sacred power and force, its way into the human heart, enveloped as it is in *sin*, in *ignorance* and *unbelief*; and there executing its own divine commission upon the soul, gives it to experience with holy rapture. "The law of the Lord is perfect, con-

verting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making *wise* the simple: the statutes of the Lord are right, *rejoicing* the heart!"

Seeing then that the cause is the cause of God, and that all power is his, in Heaven and in earth—and that the path of duty lies straight before us, let us resolve thro' the grace of God to *walk* therein, and whatsoever our hand findeth to do in this work of faith and labour of love, let us do it with all our might.—Have we but *little* wherewith to bestow?—Let us determine of that little, a *portion* shall be consecrated in this way to him, who gave us our *all*: let us seek to impart our *mile* with a *heart* of benevolence, large enough to bestow thousands, if we had it,—and he who searches the heart, and assuredly *knoweth* the measure of that bounty, with which he hath intrusted us—will accept the sacrifice. As "He needeth not that any should testify of man, knowing what is *in* man"—so he will not require more of our hands, than his goodness has been pleased to bestow. But perhaps there are those who are ready to object, saying—"silver and gold have I none," and under these feelings of discouragement are concluding *they* cannot benefit the cause? To these your committee would reiterate the language of their last years' Report. Give your hearts to the Work: let your *affections* and sympathies be interested in it, and you will soon find the truth of that remark—"Christian *charity* is an *enlarger* of means"—yea, that she is a *deviser* of plans, and under the divine blessing, without which nothing good can be effected, an *accomplisher* of purposes. She can point to sacrifices that can be made: acts of *self-denial* (with reference to some little personal expence) that may be rendered subservient to the benefit of immortal souls, *acts* that are *sweeter* in their performance, and more abundant in pleasure on the retrospect, than any of *self-gratifications*, that were ever participated in. Let us then as a little *Society*, as well as individuals, whose express purpose is to benefit the *spiritual* circumstances of our fellow-mortals, ever remember, that he who is the *God of the Bible*, who gave his *life* a ransom for all, "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister"—and that, that charity which involves *no* self-denial, however it may meet the applause of man, and be rendered useful to *outward* circumstances, and beneficial to others, must ever remain *doubtful*, as to the purity of its source, and may *fail* to bring upon *ourselves*, his blessing and approbation, "who seeth in secret"—who knoweth the *spring* whence every action flows: as well as the *motive* that engendered it, and hath promised to reward, even a thousand fold, whatsoever is done for his name sake, and with an *intention* to please him. Condescending expressly to declare—"Forasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my Brethren, ye have done it unto me,"

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REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND BRANCH BIBLE
SOCIETY, 1833.

THE subscriptions in 1832 amounted to £6 4s. 2d. This sum, with £7 17s. 5d. received for Bibles and Testaments, (together £14 1s. 7d.) has been remitted to the Depository at Halifax, to be forwarded to the Parent Institution—one half to be returned in Bibles and Testaments. Your Depository has subsequently received the sum of £6 3s. 2½d. for books sold; which is now ready to be remitted.

In addition to 9 Bibles and 29 Testaments, on hand at the last Anniversary, there have been 29 Bibles and 21 Testaments received from the Nova-Scotia Bible Society's Depository; making 37 of the former and 50 of the latter. Of these, 21 Bibles have been sold, and 5 given away, and 30 Testaments sold, and 4 gratuitously distributed; leaving 11 Bibles and 16 Testaments now on hand.

Your Committee perceive, that the British and Foreign Bible Society continues to be assailed by opposition, and tried with dissensions. It is pleasing to observe, however, that notwithstanding these obstacles, the receipts of the Society have increased the past year; and that noble Institution is still happily diffusing far and near, the inestimable blessings of the word of truth and life. Numerous instances of the beneficial effects of these labours have already been made known; and undoubtedly a vastly greater number of cases unknown in this world, will be made manifest on that day in which the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed. The extensive circulation of the Scriptures, in every quarter of the globe, far from satisfying the demand, has tended to diffuse a knowledge of their invaluable worth, and to multiply, in all regions, earnest applications for the Sacred Volume.

Surely, then, these are sufficient encouragements and motives to enlist, in this best of causes, the active and persevering energies of every one that delights in the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and in the present and eternal welfare of his fellow men.

Sydney, Cape Breton, 29th January, 1833.

DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure to enclose the list of Subscriptions and Donations to our Branch Bible Society, for the year 1832.

I need only refer to the amount of the order herewith remitted, as a proof that our Branch is still by the mercy of God in a flourishing condition. The amount of contributions, &c. for the past year being £67 13s. 10½d.

Justice requires me to state, that this amount has been chiefly realized by the generous and unwearied exertions of the Rev. Norman M'Leod, and the Settlement of St. Anns, where he resided. Wherever this gentleman is called in the discharge of his ministerial duties, he never fails in successfully pleading the cause of the Bible Society.

The tide of emigration still rolls towards us, and we have renewed application for the word of life.

You will please forward to us as early as you can in the Spring, Bibles and Testaments to half the amount of the above sum, and agreeably to the following list:—

Four large Quarto Bibles, twelve smallest size Pocket Bibles, the remainder of the cheapest kind of Bibles and Testaments.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. NOAD, SECRETARY.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq. Sec'y.
N. S. Bible Society.

Annapolis, February 15th, 1833.

DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure to inform you, that another effort has been made to revive the Annapolis Branch Bible Society.—A meeting was held at Bridgetown on the 23rd of January, and a Sermon preached by the President, the Rev. Wm. Elder. The sum of £15 10s has been subscribed for the promotion of this best of Institutions. That the Lord may crown with his continual blessing this Society, should be the prayer of all who wish well for Zion. I sincerely trust that the Halifax Society continues to flourish.

Hoping that the Almighty will pour his blessing on this and every other Society, which has for its object the promotion of the cause of God, and the good of mankind,

I am, &c.

SAMUEL BAYARD,

SECRETARY TO THE ANNAPOLIS B. B. S.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq. &c. &c.

Shubenacadie, March 6th, 1833.

DEAR SIR,—It is with unfeigned gratitude to the Author of all good, that I transmit to you an account of the formation of a Branch Bible Society, in this extensive township; which I trust will be a great blessing to its inhabitants, and also to some of those who are yet sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

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To J. W. N

The Rev. Mr Crowe and myself were convinced of the want of a Bible Society, by finding several persons in need of Bibles and Testaments in the course of our travels through the township; and in the beginning of November we appointed a meeting to be held in the Presbyterian Chapel at the mouth of the Shubenacadie, in order to take the subject into consideration. At this meeting a subscription was opened in favour of the intended society, and persons appointed to receive the names of subscribers. Meetings of a similar nature were held at Noel and the Gore, and we soon had upwards of twenty pounds subscribed to this good cause.

On the 9th of January the friends of the institution were requested to meet in the Methodist Chapel at Shubenacadie in order to form themselves into a society. When it was resolved,

I. That this society shall be called the Douglas Branch Bible Society, and that the one half of its funds, shall be appropriated to the use of the Parent Society; and the other returned in Bibles and Testaments.

II. That the business of this society shall be conducted by a President, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries and Committee.

III. That the Rev. Thomas S. Crowe, be President, William O'Brien Esq Henry Blois, and David Frieze, be Vice Presidents; Adam Roy, Treasurer, Jacob O'Brien, and William Scott, Sub Treasurers; Rev. Thomas Crosthwaite corresponding Secretary, Adam Dickey recording Sec'y, James J. O'Brien, and James Grant assistant Secretaries; Richard Smith, Esq. John Graham, A. L. Brown, Arthur M. Cochran, William Bryden, Christopher Wheldon, William Smith, Archibald Cox, John O'Brien, Timothy O'Brien, Oliver Woodworth, Robert Carr, Samuel McLellan, Robert O'Brien, William H. Densmore, James Scott, Alexander Sim, Donald Grant, John McDougal 1st. and John McDougal 2nd. Committee of management.

At a meeting of the Committee on the 15th of Feb. it was resolved that the money that had been collected should be remitted to you immediately, and that £13 00 worth of Bibles and Testament should be orderd to supply the wants of those who need them; and if we should not realize £26 0 0 we shall sell a part of these that you will please to send, in order to have at least the half of what is raised to send to the Parent Society.

I shall remit £9 11 3 to you, by the bearer of this letter, and you will please to send one third of the amount mentioned above in Bibles at 5s 9d and the rest in Testaments at 2s and 1s 10d.

As soon as the rest of the subscriptions can be obtained, I will remit them together with a list of the names of the subscribers.

I remain &c

THOMAS CROSTHWAITE.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq. &c. &c.

Newport, April 1, 1833.

DEAR SIR—Lest you might think that we have discontinued our exertions in the cause of the Bible Society altogether, I have to inform you that the Newport Bible Association held its annual meeting last week; but owing to the small number that attended, and the low state of our funds, it was thought best not to make any remittance at present, and to adjourn the meeting till June; when it is expected measures will be taken to bring the claims of the Bible Society more fully before the public, and give a fresh impulse to the cause. You will then hear from us again, and I trust receive a larger remittance than we have been able to forward for some time.

There has also been formed in this place, a Ladies' Bible Association, which I think will contribute considerably to the funds of the Parent Institution. Of this we will give you a more particular account when we send a Report of our own proceedings.

I remain, Yours, &c.

JOHN L. MURDOCH,

SEC'Y. BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS AT HALIFAX, IN 1832 AND 1833.

His Honor the President,	£1	0	0	Marshall, Capt.	£1	0	0
Allison, The Hon. Jos.	1	0	0	Morrison, Rev. J.	1	0	0
Anderson, John	1	0	0	Nutting, J. W.	1	0	0
Black, Rev. Wm.	1	0	0	Scott, Rev. John	1	0	0
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Binney, Stephen N.	1	0	0	Twining, Dr.	1	0	0
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Hamilton James	1	0	0	Miss Solomon	£0	10	0
Holland, Philip J.	1	0	0	Mrs. Loveland	5	0	
Hutchinson, Miss	1	0	0	Bigby Robert F.	10	0	
Johnson Dr.	1	0	0	Whitman John	7	6	
Lydiard, Thomas	1	0	0	Caldwell, Wm.	5	0	
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CAPE BRETON BIBLE SOCIETY.

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 PETER H. CLARKE, Esq. Vice President.
 JOSEPH NOAD, Esq. Secretary.
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1832.

John M'Leod, S. B.	St. Anns.				£0	5	0
Alexander Munro	do				5	0	
Alexander M'Leod, mason	do				5	0	
Simon M'Kenzie	do				5	0	
Murdoch M'Leod, senr.	do				5	0	
John M'Leod, Murdoch's son	do				2	6	
John M'Leod, S. B.	do				2	6	
Alexander M'Leod, S. B.	do				10	0	
John M'Leod, senr.	do				5	0	
Angus M'Kay,	Middle River.				5	0	
Finlay M'Rae	do				6	0	
Hector M'Kenzie	Boularderie				3	0	
Alexander Fraser	do				5	0	
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William Kelly	Sydney.				
Miss Gibbons	do			£0	2 6
Murdoch Mattheson	St. Esprit.				10 0
Mrs. Mattheson	do				5 0
Chris. Mattheson	do				4 0
John M'Kay	do				1 0
Mrs. M'Kay	do				2 6
Donald M'Gillip	do				2 6
Alexander M'Kay	do				2 6
Mrs. M'Kay	do				2 6
J. Mattheson, school master	do				2 6
James Fraser	St. Anns.				10 0
Peter Fraser	do				10 0
Norman M'Donald	do				10 0
Donald M'Kenzie	Brig Harbor				10 0
Murdoch M'Kenzie	do				5 0
Alexander Charlson	do				5 0
John Finlayson	Little Badduk				5 0
Alexander Corbet	Boularderie				5 0
Hector Sutherland	St. Anns.				5 0
Niel Campbell, (Arthur's son)	do				5 0
M. M'Leod	do				2 6
A. M'Kenzie, junr.	do				2 6
Donald M'Donald	} Collected by the Rev. N. M'Leod,				2 6
Malcolm M'Donald					2 6
Angus M'Iver, junr.					1 10 1/2
Duncan M'Kenzie,	} Collected by Rev. N. M'Leod, St. Anns				5 0
Roderick M'Kenzie, for 1830,					10 0
Donald Campbell, senr.					4 2
John M'Innes, for two years,					5 0
Angus M'Kenzie	St. Anns.				5 0
John G. Marshall, arrears	Sydney				5 0
Duncan M'Leod	St. Anns.				10 0
Kenneth Stewart	do				5 0
Donald Cross, junr.	do				5 0
Donald M'Gregor, senr.	do				3 0
Capt. Donald M'Leod	do				9 0
Roderick M'Kay,	Middle River				10 0
John Fraser	St. Anns.				1 6
John Ross	Boularderie				10 0
Donald M'Leod, junr.	St. Anns.				5 0
Kenneth Mattheson	Grand River.				5 0
John Mattheson	St. Esprit.				2 6
J. Mattheson, junr.	do				5 0
Roderick Mattheson	do				2 6
Mrs. John Mattheson	do				5 0
Mrs. John Mattheson, junr.	do				3 6
Angus M'Lean,	Middle River.				2 6
Donald Mattheson	St. Esprit.				10 0
Andrew M'Intosh	St. Anns.				7 6
Kenneth M'Askil	do				10 0
Rev. Norman M'Leod	do				2 6
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Donald Campbell	do				2 6
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Mrs. Murdoch Mattheson		2 6
John Mattheson	St. Anns	3 6
John Munro	do	10 0
John McLeod, mason	do	10 5
John M'Kay	Middle River.	10 0
Angus M'Kay	do	15 0
Duncan M'Kay	do	7 6
Roderick M'Kay	do.	2 6
Roderick M'Kay, junr.	do	5 0
Kenneth M'Leod	do	5 0
Roderick Campbell	do two years	10 0
Simon M'Kenzie	St. Anns.	10 0
Mrs. Martha Stout	Sydney	5 0
Mrs. G. W. Bown	do	10 0
Angus M'Kenzie	St. Anns	10 0
Judge Marshall	Sydney	5 0
Capt. Crawley	do	10 0
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Donald McKenzie	Big Harbor	5 0
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Roderick Fraser		5 0
John Finlayson	Little Badduk	5 0
Duncan McKenzie	St. Anns	5 0
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Donald Ross, sen.	St. Anns.	£0 2 6
Donald Smith, sen.	do	5 0

Incidental expenses.—Cash paid for butter tubs and freight of do and Books		£36 11 5½
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DONATIONS.		
Collected by Mrs. N. M ^c Leod as a donation from the women of St. Anns.		£2 15 7
Proceeds of five tubs of butter contributed by the women of St. Anns, and collected by Mrs. Norman M ^c Leod, St. Anns		
Irada Hart	Margaree	13 3 0
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Collected by Rev. Norman McLeod, for Books sold at St. Anns		5 0 0
Cash for Books sold		3 10 3
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RECAPITULATION.		
Amount of Subscriptions to 31st. Dec. 1832		£32 2 11
Amount of Donations to do		£35 10 11½
Amount of Books sold		22 5 7
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR 1833.

Mrs. Hartshorne	£0 4 4	Miss Maria Hart	£0 4 4
Mrs. Robert Cutler	4 4	Mrs. Broady	4 4
Mrs. Desbarres	4 4	Miss Smith	4 4
Mrs. Taylor		Mrs. McPherson	4 4
Mrs. William Hart	4 4	Miss McPherson	4 4
Mrs. Tyrus Hart	4 4	Miss Ballaine	4 4
Mrs. Smith	4 4	Mrs. Joseph Hart	5 0
Mrs. Moir	4 4	Mrs. Lee Hart	4 4
Mrs. Jost	4 4	Charlotte A. Newton, sen,	4 4
Mrs. F. Cook	4 4	Mr. Jost, in paper (donation)	4 0
Mrs. McGrigor	4 4		
Miss Hart	4 4		
Miss Harriet Hart	4 4		
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ADAM DICKEY, Recording Secretary.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

<i>Shubenaccadie District.</i>			
Cameron, Donald M.	£0 5 0	Crowe, Mrs. Thomas	£0 5 0
Cox, Archibald	5 0	Dickey, Adam	5 0
Crosthwaite, Rev. Thomas	10 0	Dickey, Mrs. Adam	2 6
Crowe, Rev. Thomas S.	10 0	Dickey, Ephraim	5 0
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 WILLIAM M'KEEN, Esq. Secretary;
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 H. H. COGSWELL, TREASURER.
 HALIFAX, APRIL, 1833.
 Per M. G. BLACK.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, in Accl. curt. with the Society. Cr.

May 1, 1832. :	To Cash received from Female Association of Antigonish, per Mrs. Whidden from the Cumberland Br. Society, 14 1 7	£7 0 0	
July 25. :	Do " A. H. Cochen, Shelburne, amount of Bibles and Testaments sold by him 5 17 8	19 19 3	
October 14. :	Do " S. Fitch, Esq. of Horton, for Sunday School Bibles and Testaments :	1 6 0	
	Do " Win. Sargent, Esq. Barrington, for Bibles and Testaments sold by him 1 17 0	3 3 6	
March, 1833. :	Do " Rev. Mr. Crosthwaite, Shubenacadie, for Bibles and Testaments sold there, 2 18 0	17 6 9	
March 12. :	Do " Subscriptions at Douglas, &c. { 9 16 3 } 4 12 6	17 6 9	
March 22. :	Do " the Musquodoboit Branch Society, a Do-nation per hands of J. Kent, Esq. :	6 0 0	
	Do " the Treasurer of the Halifax Bran. Society, ✓ 9 4 0	13 10 1	
	Do " Cape Breton Bran. Society, per J. Noad, Esq 67 13 10	1 7 0	
	Do " the Onslow Branch Society :	5 0 0	
	Do " the Ladies' Association Guysboro' :	13 3 4	
	Do " J. Ratchford, Esq. for Bibles and Testaments sold at Parrsboro' :	61 5 8	
	Do " The Depository amount Bibles & Testaments sold by him, between 14th March 1832, and this date, :	10 5 3	
April 1. :	Do " Collected at the Annual Meeting :	31 7 6	
	Do " Sundry Subscriptions :	260 14 1 1/4	
		<u>£260 14 1 1/4</u>	
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March,	By paid charges for sundry packing boxes, truckage, postage, &c. :	2 10 6	
April 26.	By paid J. S. Cunnabell balance due him for Printing :	1 8 9	
	By paid for James Bain, Esq. for Bill of Exchange for £108 sterling at 13 1/4 per cent premium, remitted to the Parent Society, London. :	213 14 7	
	By Balance in hand :	43 0 3 1/4	

E. excepted.
 HALIFAX, APRIL, 1833.
 H. H. COGSWELL, TREASURER.
 Per M. G. BLACK.