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LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

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- 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 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 Fourteenth Anniversary of the Nova-Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society, held at the Royal Acadian School in Halifax, on Monday the 16th of May, 1836.*

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

His Excellency Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, K. C. B. President of the Society, took the Chair.

The Report of the Society was read by the Secretary, whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. William Pryor, jr. it was

1st. *Resolved*, That the Report be received and adopted, and that it be printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crawley, seconded by Captain Pringle, R. A.

2d. *Resolved*, That this Meeting desire to acknowledge with gratitude the success with which it has pleased Almighty God to prosper the past efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and to implore the Divine blessing and guidance on its future endeavours to disseminate the Word of God.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cogswell, seconded by Hugh Bell, Esq.

3d. *Resolved*, That the present aspect of the Religious world calls for the united efforts of every denomination of Christians in circulating freely the blessed Word of revealed Truth.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, seconded by J. W. Johnston, Esq.

4th. *Resolved*, That the increase of the population in this Province, and the destitute circumstances of many poor families and settlers in it, call for renewed efforts in obtaining funds to enable the Committee to circulate and dispose of the Word of God at the lowest rate.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knight, seconded by N. T. Hill, Esq.

5th. *Resolved*, That it is highly important and desirable that Branch Bible Societies and Ladies' Associations should immediately be formed in every congregation in the Town of Halifax, for the purpose of awakening a more lively interest in the dissemination of God's Word, and increasing the general funds of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Knowlan, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

6th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be given to the Gentlemen who formed the Committee during the past year; that the Secretary, J. W. Nutting, Esq. and M. G. Black, Esq. the Treasurer and Depository be requested to continue in office, and that the following Gentlemen do constitute a Committee for the ensuing year.

☞ See List of Committee.

A Collection was then taken, and the Meeting closed by singing the Doxology.

“ Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.”

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## R E P O R T.

THE Committee of the NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY are once more gratified in being able to meet the friends of the Society on the present occasion, feeling in common with themselves a deep and permanent interest in the great objects which it is the business of such an association to promote; and continuing to cherish a lively sense of the magnitude and importance of the effects, that must necessarily result from the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures.

Such results do not indeed derive their importance from any merely present, or temporary advantages, that may be derived from our labours, altho such benefits are neither few nor small, nor are they dependent upon the ever varying changes, which are taking place in the form of human Institutions and Society, but are connected with the great and ultimate destination of the whole race of man; and will only be fully appreciated when the comparatively unimportant objects which now too much engross our attention, shall have perished and been forgotten.

In this view of the subject what other in the circle of human duties can stand in competition with that of using our most strenuous endeavours to diffuse that unerring light, which is the purest source of whatever we enjoy in the various relations of life, as rational, social, or immortal creatures.

In addition to such motives we would add, that so far from what has already been accomplished, being any reason for relaxed exertion, the reverse must of necessity follow; for just in proportion to the extensive diffusion of the word of God that has already taken place, are new and unbounded fields of labour constantly opening on our view, and new and increasing demands made on our benevolence and activity.

Such considerations should therefore only tend to give a fresh impulse to every endeavour to fulfil the great end we have in view; the supply of the bread of life to every family and every individual of the human race; for short of the attainment of this object neither our duty nor our desires will permit us to stop.

It is highly gratifying to contemplate the wide and effectual operations that are at present proceeding in various parts of the earth, towards the increase of scriptural knowledge, and the promulgation

of the word of Truth. In almost every nation claiming any just title to civilized character, are there kindred institutions, having for their direct aim that all important object, which we are now assembled to promote.

The Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society for the year 1825, contains much intelligence of the highest interest. The funds of the Society were the largest that had ever been reported, being £107,928 Sterling.—Their expenditures for the year amounted to £84,249—while they were under prospective engagements to the amount of upwards of £69,000. It is stated that the number of Copies of the Scriptures issued from the commencement of the Society is 9,192,950.

The newly emancipated Slaves of the West Indies, the ceaseless ~~of~~ Emigrants to various parts of the Globe, the interesting inmates of numberless Sabbath Schools, and the dreary abodes of the unhappy Convict, have severally furnished ample fields for the expansive benevolence of this most admirable of human Institutions. While it has been the fruitful parent of every similar Society now in existence, it has also given origin or impulse to numberless other pious and benevolent Associations, at this moment conducing to the happiness and improvement, and supplying the temporal and spiritual wants of the great human family.

Perhaps in no part of the vast sphere of the exertions of Bible Societies, have the blessings arising from their labours been more apparent, than in India; a land hitherto immersed in heathen darkness, but which at length is beginning to awaken from the slumber of death.

Dr. Wilson, the pious Bishop of Calcutta, in a letter dated in June last, to the Secretary of the Parent Society, writes—"India with its One Hundred and Thirty-four Millions of Hindoos and Mussulmen, under British Law, or British influence, waits for your labours; every Village has its school, and every child learns its letters, and acquires the faculty of reading and writing in its earliest years."

Amid this enormous population, are the Scriptures of Truth, thro' the means of Bible and other kindred Societies, now rapidly circulating in every variety of language or dialect that prevails throughout the vast Continent of India.

But we must turn from the contemplation of this magnificent spectacle of piety and beneficence, to consider the small, but not uninteresting field of our own labours.

We have not for some time past been favoured with reports from many of our Branch Societies.

In January, 1834, a number of the friends of the Bible cause at Economy, in the District of Colchester, met together and formed themselves into a Branch Society, of which the Rev. Andrew Kerr, was chosen President; when a subscription of *Eleven Pounds* was taken, and the Committee have since that time received remittances, which will appear in our accounts.



The Guysborough Ladies Association has still continued to set an excellent example of diligence and perseverance in their exertions to do good: Their Report and correspondence to be published in our Appendix, manifest the earnestness of their zeal for the cause of truth and righteousness.

Your Committee need not adduce a stronger proof of the unabated zeal of the Cape Breton Branch Society, than to state, that since our last report, they have remitted for the year 1834 the sum of £41 16 10½ and for 1835, £30 10 3½. They have received their usual return of Copies of the Scriptures—The committee trust that at our next annual meeting we may receive from this energetic Society, a report of their proceedings, which may more fully detail their successful efforts in their own district.

From the President of the Londonderry Society we have received letters and remittances which will appear in our Abstract.

The Hants County Society remitted in 1834 the sum of £27 12 2—we have received no report of their proceedings or meetings since that period.

During the last year, the Newport Ladies Bible Association have contributed to the funds of the Society the sum of £18 5 3—plainly indicating that they continue to maintain the character, which has always so honorably distinguished female exertion in this sacred cause.

The Cumberland Society has not been backward in their Contributions. They have ever since their formation sustained their credit for zeal and liberality, and not having to furnish a very large supply of the scriptures in their own County, have generally devoted a great proportion of their funds, as free contributions to the general objects of the Parent Society.

The Horton Branch Society appear to have resumed their wonted activity, as we have received from them within the two past years £41 11 9. Few Societies in the Province have in former years contributed more largely than this: and your Committee cannot doubt that the cause is still near the hearts of many firm friends in the District.

From the Douglas, Chester, Onslow and Gays River Branch Societies, the Committee have received since the last meeting, remittances to a greater or less amount, which will appear in the printed Report.

The Amount of Contributions received from subscriptions and donations in Halifax since our last Report is £73 3 7. We have remitted to the Parent Society £290 8 10; and there now remains in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of £160 12 1.

The issues of the Scriptures from the Depository at Halifax within the above period have been as follows: To sundry poor persons *gratis* 161 Bibles and 231 Testaments. To Branch Societies, Bible Associations, and Agents of the Society in different parts of the Province, 423 Bibles and 366 Testaments. To sundry persons at cost and reduced prices, 134 Bibles and 233 Testaments.

It has been one of the most satisfactory, and we doubt not will also eventually appear to have been one of the most profitable parts of the duty of your Committee, to supply the different Sunday Schools in various parts of the Province with Copies of the Word of God, and there have been distributed for the use of those excellent Seminaries of early piety, 138 Bibles and 241 Testaments.—The total amount of Issues above enumerated being 856 Bibles and 1301 Testaments.

There has also been an appropriation of a number of Copies of the Scriptures made by your Committee of which, we trust, the Society will approve. We have had for many years past a number of Copies of the German Scriptures, lying useless in our Depository, having been originally sent out to this Society through mistake, and there being no demand for them in this Province: On communicating with the American Bible Society we found that they had an ample field for their distribution in that country; and your Committee therefore forwarded 445 German Testaments to New York, and received from Mr. Brigham the Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, a letter expressing their obligations to us, and offering in return, to supply us, if necessary, with Two Hundred English Bibles, which kind offer however we had not then occasion to accept, as we had a full supply of Bibles on hand.

There has been received since the last Report, at the Depository from the British and Foreign Bible Society, including also a few copies of the Scriptures in foreign languages from other sources, 486 Bibles and 914 Testaments.

Since the first organization of this Society in the year 1814, up to the present time, there have been received from the parent Society 7,370 copies of the Bible, and 11,663 copies of the New Testament: and there are at the present time on hand 389 Bibles and 237 Testaments.

It evidently appears by the above statements that much remains to be accomplished towards increasing the funds and carrying into effect the objects of the Society throughout the Province, and that an increased measure of energy and activity in aid of our cause is highly desirable.

It is well known, that in many of the newly settled parts of the Country, and along its shores, where the population are, for a great part of the year, deprived of a regular communication with the Capital, or other places, and composed of persons engaged in Navigation or the Fisheries, that a vast amount of good might be done by the circulation of the Scriptures, among those who have never yet learned to value its sacred treasures.

Such facts should stimulate these who in any degree appreciate the inestimable benefits which must result from the diffusion and knowledge of the Bible, to come forward and by their contributions or their exertions, lend their ready assistance to so holy a cause.

Your Committee would conclude with expressing their earnest desire that the interests of the Institution may never cease to be

cherished and sustained by its friends and the community at large, well convinced that to no other cause on earth will the blessing of God more surely or more eminently attach, than to one which has for its only object the universal dissemination of his own word, and the present and future welfare of every individual of our race; and which invites to the ranks of its supporters all of every sect and denomination, without respect of persons.

HALIFAX, 16th MAY, 1836.

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## APPENDIX.

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### NINTH REPORT OF THE GUYSBOROUGH LADIES BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Committee of this Association, called to a statement of their Proceedings the past year, desire humbly and gratefully to acknowledge the divine goodness in permitting them still, however feebly and remotely, to be employed in a work so closely connected with the latter day glory!—A work which they are enabled to see, more clearly than ever, as bearing directly on the accomplishment of that prophetic word, firmer than the pillars of Heaven, which declares—“The Earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the deep.” And although their efforts, with reference to a distribution of the sacred Scriptures in this place, as well as their means, must be considered exceedingly limited, yet they rejoice to know, the word of the Lord is not bound—its heavenly savor is not contracted; like a little leaven diffusing its own influence, it can spread and widen, and absorb, until the whole lump be leavened—until every heart shall imbibe its sacred energy—every soul feel its life-giving power, and become the happy recipient of its Blessed Salvation. They fix their eyes therefore, not so much on what they have been enabled to do, with reference to the number of copies dispensed, as to the work in which they are called to be employed; desiring most earnestly, that they may be assisted to accomplish that, which the Providence of God designs for them, be it little or much, leaving the event to Him, on whose blessing is dependant the success of every human means, and whose approbation alone, is the “one thing needful” in whatever is accomplished. It affords pleasure therefore,

to state, that there is still a demand for the Sacred Scriptures in this place, though the means of purchasing during the past year, have not, in every case, accompanied such application. Seven Testaments have been disposed of gratuitously, while eleven Testaments and seven Bibles have been sold at prime cost or reduced prices; leaving in the hands of the Depository, twenty English and Gælic Bibles and Testaments. Amount of subscriptions, with the sale of Bibles and Testaments £4 7s 1d.—And although death has been permitted to make a breach in our number, and no additional subscriber can be recorded, yet your Committee would remark, while they still feel it their duty, to use every means under the divine blessing to increase, if possible, the number of those who shall be zealously affected in so good a cause, they feel persuaded that neither numbers, nor their diminution, should be the impulse of their energies, seeing that as individuals responsible to God, who must shortly give an account of the deeds done in the body, it behoves them for themselves, to pursue the path of duty marked out, without any reference to the opinions of those, who see no necessity of walking therein, or who cannot feel the importance of the work. Those who do not subscribe to this association, withholding their aid in facilitating a dispensation of the word of life, having such means in their power, will not receive the blessing of those who do?—neither will those who do, having a single eye to the divine glory, incur the eventual displeasure of him, whose “ways are equal”—whose word, immutable as himself, declares—“every man shall receive a reward, according as his work shall be.” In being connected with a Bible Association, your Committee desire deeply to impress on the hearts of subscribers that they aid in the diffusion of light and knowledge; are putting their hand to a work which is the Lord’s—which demands zeal and faithfulness—which, under the special blessing of heaven, is fast speeding its accomplishment, in the salvation of immortal souls—in promoting the Redeemer’s kingdom on Earth—in the emancipation of their fellow mortals “out of the kingdom of darkness”—who are spiritually fast bound in affliction and iron, into the kingdom of God’s dear Son.—That in casting in their mite to this cause, heathen countries, destitute regions of the earth shall be made to feel the benign influence of the gospel!—shall be made to share, through their instrumentality in an accomplishment of the gracious declaration—“He sent his word and healed them—for it is written, as the snow and the rain cometh down from Heaven, and returneth not thither again, but watereth the earth, that it may spring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth—it shall not return unto me void; it shall prosper in the thing which I please, and it shall accomplish that whereunto it is sent.” It is this view, your Committee feel assured, will animate their efforts—extend the feelings of their benevolence—confirm the determination of their souls to be found, as it were, embodied in the work, having their interests fixed there, their affections employed in it, their efforts concentrated towards accomplishing the grand object of thus blessing

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their fellow mortals, by assisting to send them, through all the means within their power, the word of inspiration—"The glad tidings of great joy"—"The grace of God which has appeared unto all men"—That which is evidently designed to appear unto all—manifestly intended by the infinitely compassionate Author of Eternal Life, to be dispensed unto all men—that all men may not only come to the knowledge of the Truth, but be saved. Let no sacrifice then be deemed too great, your Committee would urge, that we may be found in possession of the means requisite to so blessed a work—much less let any little act of self-denial be with-holden.—If so, if we cannot deny ourselves some needless enjoyment, some superfluity of expenditure, in order thus to aid in a dispensation of the Gospel, the salvation of our fellow mortals unto Eternal life—where then is our feelings of compassion?—Surely we cannot attempt to substantiate them on rational ground, much less on the foundation of that word which testifies, and that in reference to the whole world—"Ye are bought with a price, not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ"—and "although he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through him might be made rich."—Let us each, the rather then, under a solemn impression of these soul affecting Scriptures, and the eternal decision of that day—"when all nations shall be gathered before him, resolve cheerfully to deny ourselves, yea, resolutely in those things, that profit not in life, and much less in the article of death,—that we may have to give to him that needeth"—have where-withal to impart the Bread of Life to them that are ready to perish; to send the word of revelation—the bible, to such as "sit in darkness and the shadow of death" Then may we humbly anticipate through the infinite compassion of God, his blessing—who "came to seek and to save that which is lost"—and the experience finally of that gracious promise and assurance which declares unto all men—"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

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*Guysborough, March 6th, 1834.*

DEAR SIR,—Almost fearing we shall be too late this season in forwarding our remittance, small as it is, I hasten with pleasure to do so, begging you, and the Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society will attribute the delay, rather to the difficulty of getting the little business of our Association brought to a close, than from wilful remissness. We feel thankful that we are enabled to do any thing in so important a work, and while it stands on record with reference to the Widows mite, that it received the approbation of Him, into whose sacred cause, all our offerings are cast, I trust we shall be enabled from this place, to continue to cast in, even in this way, something into the offerings of God yearly.—We aid so little comparatively, the funds of the Society, that we almost fear to ask a further supply—yet if it should be agreeable to your Committee, a few Copies of the Pica Testament, and one or two Pica Bibles, if on hand, would be thankfully received by the first water con-

veyance—Enclosed is £4 7 1.—That we may be enabled to double the amount, if spared another year, is the united desire of your Committee.

I am Dear Sir,

With esteem,

Very respectfully,

CHARLOTTE A. NEWTON,  
Sec'y L. B. A.

Guysborough, April 20th, 1835.

DEAR SIR.—The reflection is painful to my mind, that the Committee of the Ladies Bible Association have been prevented forwarding you in due season, their subscriptions, and much more so, now that we are enabled to forward them, that the amount should be so small.—I hope, however, the Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, will pardon us in the first instance, when we explain that it was in the anticipation of increasing the sum that it has been thus delayed; and in the second, we can only leave individuals to the voice of their own consciences, in their vast responsibility to God, earnestly desiring that it may not have proceeded from decreasing interest in the Bible cause, and the good of their fellow creatures—nay, in many instances we know it has not, and God forbid that it ever should, for then truly might be inscribed in legible characters—“The glory is departed?”—Want of means has constrained many to withhold their hand, whose hearts implore prosperity to the cause. One of our members living nearer to Antigonish than this place, cast in her mite through the medium of that Society this year, and we have one additional subscriber. As it regards myself, I shall feel thankful, if to my life's end, I be but permitted, though in the most humble and indirect manner, to have something to do with the Institution, in promoting its interests—an Institution which in itself, confers happiness and honor on every heart and hand employed in the blessed service!—It is generally allowed, if any one feeling rather than another, can excite to spontaneous and more immediate acts of benevolence, it is a knowledge of the wants of others.—Those who like ourselves, children of mortality are enduring penury's sharp pain, or suffering from any other circumstance, either in body or mind; and that where this feeling of tender compassion, this speedy active benevolence is wanting, when in the power of the hand to relieve, the heart is hard in nature, and unfit for human fellowship; as dead alike—not only to every principle of humanity, but also destitute of every feeling of gratitude to him from whom all blessings flow,—who is the fountain of all goodness, the undiminished source of all that soothes the life of man!—This important principle established the unbounded efforts which are now making throughout the Christian world, for the further dissemination of the Word of God. This principle not only fully plained, but a hopeful excitement offered for increased zeal, increased speed and energy in proclaiming glad tidings of live and salvation to perishing souls—for extending the light of truth to such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

When I take up my pen to write on the subject, I scarcely know how to express the fullness of my feelings, or where to end. The subject seems to enlarge before and the object appears so increasingly glorious, I can only implore—“Light of the World illumine all.”—That all may see, and be sharers in the glory that shall be revealed; or exclaim in the devout language of the excellent Bishop Heber—

*Salvation!—O Salvation  
The joyful news proclaim,  
Till Earths remotest nation,  
Hath learned Messiah's name!  
Waft, waft ye winds the story—  
And you, ye waters roll,  
Till like a sea of glory,  
It spreads from pole to pole.”*

But the most High hath spoken, and the word shall be accomplished, whether as individuals we embrace the merciful day of our opportunity for thus participating in the latter day glory or not—he will “give the heathen for his Son’s inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the Earth for his possession”—and all flesh shall eventually see the Salvation of God.

We have disposed of during the past year fifteen copies of the Bible and Testaments at prime cost—one Bible at reduced price, and four gratuitously—leaving on hand, 29 Testaments. As we hope during the summer, application will be more frequent than the past winter, means of payment being more probable, we should feel thankful were we permitted to receive a few copies of the Bible, next in size to the pica, and a few pocket Testaments; but we can hardly make the request of your Committee, fearing our remittances the two past years have not been at all adequate to the supplies we have received. I now forward £9 9s. 5d.—amount of subscription, and sale of Bibles and Testaments. Hoping that in the event of another year, the sum, under the divine blessing, may be greatly increased.

I am Dear Sir,

With respect and esteem,

CHARLOTTE A. NEWTON,  
Sec’y. L. B. A.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq.

*Economy, March 21st, 1834,*

DEAR SIR,—At the suggestion of the Rev. A. Kerr, a number of the Inhabitants of this place, met together on the 1st January last, and at the same time formed themselves into a Society, having for its object the Contribution of something towards a more extensive circulation of the Word of Life amongst the Nations of the World—the sum of £11 has been subscribed, £8 of which was recently forwarded per Mr. Edward Ratchford, and the remaining £3 I now forward to you in care of Edward Blanchard Esq. Truro; also a Copy of our Laws and Regulations with the Officers &c. enclosed. Of the Scriptures that may be sent here the Society would wish three-fourths of the amount in Bibles and the remaining one-fourth in Testaments.

Your most Obedient Servant,

SILAS H. CRANE.

M. G. Black, Esq. Depository.

*Economy, January 4th, 1836.*

DEAR SIR,—We have of late made an attempt to bring the people in this place to a sense of the obligation that lies upon them to do something in behalf of those who are destitute of the means of Salvation: and our attempt has not been altogether in vain—on the 1st of January, 1834, we collected £11, to be forwarded to your Society, and on the 1st January 1835, we again met and collected £6 and upwards; and on the 1st day of this year we again collected about the same sum, which you will, no doubt, receive in due time, from S. H. Crane, our Secretary.

What I wish to remind you of, is, that we have got no Reports from your Society for the two preceding years, and the want of which is a disappointment to our Members. It is desirable to know the state of the Bible cause in this Province, and whether it be on the advance or decline.

Please then, upon the receipt of our collection for the current year, to send us, along with the copies of the Scriptures, as our Secretary shall specify, what Reports are due.

Our Society have agreed not to exceed one-fourth of the sum remitted in the return of Bibles and Testaments, which copies are sold generally to school-boys, and the proceeds added to our next collection, that we may aid the cause as far as we can according to our ability.

I am Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

ANDREW KERR, President.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq.

Windsor, January 6, 1834.

DEAR SIR,—I have to inform you that on New-Year's Day the Newport Bible Association met according to appointment. The money collected at the time, including a small sum previously in my hands, amounting in all to £10 12 2---I send you to be remitted to the British and Foreign Bible Society. We have to regret that the sum is so small. It however will show that the cause is still alive here, and indeed there are some who take a warm interest in the matter.—The Ladies Association of which I gave you a former notice, held its fourth annual meeting at the same time. Their funds amounted to seventeen pounds which have been handed to me to be forwarded for the benefit of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and which you will receive along with the other remittances. The Ladies request the amount of £3 worth of Testaments of the cheapest kind to be returned.

I am &c.

JOHN L. MURDOCH, Sec'y.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq.

Chester, February, 1834.

DEAR SIR,—There was a Meeting of the Chester Branch Society, held on the fifth day of December, and although the small sum subscribed is scarcely worth remitting, we hope that it may be received as the Widow's mite.

We feel sorry that we do so little towards the advancement of so glorious a cause. We know that it is well worthy of our greatest attention, and demands far more from us than we are willing to contribute; but the pressure of the times at present seems to operate very sensibly against us; perhaps the reason is on account of our omission of duty when the Lord was pleased to grant us the means. We sincerely hope for the future, that our hearts may be enlarged, (with the means) our zeal inflamed, and our diligence doubled; we regret to think that we are so far in the rear in this noble work of sending the Bread of Life to the poor perishing Heathen.—The cause belongs to God, and we feel no doubt but he will prosper it, until all nations shall be made partakers of the precious volume. We hope the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon all who contribute to this glorious cause; and that the Word of Life may be blessed to the conversion of many, and the enlightening of the dark corners of the Earth.

I am, &c.

DANIEL DIMOCK, Sec'y.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq.

Sydney, 1st March, 1834.

DEAR SIR,—The objects of the British and Foreign Bible Society, having been, by particular circumstances brought anew before the inhabitants of this place, the Members of the Cape Breton Branch Society met at the Court House, on



the 1st of January, and re-organized, we hope re-invigorated, this our local institution.

You will be gratified to learn that a Sydney Ladies' Bible Association, in connection with our Society, was instituted at the close of the last year, with considerable prospects of success.

We are now wanting Bibles and New Testaments, as per list subjoined, and should be obliged by your directing an account of all the parcels of Books remitted hither since 1828 to accompany them. The removal of the late worthy Secretary of this Society, Mr. Noad, to Newfoundland, may account for our ignorance of some parcels being received.

With much personal satisfaction in having to communicate with you on this subject, and many hopes that the lovers of the Bible are increasing,

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours, very sincerely,

THOMAS CURTIS.

CHARLES E. LEONARD.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq.

*American Bible Society House,  
New-York, April 9, 1831.*

DEAR SIR—I have very great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a Letter from you to one of our Board, Francis Hall, Esq. accompanied with a donation of 445 German Testaments.—I am directed by our Board of Managers to present through you their unfeigned thanks to the Committee of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, for this very acceptable and seasonable present. We have frequent calls for the German Scriptures, and shall be able to place these very soon where they will be highly useful. One hundred of them have been furnished to pupils of German Sunday Schools in this city. These Books all arrived in good condition, and were permitted by our Custom House Officers to come to us without duties. A wise and kind Providence seems to have directed every thing pertaining to these Books in a manner which calls for gratitude. May the same propitious Providence still attend them, and the Divine Spirit impress their truths upon the hearts of those into whose hands they fall.

I am directed by our Board to inform your Committee, that in return for this generous present 200 of our English Bibles are at your disposal, and can be forwarded to you in case your Committee are disposed to receive them. We are not apprised of the state of your Depository as to English Bibles. Be assured that we shall have great pleasure in presenting you the number mentioned, in case you have use for them: our stock of English Bibles is large, and our Board are ever ready to furnish them to such as can place them in the hands of those who need them.

I am happy to inform you that the American Bible Society is in a prosperous condition. We have auxiliaries extensively formed throughout all our States and Territories, and have the present year expended nearly \$80,000 in promoting distributions in foreign countries. We have now an agent in Mexico, and one in South America, and are effecting extensive distributions through American Missionaries in Greece, Bombay, Ceylon, Burmah, China, and the Sandwich Islands.

Have the goodness, Sir, to write me a line in relation to the proposed 200 English Bibles, and believe me,

Your very obedient, and sincere friend,  
and Fellow Labourer,

J. C. BRIGHAM,

Cor. Secretary.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq.

# CONTRIBUTIONS.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS AT HALIFAX

### IN 1834 AND 1835.

	1834.	1835.		1834.	1835.
✓ Allison, Hon. Jos.	£1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Johnston, J. W. Esq.		1 0 0
✓ Almon, M. B. Esq.	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Jeffery, Hon. T. N.	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Anderson, John H.	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Johnston, Doctor L.	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Boggs, Miss R.	1 0 0		✓ Knight, Rev. R.		10 0
✓ Black, Rev. Wm.	1 0 0		✓ Leishman, James	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Black, Martin Gay	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Lydiard, Thomas	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Bain, James	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Martin, Rev. John	1 0 0	
✓ Binney, S. N.	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Morrow, John, Esq.	1 0 0	
✓ Bayard Mrs. (Wilmot)	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Mitchell G. Esq. Chester	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Bown, G. W. (Sydney)	10 0		✓ Morrison, Rev. James		1 0 0
✓ Bell, H. Esq.		1 0 0	✓ Nutting, J. W. Esq.	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Cogswell, Hon. H. H.	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Pryor, Wm. jr.		1 0 0
✓ Cogswell, Rev. W.		1 0 0	✓ Russell, Geo. N. Esq.	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Crawley, Rev. E. A.	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Roy, Mr. (Shubenac.)	1 1 7	
✓ Crawley, Capt (Sydney)		1 0 0	✓ Snelling, W. H. Esq.		1 0 0
✓ Ferguson, John		1 0 0	✓ Solomon, Miss	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Friend (donation)		5 0 0	✓ Scott, Rev. John	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Friend, (Gays River)	15 0		✓ Stoot, Mrs. (Sydney)	10 0	
✓ Fraser, Arch. (Douglas)	10 0	10 0	✓ Shannon, J. N. Esq.	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Grant, Peter	10 0	10 0	✓ St. And. Church S. School		1 0 0
✓ Howe, John, Esq.		1 0 0	✓ Tupper, N. (Cornwal.)	1 0 0	
✓ Hill, N. T. Esq.	1 0 0	1 0 0	✓ Uniacke, Rev. R. F.	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Head, Doctor		1 0 0	✓ Wellner, John	1 0 0	1 0 0
✓ Hare, David, Esq.	1 0 0	1 0 0			
✓ Hamilton, James	1 0 0	1 0 0			
✓ Hutehinson, Miss	1 0 0	1 0 0			
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 Deduct expence lighting and attendance— 14 6

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### CAPE BRETON BIBLE SOCIETY,

JUDGE MARSHALL, President,  
 PETER H. CLARKE, Esq. Vice President.  
 C. E. LEONARD, jr. Secretary.  
 Treasurer.

#### MONIES RECEIVED.

1834.—By Cash rec'd. for nett proceeds of Butter		£2 2 9
from St. Anns.....	}	
Captain Crawley's subscription		1 0 0
Mr. T. Curtis		0 10 0
C. E. Leonard, Esq.		0 10 0
Mr. H. G. Leonard		0 10 0
C. E. Leonard jr.		0 10 0
Geo. Armstrong		0 2 6

1835.—By Cash rec'd from Mr. Stout, Treasurer to Sidney }  
 Ladies Bible Society - - - 15 2 4  
 " from Bibles sold by Rev. J. Snowball 2 18 1½  
 " from Mrs. Stout, (F. S. L. B. S)- - 2 0 9  
 Mr. R. Hills Subscription - - - 0 5 0  
 Rev. J. Curtis do - - - 0 10 0  
 Bibles sold by Rev. J. Snowball - - - 2 10 0  
 Bibles and Testaments sold by C. E. Leonard jr. 3 6 6

£31 17 11½

1834: Deduct for Expences.  
 Paid Freight of Books from Halifax £0 3 4  
 Advertising Meeting, and Proceedings of Bible Society 13 4  
 Handbills ditto. - - - 10 0

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**GUYSBORO' LADIES BIBLE ASSOCIATION.**

Mrs. THOMAS CUTLER, President;  
 " HARTSHORNE, Treasurer;  
 Miss NEWTON, Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	1834.	1835.		1834.	1835.
Mrs. Hartshorne.	4s. 4d	—4s 4d	Miss Maria Hart	4s. 4d	
" R. Cutler	4 4		" Ballaine	4 4	
" Desbarres	4 4	—4 4	Mrs. Elliot		5s 0d
" Taylor	4 4		" Bready	4 4	—4 4
" F. Cook	4 4	—4 4	" Cranswick		1 0 0
" Wm. Hart	4 4	—4 4	Miss Smith	4 4	4 4
" Moir	4 4	—4 4	" C.A. Newton	4 4	4 4
" Jost	4 4	—4 4			
" T. Hart	4 4	—4 4			
Miss Hart	4 4				

DONATIONS

Mrs. Cunningham	2 6
Mr. C. Jost (in paper)	5 6

**LONDONDERRY BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.**

REV. JOHN BROWN, President;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary.

Subscriptions for 1834, 1835, and 1836.

Rev. John Brown	£1 10 0	James Campbell	£0 5 0
Susannah Cottam	0 5 0	Joseph Crow, senr.	0 5 0
Saml. Davison, sen.	0 10 0	Joseph Crow, jr.	0 10 0
Wm. Davison, sen.	0 10 0	Samuel Davidson, jr.	0 5 0
David Fulton, sen.	0 12 6	Rachel Morrison	0 5 0
Wm. Fulton	0 15 0	Alex. D. Morrison	0 5 0
Thomas Fletcher	0 15 0	Samuel M'Kinley	0 8 6
Francis Layton	0 7 6	William Spencer	0 5 0
Thomas M'Lellan	0 5 6	John Wier	0 10 0
Thomas Morrison	0 10 0	Samuel M'Cully	0 2 6
David Murray	0 5 0	James Morrison	0 2 6
William Yuill	0 10 0	William Wallace	0 5 0
John Brown, jr.	0 10 0	For a Testament	0 3 0
David Fulton jr.	0 5 0		

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## ECONOMY BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. ANDREW KERR, President.  
S. H. CRANE, Secretary and Depository.  
JOHN M'GRATH, Treasurer.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. Andrew Kerr	£0 5 0	Charles Hill, jr.	£0 2 6
S. H. Crane	0 10 0	Jane Crow	0 2 6
John M'Grath	0 10 0	Mary Durning	0 1 3
Danl. M'Laughlan, sen.	0 5 0	D. R. Stamper	1 0 0
John Fulton 2d	0 5 0	Isaac Reid	0 2 6
James Moore, Esq.	0 5 0	Capt. James H. Pratt	0 10 0
James Graham	0 5 0	James R. Crane	0 2 6
Danl. M'Laughlan, jr.	0 5 0	William Murray	0 2 6
Samuel Hill	0 7 0	William Moore, jr.	0 5 0
Mrs. Mary Kerr	0 5 0	James W. Crowe	0 5 0
" Mary M'Grath	0 5 0	Mrs. Elizabeth Reid	0 2 6
" Ann Crane	0 5 0	Joseph Corbet, sen.	0 2 6
H. M'Laughlan, sen.	0 10 0	A Friend	0 5 0
Mrs. H. M'Laughlan	0 5 0	Catharine Coburn	0 2 6
Thomas M'Laughlan	0 5 0	Robert Duis	0 4 3
Thomas W. Fulton	0 2 6	Charles Hill, sen.	0 10 0
Samuel Fulton, 4th	0 2 6	Samuel Durning	0 5 0
Robert Dinsmore	0 2 6	James Alexander	0 2 6
William Moore, sen.	0 2 6	Thomas Soley	0 5 0
George Moore	0 5 0	James Soley	0 5 0
Samuel Faulkner	0 2 6	Samuel Marsh	0 5 0
Henry Moore	0 2 6	Jane Dinsmore	0 2 6
James Hill	0 2 6		

## HORTON BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

— President ;

Rev. THEODORE S. HARDING, Vice President ;  
SIMON FITCH, Esq. Treasurer and Depository ;  
T. A. S. DEWOLF Esq. Secretary.

*Subscriptions from May 1833 to May 1834.*

Allison Henry	£0 10 0	Bishop Lewis	0 5 0
Anderson John	0 5 0	Borden Edward	0 2 6
Armstrong Isaac	0 2 6	Beckwith Samuel	0 2 6
Avery Matilda	0 5 0	Calkin James	0 5 0
Borden Jonathan jr.	0 10 0	Cunningham G. F.	0 5 0
Borden Perry	0 5 0	Cogswell John	0 5 0
Borden Mrs. Jonathan	0 5 0	Chipman, Zechariah	0 2 6
Brown Charles	0 10 0	Clarke John	0 5 0
Brown Dr. E. L.	0 5 0	Colefleet Anthony	0 2 6
Brown Charles H.	0 12 6	Coffil Patrick	0 2 6
Brown Samuel	0 5 0	Caldwell Joseph	0 7 6
Best Charles F.	0 5 0	Dewolf Elisha Esq.	0 10 0
Bliss William E.	0 5 0	Dewolf Elisha jr. Esq.	0 10 0

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Dewolf William	£0 10 0	Merrick Mrs. Sarah	£0 7 6
Dewolf Thomas A. S.	0 10 0	Nicholls Danforth	0 5 0
Davison Nathan	0 5 0	Neary James jr.	0 10 0
Davison Thomas	0 2 6	Nowlin Patrick	0 2 6
Davison James T.	0 2 6	Pryor Rev. J.	1 0 0
Davison Edmund	0 2 6	Pingree Job	0 2 6
Dennison James	0 5 0	Palmeto Sandford	0 10 0
Elder Samuel	0 2 6	Palmeto James	0 7 6
Elderkin Mary	0 2 6	Parrot William	0 5 0
Friend to the Bible	0 10 0	Reid Joseph W.	0 2 6
A Friend	0 5 0	Rankin James	0 2 6
A Friend	0 2 6	Somerville Rev. W.	0 10 0
A Friend by D. Nichols	0 5 0	Snowball Rev J.	0 5 0
Fitch Fred. 1830 1833	1 10 0	Seamens Thomas L.	0 5 0
Fitch Simon Esq.	0 10 0	Seamens Abraham	0 2 6
Graham Jonathan	0 5 0	Smith Ebenezer	0 2 6
Gould Stephen	0 5 0	Sums under 2s. 6d.	0 12 6
Harding Rev. T.	0 10 0	Woodworth Elihu	1 0 0
Harris E. 1832 1833	0 12 6	Woodworth Miss Sarah	0 5 0
Holmes Peleg jr.	0 2 6	Woodworth Joseph	0 5 0
Johnson W. 1831 1833	1 0 0	Witter Samuel	0 5 0
Johnson John	0 10 0	Woodman Isaac	0 5 0
Johnson William jr.	0 5 0	Waistcoat Samuel	0 5 0
Jackson John	0 5 0	Young Henry	0 5 0
Lawrence Henry	0 5 0	Young William	0 7 6
Leonard Mrs. J.	1 0 0	Rec'd for Bibles and	
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Lockhart Daniel Esq.	0 7 6	June 1832	4 1 9
Lockhart James	0 5 0		£31 1 9

**CHESTER BIBLE SOCIETY.**

REV. JOSEPH DIMOCK, President ;  
DANIEL DIMOCK Secretary, and Treasurer ;  
JAMES S. THOMPSON, Depository.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

James S. Thomson	£2 0 0	George Dimock	£0 2 6
Rev. Joseph Dimock	1 0 0	A friend	0 1 0
Daniel Dimock	1 0 0	do. do	0 2 0
Thomas W. Beckwith	0 10 0		
Samuel Ball	1 0 0		
			£5 15 6

**NEWPORT BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.**

Mrs. DUNCAN, President ;  
Mrs. JOHN ALLISON Secretary,  
Mrs A. SHAW, Treasurer,

**SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1834.**

Allison Mrs. senr.	0 4 4	Allison Mrs. J. W.	0 4 4
Allison Mrs. John	0 4 4	Allison Mrs. William	0 4 4

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Date	Description	£	s	d
April 1, 1833	To Balance in hand	£48	0	34
July 12, "	Cash from Rev. Mr. Webb, Bibles & Tests. sold in P. E. Island	5	0	0
Aug. 1, "	Do. from the Rev. J. C. Cochran, for do. sold at Lunenburg	5	2	6
" 3, "	Do. from the Hanis County Branch Society	5	5	3
Jan. 9, 1834	Do. from the Sydney Branch Society	27	12	2
" 24, "	Do. from the Cumberland Branch Society	35	15	1
Feb. 11, "	Do. from the Douglas Branch Society	14	17	74
March 6, "	Do. do Chester	3	5	0
" 11, "	Do. do Economy do	5	15	6
" 18, "	Do. do Guyborough Ladies' Bible Association	12	5	0
June 11, "	Do. Amount subscriptions received	4	7	0
	Do. from Gaye River and Upper Shuben. Branch Soc.	32	16	7
	Do. the Sydney Branch Society, by Judge Marshall	4	14	74
	Do. from the Rev. Mr. Snowball, for Bibles & Tests. sold	6	1	94
	Do. from the Horton Branch Society	1	0	8
	Do. from Rev. Mr. Brown, Londonderry	31	1	9
Mar. 13, 1835	Do. from Economy Branch Society	8	2	6
" 31, "	Do. for sales of Bibles and Testaments at the Depository between 26th March, 1833, and this date—£39 9 2	39	10	34
April 30, "	Less paid for packing boxes, paper, postage, &c. 1 18 11	1	18	11
May 7, "	Do. from the Newport Ladies' Branch Society	18	5	3
July 2, "	Do. from the Guyborough Ladies' Association	4	1	14
" 27, "	Do. from the Cumberland Branch Society	9	9	5
Aug. 13, "	Do. from Rev. J. C. Cochran, for Bibles and Tests. sold	16	0	0
Jan. 9, 1836	Do. from Cape Breton Branch Society	8	4	0
" 14, "	Do. from Horton Branch Society	39	10	34
Feb. 4, "	Do. from Onslow Benevolent Society	14	10	0
March 7, "	Do. from Rev. Mr. Moody for Bibles and Tests. sold	2	0	0
" 29, "	Do. from Londonderry Branch Society	15	0	0
" 31, "	Do. from Economy Branch Society	3	19	0
May 16, "	Do. from Rev. Mr. Morrison, for Bibles & Tests. sold	5	0	0
" 31, "	Do. sales of do. at the Depository, the past year	1	0	0
	Less paid for packing boxes, paper, postage &c. 1 16 23	1	16	23
	Do. Amount subscriptions and donations	41	7	0
	Do. from the Adms. Estate of late Mr. J. Dunlap, Truro	5	7	0
	Do. from Rev. Mr. Unjacke, for Bibles & Tests. sold	7	7	34
	Do. Amount of collection at Public Meeting	14	0	3
		£487	11	04

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 July 4. By Cash paid for Printing Report - £22 10 0  
 1835. Do. Paid for Exchange £285 9 11 stg. at 11 per cent. prem. remitted to the Parent Society, London - 290 8 10  
 Sept. 19. By Balance - 174 12 24  
 1836. May 17. By Balance - 290 8 10

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 HALIFAX, 17th May, 1836.  
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