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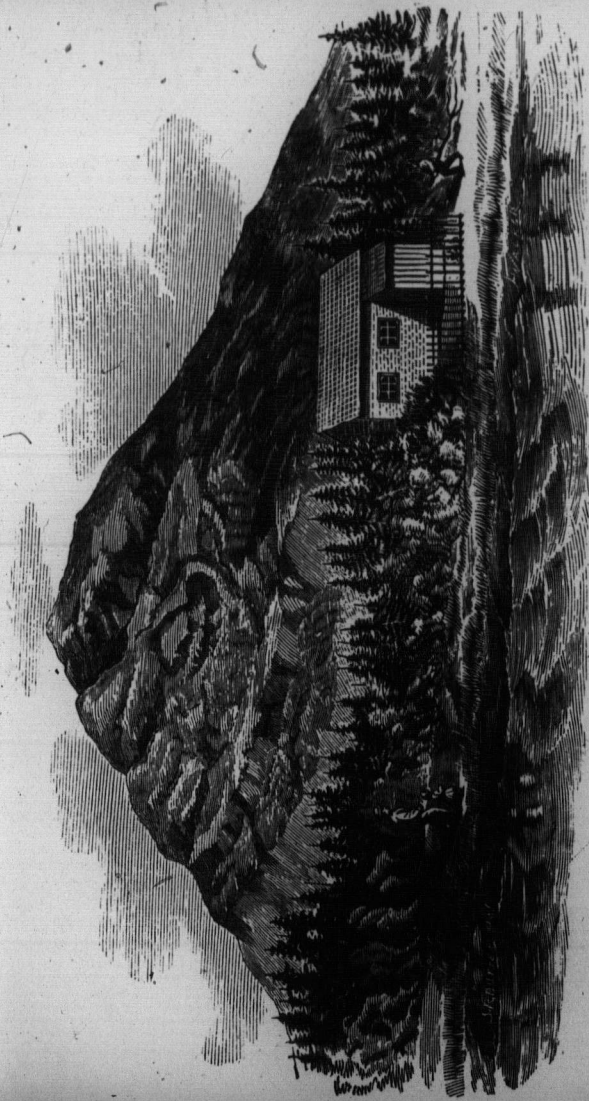
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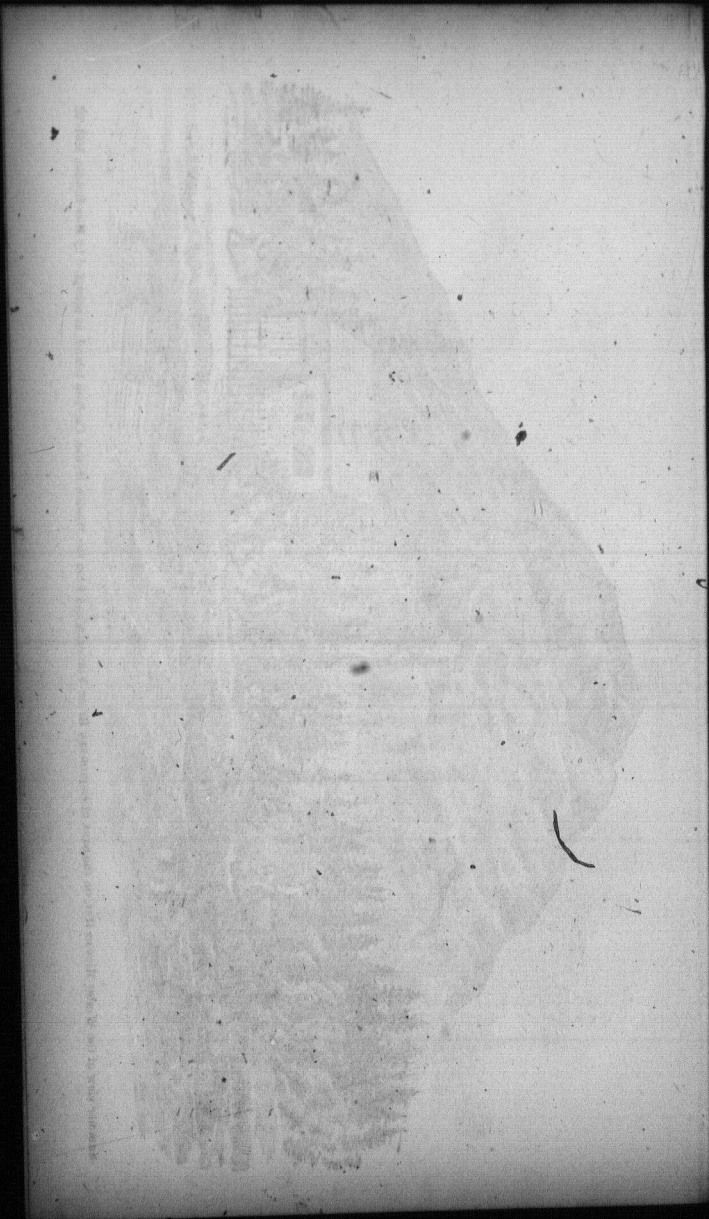
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Summer view of the Winter Mission Hut, on the east of Esquimaux Bay, or 9 miles inland from the Mission House, Caribou Island, as occupied by Miss Brodie, 1861-'62.



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NOTICES.

The American Seaman's Friend Society, 80 Wall Street, New York;  
Rev. S. W. Hanks, 30 Cornhill, Boston, Mr. B. G. Gerrish, 50 Water  
Street, Newburyport, receive subscriptions for this Society.

*Immediate wants of the Society.*

\$300 to pay off debt; Bibles, Religious Books, Tracts, Periodicals, Pa-  
pers, &c., for the Mission.

Churches and Sabbath Schools in the United States may remit to the  
Treasurer, HENRY VERNOR, Esq., Bank of Montreal, Montreal, or to either  
of the Societies above named.

The first Canadian vessels for Labrador will sail early in May, and  
the first American vessels, from Newburyport, about the first of June;  
which friends of the Mission and the Missionaries, desiring to send let-  
ters or contributions, will please remember.

John Laird, Esq., St. Peter Street, Quebec, kindly acts as the shipping  
agent of the Society.

*Form of a Bequest to the Society.*

I give and bequeath unto the Treasurer for the time being of the  
CANADA FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, formed in Montreal in the year  
One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
to be paid with all convenient speed after my decease,  
and the receipt of such Treasurer for the time being of said Society shall  
be a sufficient and valid discharge for the said legacy.

# CONSTITUTION.

## NAME.

ARTICLE I.—The Society shall be entitled, "The Canada Foreign Missionary Society."

## OBJECT.

ARTICLE II.—The sole object is to spread the knowledge of Christ among heathen and other unenlightened nations or peoples.

## MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE III.—Persons favourable to the object of the Society, agreeing to its fundamental principle, and in any way aiding its operations, shall be members.

## MEETINGS.

ARTICLE IV.—The Society shall meet annually on the evening of Friday following the annual meeting of the Montreal Bible Society.

The Board of Management shall meet regularly once a month, or oftener, on being specially convened, on such day as they shall hereafter determine. Five members of the Board shall, at its meeting, constitute a quorum.

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

ARTICLE V.—The Society shall be managed by a Board, consisting of—A President; three or more Vice-Presidents; a Treasurer; a Foreign Secretary; a Recording Secretary; and, in addition, at least twelve members, who, together, shall constitute and be styled, "The Board of Management."

## FUNDS.

ARTICLE VI.—All funds arising from subscriptions, donations, collections, &c., shall, as soon as collected, be lodged in the hands of the Treasurer.

## FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE.

ARTICLE VII.—As the union of Christians of various denominations, in carrying on this great work, is a most desirable object; so, to prevent, if possible any cause for future dissension,—it is declared to be a *fundamental principle* of the Canada Foreign Missionary Society, that its design is not to send any particular form of Church order and government, about which there may be a difference of opinion among serious persons, but the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God, to the heathen; and that it shall be left, as it ought to be left, to the minds of those persons whom God may call from among them into the fellowship of his Son, to assume for themselves such form of Evangelical Church government, as to them may appear most agreeable to the Word of God.

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THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADA FOREIGN  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY, WAS HELD IN THE WESLEYAN  
CHURCH, GREAT ST. JAMES STREET, ON FRIDAY EVEN-  
ING, JANUARY 30, 1863.

The Chair was taken by Capt. ORR, Royal Artillery.

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by the Rev. D. H.  
McVICAR,—Short Hymn and Prayer.

The Report was read by the FOREIGN SECRETARY, who  
moved—

That the Report of the Canada Foreign Missionary Society, part of  
which has now been read, be adopted and printed; and that the fol-  
lowing gentlemen be the Officers and Committee of the Society: (*See  
next page.*)

And that in lieu of Article 3 of the Constitution of the Society, the  
following be substituted as the law of membership, namely:

"Persons favorable to the object of the Society, agreeing to its fun-  
damental principle, and in any way aiding its operations, shall be  
members."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. A. COLBURN of New  
Hampshire, who had recently visited the Mission Station at Car-  
ribou Island, and who gave an interesting account of the Mission.

Hymn, the audience rising.

Capt. NOBLE, Royal Engineers, spoke of missions on the West  
coast of Africa.

The Meeting was then addressed by the Rev. A. H. WRIGHT,  
M.D., of Oromiah, and who spoke of missions to Persia.

A Collection was then taken up, and after singing the Missionary  
Hymn, the meeting was closed.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

OF THE

Canada Foreign Missionary Society

FOR 1863.

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The Board of Management meet *regularly* at the Bible Depository, on the second Tuesday of every month, at half-past 4 P. M. : and *oftener* as business requires.

## REPORT.

The Report of the Canada Foreign Missionary Society must this year mainly consist of letters from its Missionaries on the Labrador Coast; for as Capt. Kennedy has been obliged to give up his attempt to open a Mission at Manitouba Lake, Hudson's Bay Territory; and as the Society does not now support any laborers in Turkey, the Labrador Mission is at present its only one. The Board of Management is therefore the more happy to be able to report of success and encouragement, marking the progress of its Mission to the Labrador people. And without further introduction they present letters from their Missionaries, simply promising, that the Rev. C. C. Carpenter, who spent last winter in New England, married there, and with his wife returned to his station at Caribou Island, in June last.

MISSION HOUSE, CARIBOU ISLAND, LABRADOR, JUNE 12, 1862.

To the Corresponding Secretary:—

You will be glad, and grateful with us, that God has kindly brought us on our way, and placed us in our island home. The "Amelia" had a pleasant, safe passage, and arrived in a harbor near by late in the evening of Tuesday, the 10th. We encountered, on the previous day, large quantities of drift-ice, which obliged us to put about, and delayed our progress for a day. There were large bergs driven by the wind and tide—fortunately, we had clear weather, and escaped danger. From our anchorage, a few sailors rowed us to the opposite shore of Caribou, and we walked over the mossy swamp to the mission-house. We watched with intense anxiety any indication of the position of matters there, and when a light appeared for an instant at an upper window, we thanked God and took courage. We pushed on, and stepping softly in, greatly surprised Miss Brodie, as she sat at the kitchen fire, reading the first word she had heard from 'the world,' and which had reached her only an hour before. God had been very merciful to her; she was quite well and in good spirits. She had come to the station ten days ago, and had arranged and fitted up the mission-house. We rejoiced together in God's care and mercy towards us all.

Miss Brodie's labors among the people in the winter seem to have been appreciated, and to have been successful. At this hour I cannot speak

Member.

Deposi-  
P. M.:

particularly—for I have not had the time, in the confusion and care of arrival of vessels, and unloading freight, to ascertain much about the winter's work. Miss Brodie, has written you: you will doubtless receive it with this. We see the field wide and needy as ever, souls perishing, and are willing to spend, and be spent in working for them. We can only pray that the King will turn the hearts of the people. Yesterday, I hoisted the flag (the first day of my arrival)—only two came to the island, and they *Esquimaux* men. We are having several calls from sailors, with letters, &c.

I have a man (a Canadian) engaged for the season to help me. With his help and that of young Kendall, who accompanied us from the States, I hope we may be able to accomplish something. I wish no timber or material whatever sent from Canada, and shall add no expense in building. We felt disappointed in regard to the servant girl, but perhaps it is all for the best. The school, of course, is scattered; and the continued failure of the fisheries, and consequent poverty of the people, will probably prevent its being gathered just now.

I cannot now speak definitely as to this.

Yours very truly,

C. C. CARPENTER.

LABRADOR SCHOOL HOUSE, ESQUIMAUX RIVER, May 17, 1862.

Secretary Canada Foreign Missionary Society:—

DEAR SIR,—Being aware that you ought to be informed about this Mission and School, and also regarding the inhabitants, I take it upon me to write a little now, and will leave it to some fitter person to give you a full account at some future time.

I had to remain at the mission-house for one month after Mr. Carpenter left. He was deceived by a number of persons, who seemed so favourable to the mission, said they would help to build the school, and promised to see that I would get a place to live in. But, when Mr. Carpenter was gone, they did nothing, did not care for the mission, nor the school, did not seem to know that I was on the coast: and those the very men most able to help. There were, however, a few men willing to do all they could. They were in very poor circumstances, the fishing had failed them last summer, and they had not enough to support their families half the winter, yet they worked at the school, and had it finished by the 1st November. All this time I stopped at Caribou Island. I had three little boys with me, all the people had moved to their winter quarters: I had busied myself fixing up things in the mission-house for winter.

On November 4th, I moved to the School-house, taking with me enough of provisions to last me all winter, and all that I would require in school. I felt very well pleased with the school, set about at once to put it in order for teaching. I pasted it all over inside with newspapers, which served the double purpose of making it lighter and warmer.

Then I began the *delightful task*. I had no difficulty in getting the children to come. The parents tell me they have no peace with them at home. Nine o'clock is my hour for opening school, but they often come at eight. I thought at first, it might be the novelty of the thing that made them come; but I am glad to find they show the same interest still. The usual attendance is eighteen, twenty, sometimes

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twenty-three. I am happy to say that they can all read in the New Testament except four. We take it for our morning lesson: I talk to them of the glad news, and advise them to read it before all other books, and then as I am about to close school, I tell them to read at home, and I think they do. I have had seven days vacant, this winter, and I usually took Saturday afternoon to do up my work. Since the inhabitants around here see the school in operation, they think it a good thing, and begin to talk of moving their winter-houses nearer to it. They say if the teaching be continued next winter, there will be fifty scholars, and I believe there will, besides an evening school, for grown-up persons. The nearest house to the school is a quarter of a mile, so there is room for more houses. I stop alone in the school which gives me better opportunity to converse with any that may call. Sometimes I read to those who desire it, and I endeavour to speak of Jesus, and tell them of his love and condescension, and try to show them their need of such a Saviour. Quite a number come in to talk. Some seem to be serious and inquiring. I am happy to be able to say that I have had Sabbath-school every Sunday, and also, afternoon reading, both of which have been very well attended: at Sunday-school, eighteen or twenty, and seven or eight men. Two men assist by hearing the children read, and other two take the lead in singing.

Since January, the number to hear reading has been very satisfactory, almost the whole people came, and when they had visitors they also came. There is a lady that comes very often, who is an excellent reader; I got her to read sometimes. I commenced reading the life of Jesus, which interested them greatly. I have a book entitled Sundays at Home, I tried them with it, but they did not seem to care for stories. I then read, Mountains of the Bible, by McFarlin, Ryle's Living or Dead, and now I am reading some of Spurgeon's Sermons. They will listen to two hours' reading without showing the least sign that they want me to stop. Some of the men have said to me that they never heard books like that read before. They seem to feel the truth touch their hearts. I have also a small library of books to lend, and there has been a good deal of reading in their own houses; may the Lord give his blessing, and apply the truth, and work his own blessed work in the hearts of this people, for his own name's sake.

I might write much to you about the inhabitants up and down this coast; tell you about the distress occasioned by a scarcity of provisions, for we have had a hard winter, but I think they will all weather it through. I will just mention one occurrence that may give you some insight into the condition of the people as regards religion. You are aware, that the Episcopal Bishop of Quebec sent a minister last autumn to look after and minister unto the church-people scattered along the coast. He took up his residence about forty miles to the eastward of this. I heard nothing of him all winter. On the 5th March, he passed here and went 180 miles westward; he then began his work, and continued it all the way as he returned; he reached this place on the 31st March, and abode in this neighbourhood till the 6th April. As regards his work: he went to every house, took down all their names in his book, and performed the ceremony of christening not only of infants, but whole families; sometimes families of eight or ten, numbers of them grown up to be men and women, (what time had he for teaching them what their souls most needed?) He also married the parents a second time, those that had lived as husband and wife for 20 or 30 years. The poor people got

almost frantic about him, carried him about from place to place with their dogs and koomitics. Such surface work; smoothing over, and saying, peace, peace, when there is no peace! On the 2nd April, he came into the school and stopped about two hours; he asked liberty to hold service in it the next day; of course I had no objection, for I wanted to hear him, and see him christen, as he called it. I will not tire you with an account of his performance. But it seemed to me to be so Romanizing in its tendency, that my Scottish spirit was roused, and I could not help lifting up a testimony against the wrong of trifling with *immortal souls*. Pardon me if I *usurped authority*. But there was no one here to do it. After the service was closed, I said I had something to say to the minister, and I wanted the people to stop and hear. I asked about what he was doing and what effect it would have on the people, as he was teaching them baptismal regeneration, I would have to expect a great change in their conduct. He was teaching the people that the Church could confer what the Holy Spirit alone could work in the soul. When he cited from the prayer book, I referred him to the Bible. At last, he acknowledged before all, that he could only use *the means*. Then I asked him, what he was going to do about education. He did not seem to care so much for education and religious instruction, as to get them christened into the *true* Church, learn the Creed and the Lord's prayer. When I asked about the baptism he administered, he answered, they have been already baptised, I am only christening them. He recognizes baptism though administered by any person, even the glaringly wicked, and says it frees from original sin. Our discussion lasted about an hour: the people were very attentive, and I think got some information. It has stirred up a spirit of inquiry. He did not get much to do here. May the Lord overrule *all* for his own glory, and the good of souls.

If the Lord will, I will move out to the Mission-house about first June, and be ready to receive whoever you send by the vessels.

Believe me yours, sincerely,

JANE BRODIE.

CARIBOU ISLAND, LABRADOR, September 15, 1862.

Secretary Canada Foreign Missionary Society:—

As this month advances, the vessels are fast leaving the coast, and the opportunities of communication with you rapidly passing. I hasten therefore to acquaint you briefly with the progress of your Mission here.

Of my safe return to it, you have (I supposed) already learned. We sailed from Newburyport, Mass., on the 29th May, passage having been generously provided for us by the Messrs. Bayley, on one of their schooners, the "Amelia." Other vessels of the fishing fleet, as usual, conveyed, gratuitously, supplies and other freight. The last day of the passage was spent *in the ice*, which was very late this season, filling our harbors even in the last week of June. We were graciously protected from danger, and arrived late in the evening of the 10th June. Anxious to ascertain the condition or the fate of Miss Brodie, three kind-hearted sailors, landed us on the opposite side of the island, and we walked across the mossy, marshy "barren" to the station. Words could not express our exultation and gratitude, as we saw a glimmering light

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in the Mission-house. In a short time we reached it, and were rejoiced to find Miss Brodie in good health. During the whole period of my absence (over eight months,) she had not, till that day, heard from the "outside world." God had graciously preserved, guided, strengthened, and blessed her amid all the dangers, privations and trials of her winter's solitude. She had "never for a moment regretted that she remained." It was quite late, (November,) when she removed into the little cabin made for her in the winter settlement at Esquimaux River. This consisted of one apartment, till mid-winter, when a small room was partitioned off. The winter had been a severer one than the preceding. Some of the storms had swept most fearfully even along the sheltered banks of the river. During one of them a death occurred, and several persons were badly frozen in attending the funeral, and in the very difficult task of securing a grave. There was no fur caught during the winter, and very little game. The fisheries of the fall and summer before having failed, and there being an unfortunate scarcity of provisions on the coast, there was much want among the people. The surplus stores at the Mission-house, were distributed by Miss Brodie, and greatly relieved the condition of the more destitute families. A day school was maintained during the winter. All the children in the settlement, who lived sufficiently near, attended it, about twenty in number. Two families moved nearer to the school,—one boating their house down the river, another hauling it across the ice on huge runners, and occupying it the second day after! The same group of children gathered on the Sabbath at the Sabbath-school, with, oftentimes, many adults; while the afternoon "reading" was generally attended by all the people in the settlement. This consisted of singing hymns, prayer, exposition of Scripture, and the reading of a sermon, or from some appropriate religious paper or book. These simple exercises always interested the little audience, which would often remain two or three hours to enjoy them. We cannot but hope that by these meetings, as well as by other means employed, much religious knowledge was imparted and many good impressions made, which, if the Spirit still bless, will ripen into Christian lives.

The work of the summer has been, as usual, to a great extent among the fishermen from foreign countries. The usual Newburyport fleet was here, and several vessels from other American ports. Both these and the Nova Scotians, remained in the vicinity of the station longer than usual, and many were able to "wet their salt" without going "to the Nor'ard." The Sabbath meetings (which are now holden in the Chapel,) were always attended in good weather by sailors and shoremen. Sometimes, our seats were quite filled, and two or three times persons have been obliged to go away. One Nova Scotia sailor was drowned early in the summer, and buried in a spot selected for a graveyard on the hillside, near the Mission-house. Two others were sick, and were brought to the station. One of them was with us nearly the whole summer. Both returned in the vessels to which they belonged, and one gave evidence of being "a new creature in Christ Jesus." We were also greatly rejoiced and blessed in the case of another sailor, anxiously inquiring for the way of salvation, and, as we hoped, commencing to walk therein. The American fishermen in our harbor all agreed to abstain from the customary practice of *hauling bait* on the Sabbath, a much-needed reform, and one which we hope, will be continued, as it certainly will be, if sanctioned by the parties at home. The

vessels were regularly visited and supplied with tracts and books, appropriate for Sabbath reading. Packages of reading matter, with sailors' and children's libraries, have also been sent to families and settlements, along a region hundreds of miles from the station, and to destitute localities on other northern shores. An occurrence of much interest and importance to us, was the arrival of Capt. Dodge's expedition vessel, the "Lilla Rich," bringing late news, and a company of gentlemen, who were seeking health or adventure. One of the passengers, Mr. S. E. Butler, a theological student from Massachusetts, remained with us during the absence of the vessel. On its return from the Northwest coast, the packet was detained in our harbor over the Sabbath. Providence gave us a calm and beautiful day, and many of the settlers gathered. The Rev. Mr. Colburn, of New Hampshire, who was one of the passengers, preached for me in the morning; and, with Capt. Baker, a noble-hearted christian man from Cape Cod, participated in the other meetings of the day. It was a memorable day for us, so seldom do we have the presence, sympathy and assistance of Christian brethren.

The mission-boarding school has not been full this summer, owing to the state of the fisheries. From three to nine pupils have, however, been with us, and the exercises of the school carried on. On the whole, we have occasion for gratitude to God, for the many mercies of the season, our safe arrival here, and the gleams of light which have encouraged our hearts. Although many adverse influences and efforts are at work to oppose both the sowing, and the growing of the good seed in this field, we have hope that Christ has a people here, who will join "the redeemed of the Lord" to be "gathered out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south."

My plan for the winter is to remove to Esquimaux River, the scene of Miss Brodie's labors last season. The cabin occupied by her will be enlarged by the addition of such a building as the people will be able to put up of the few materials the country affords. This hut, though small, will be comfortable, and in the midst of the people, many of whom are removing their winter habitations to be adjacent to the mission. Here we shall gather the children for the day school and the Sabbath-school, and hold such meetings on the Sabbath and at other times, as shall seem best. In anticipation of this work, our most earnest request, as our communication closes for the winter, is that the prayers of God's children, may be offered for the descent of His Spirit to guide and strengthen us, to awaken and convert this people.

Yours, very truly,

G. C. CARPENTER.

We expect to remove to the other settlement in a few days. While I write my man has just started with a load of stuff for our winter quarters, and another boat is going away up the river to cut and raft down logs for the new "hut." They bring me word of another family, arrived in their little schooner from the northward, to spend the winter in our little settlement. That will be, I think, the case, from year to year, as they hear of the successful progress of the Mission-School. We expect more and better opportunities than ever before to do good this winter, and this causes us to tremble and to repeat more earnestly the request, "Pray for us."

September 20, 1862.

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## Letter to a Lady Friend of the Society.

CARIBOU ISLAND, LABRADOR,

September 18th.

I ought to have answered your kind letter long ago, but my life here is such a continual hurry, sometimes several things requiring my attention at the same time, that I do not get much time to write to my friends. I do not say this in the way of complaint, no no. You mention in your letter about the sacrifices I am making. Dear friend, it was my most earnest prayer to God, that he would give me something to do in His vineyard, (before ever I offered myself to the Board,) and I bless Him that he has sent me to this corner. It is no sacrifice, but a privilege, and He gives me health and strength to work. While thus engaged I am not unmindful of you, and the many kind friends at Montreal. I feel very grateful to you for all the kindness you have shown me. The expressions of sympathy contained in your letter, make me feel strong, and the assurance that you pray for me encourages me greatly, for I know that God will hear the prayer of his own children. I also remember with gratitude the kindness of Mrs. ———. Would you thank her in my name for all that she has sent to clothe these poor children. You sent me a 'silent comforter' last September, and Mrs. ——— sent me one the same, this summer. I received them both at the same time; we had a sick man at that time, he had a fever and was very low, I tried to read, and talk with him, but he did not seem to care. I hung one of the 'silent comforters' in his room, two days after he asked me to turn a leaf; then I knew he was reading, I prayed the Lord to bless it to him, and I think he did. He was four weeks with us, and all that time so weak that he had to be lifted, turned, and fed, he could do nothing for himself but read, and I hope he did not read God's truth in vain. We had another man sick with fever at the same time; at the very first he seemed anxious about his soul, and he feasted on the precious promises contained in your kind present. I kept the other for my own use.

I trust your life and health has been precious in God's sight. That after meeting your dear parents, and other friends, and enjoying a happy season with them, you have again crossed the great water, and returned to your Montreal home, in safety and improved health. I thank you for so kindly inviting me to your house, if I return to Montreal. I do not know when I shall be able to return. The work increases: we will have a school of forty, perhaps more. There are ten mothers of families living near the school and they cannot read, I must try and teach them, perhaps in the evening they could leave their babies at home and come to school, or I will go to their houses. Oh! that the Lord would bless our endeavours to further his cause here.

Farewell,

JANE BRODIE.

MISSION HOUSE, CARIBOU ISLAND,

Labrador, Sept. 23, 1862.

I neglected to mention among my requests for next year, my desire for *English* papers. As you know, many of the shoremen here are either emigrants from England or descendants of such emigrants. Such are influenced and benefited very much by anything said, written, or done in

the fatherland—and an old English paper or periodical is esteemed a prize. Just the other day, I called at a hut in a little rocky cove, and was told by its "skipper" of some speech of Newman Hall which he had read "on the English paper" I had sent him. It was a *long while* ago, and, like many other incidents, shows how any words, good or bad from their home-land impress them.

I have wished very much that I could get a package of the back numbers of such papers as the Standard—the Banner—the *British Workman*, the *Ensign*, (if it be still published) and the *Band of Hope Review*; also the *British Messenger* and *Children's Paper*; and of Periodicals, the monthly Report of B. & F. B. S., *Church Witness*, &c. Could not a note from you secure from some office an occasional package of such back numbers of some of those papers as must accumulate there? With them pamphlets containing notices of various societies and reforms and efforts among the common people of England would be of essential service. I am anxious too that the people of this coast, so fond of and dependent upon the forms and rites of 'established' religions, should know the glorious work at home of the *Gospel* among the lowly. If the numbers extended back three or four years, they would be nearly as useful, and duplicates of any almost *ad infinitum* could be circulated among the many unprivileged settlers along this far-stretching shore. It is of course too late to secure these for the present season—could they not be for the next consignment in May?

C. C. CARPENTER.

ESQUIMAUX RIVER, LABRADOR,

October, 2, 1862.

The weather was getting cold "on the outside"—this morning the coves were all frozen—huge icebergs floated past us—and it seemed expedient to get into winter quarters at once. I had previously sent in several boat-loads, and now we all came in the sail-boat. Miss Brodie, my wife and myself, my hired man, and five children—with pots and kettles, beds and bedding, bags and boxes, and all the et cetera of Labrador house-keeping.

The wind increased to "almost a gale," and we were obliged to come to anchor, in order to reef. Even then, in *beating* against the wind and sea, we were completely drenched with the salt water. We at length reached our winter-hut, unloaded and carried all our goods upon our backs and in our hands to it. Two or three small trees were cut down (for we are just in "the bush") and fuel gotten for the night. After all the *callers* had gone, we ate with thankful hearts—the *first time* we have ever been alone together at table. We shall sleep on the floor to-night, and make our little hut comfortable and happy as a mansion to-morrow. We feel very thankful and glad—not only at our safe arrival—and hope of some quiet intercourse by ourselves—but as we see and feel our vantage-ground for exerting influence here. On either side of us, along the river banks, are the huts of the people—and here and there new cabins going up in the bush. We hope to have our dwelling enlarged and can then have a good room for school and religious meetings. For nothing so much do we hope and pray as the coming of the Holy Spirit with us—then will be a precious winter. As we came into the mouth of the river, to-day, a vessel was seen at some distance approaching harbor—we suppose it to be the Quebec coaster, and I shall, if the weather per-

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mit, go out to-morrow. So our friends may know that their consignments by Quebec, if any, have *probably* reached us. Some vessel making harbor in the vicinity may give us opportunity to write you again. The package already sent contained statements for yourself and the Treasurer, with a remittance, &c. Again we beg to be remembered in your prayers.

C. C. CARPENTER.

ESQUIMAUX RIVER, LABRADOR,

October 6, 1862.

As before mentioned, I think that a midsummer package has been forwarded by you, which report says, is at a point a hundred miles westward. We hope to get it by the dog teams in March. We must express our gratitude for the kind thoughtfulness of yourself and other friends in Montreal in making up the consignment. We only feel this *very strongly*—that *the Society should not incur any expense* in sending us these luxuries.

We are much pleased with our position in the winter settlement. We hope that our vantage ground for reaching the inhabitants may not be without good—and that souls may be saved. But *do not expect too much*. We do expect, because God's word is sure, and will at length prevail.

Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Brodie are both quite well and quite happy in our new home "in the bush."

Directly behind our hut is a precipitous but beautiful hill, which the people call "Miss Brodie's hill," and Miss Brodie calls Mount Carmel. From behind it, as from a reservoir, the Aurora are streaming up this evening in strange splendor, while full moon makes a silver wake across the river, whose waters come almost to our door. The *silence* of such a night here is sublime, and sheweth knowledge.

But people do not see God in all this beauty—would that the sure testimony of our Lord might make wise the simple.

C. C. CARPENTER.

NORTHWEST TERRITORY.

Although Captain Kennedy is not now in the service of this Society, his recent attempt to establish a Mission on the shores of Manitoba Lake, having been on his own responsibility: yet as he has received some aid from your Board, and has had its entire sympathy in his effort, extracts from letters received from him are here given. They will interest many friends. It will be seen that Capt. Kennedy was obliged to retire from Manitoba Lake, and is now supposed to be at Red River settlement. His friends expect him in Montreal, when communication here by way of *Pembina* and *St. Pauls*, shall be sufficiently open to allow of safe travelling for his family.

MANITOBA LAKE, 9th April, 1862.

Until I am assured that I shall be sustained, I cannot take any progressive steps towards bringing new settlers around me, building, planting, &c., all of which it is now high time should be proceeded with. As I told you in my last, the narrow limits of our little cabin render the reception of the scholars who come to us daily, a matter of great inconvenience and discomfort; and in the approaching summer these will be much more severely felt, owing to the great heat and increased numbers, when many now absent at the winter hunting-grounds will return here for the summer. Already I have a promise from two fathers of families at a distance to send children to me for instruction. One proposes to come here and settle, and others, I feel assured by their remarks, will be very easily induced to come here also.

In a country and climate like this, you are aware that there are only a few months during which building and farming can be carried on, and I am much discouraged to find the spring rapidly advancing, whilst from prudential motives I am necessitated to wait inactive; for under existing circumstances I do not feel justified in incurring the expense of cutting building-timber even, for in a place where the commonest necessities of life are so dear, the maintenance of wood-cutters alone is a serious consideration, independent of the high wages they ask.

You will I am sure be glad to hear that our school is going on steadily, showing a progress that to me is very gratifying and encouraging. Among the adults I find a constant and steady attendance on our Sabbath services; our little band generally numbering from twelve to sixteen, all attentive to hear the word, though, with their characteristic caution and reserve, I find it difficult to ascertain how far they are under conviction of sin and need of the Saviour, a matter of deep concern and constant prayerful solicitude on my part. I take every opportunity of bringing before them the truth as it is in Jesus, and the remark made a short time since shows that they can and do appreciate it. I had expostulated with a young man for bringing alcohol into our community, and, having no ground on which to justify it, he became very insolent. His father hearing of this, rebuked him, and reminded him that my appeal was meant in kindness and for his own welfare. His aunt added, "Yes, indeed, all Mr. Kennedy tells us is for good: he never tells us any bad." I have thus many incidental encouragements, leading me to hope that our Lord is in our midst working in his own way on the hearts and consciences of our poor neighbors.

About six weeks since I had a letter from Dr. Hodgkin, in which he says, "I hope I may be able to obtain some aid for thee, but I see much difficulty in the task, both because there are many demands and diminished resources, and also because two subscriptions having been already raised for thy work, it will not be easy to call on parties for a third, until there is some more manifest progress to report." It being evident from this letter that I can expect no aid from England for some time, my sole dependance therefore must rest on your Society, which has I trust ere this come to decision as to the course they intend to adopt with reference to this mission. If I am sustained I have every hope of being made instrumental to effect much good among this people; but if not, I see no alternative but to abandon a work I have no means of maintaining.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, 23d September, 1862.

Long ere this I hoped to have had the pleasure of seeing you and my other friends in Montreal; however a merciful Providence somewhat delayed the receipt of the answer to my last letter. Had the letter of Mr. Louson come one fortnight earlier, we should have left this by the steamboat, and in that event there is every reason to fear we should have shared the terrible fate of those who have been so cruelly murdered between this and St. Pauls. No doubt the papers have informed you of our position. Under these unlooked-for and disastrous circumstances, we are of course compelled to remain here for the ensuing winter, until means shall be adopted to make the journey from this to St. Paul safer than it has latter been. Never has this colony been thrown into so much anxiety, nor the country known to be in so wild a state of war and excitement, and the most sober-minded are grave and anxious, not knowing how this will end. Of course we are much disappointed at this overthrow to all our plans.

By letter dated 5th January, 1863, we learn that Capt. Kennedy was still at Red-River Settlement.

#### VISITORS TO CARIBOU ISLAND.

Mr. S. R. Butler, of Amherst College, has again visited the Mission, and has given us pleasing intelligence from it. We are also again indebted to Mr. Butler for a sketch from the Coast,—this time, “the winter Mission Station on the bank of Esquimaux River, as occupied last winter by Miss Brodie.” The Rev. Alfred Colburn of New Hampshire was likewise a passenger by the “Lilla Rich,” and spent a Sabbath at the Mission. It was a refreshing time to our Missionaries, and the Board hope that Mr. Colburn will be in Montreal to take part in our annual meeting. We shall welcome him and be glad to hear what he has to tell of the Mission. His testimony as that of an “eyewitness” will be valuable.

We are glad to publish the Labrador Mission School Hymn: Music composed for it by Lowell Mason.

#### AGENCIES.

Our friend and corresponding Vice-President of the Society Rev. Dr. Spalding, of Newburyport, has felt it his duty to accept a call to the seat of war, probably New Orleans, as Chaplain to the 48th Mass. Regiment. With other home duties he relinquishes that of Agent in Newburyport of this Society. He asks the prayers of Christian friends in Canada: and all who remember the impor-

tant part he took at our last annual meeting, and the personal respect and esteem then engendered will not forget him in his absence from home and household.

Mr. B. G. Gerrish, 59 Water Street, care of Messrs. R. Bayley & Son, Newburyport, will kindly act for the Society in Mr. Spalding's place.

Mr. John Laird, of Quebec, has kindly consented to receive letters and packages for the Mission or the Missionaries, and allows us to intimate that anything forwarded to his address, St. Peter Street, Quebec, will be sent on to Labrador by the first following opportunity. It gives the Board much satisfaction to announce this, as it will secure earlier despatch to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Brodie of any letters or parcels their friends may have to send. Instead therefore of such being sent to Montreal, it is now requested they may be sent to Quebec, from which port almost all the Canadian vessels for Labrador sail. Contributions in the United States may be sent to American Seaman's Friend Society, 80 Wall Street, N. Y.; Rev. S. W. Hanks, 13 Cornhill, Boston; or Mr. B. G. Gerrish, 59 Water Street, Newburyport.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS.

*May be best presented by Summary of the Treasurer's Account.*

PAYMENTS.

Provisions, Building materials, medicines, printing wages, &c., &c.,.....	933 13
Paid on account of Loan,.....	640 00
Salary of Missionary,.....	500 00
Cash in hands of Rev. S. J. Spalding, Newburyport towards Spring outfit,.....	271 36
<b>Total expenditure.....</b>	<b>2344 49</b>

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	242 89
Subscriptions in Canada.....	970 80

## SUBSCRIPTIONS IN UNITED STATES.

Acknowledged in 1861.....	131 64
Collected in 1862.....	696 30
	827 94
Loan.....	200 00
Total amount received.....	2241 73
Balance due the Treasurer.....	102 76

HENRY VENNOR,  
Treasurer.

Montreal, 26th January, 1863.

The Liabilities of the Society for loans by members of the Committee after deduction of above subscriptions will be..... \$00 00

In addition to above Contributions from the United States, Mr. Carpenter received \$113.65 towards a melodeon, &c., and very valuable grants of Books &c., as will appear in lists.

Montreal also contributed cash towards the melodeon and many useful articles for the Labrador Mission. H. V.

Your Board cannot do better than reproduce here an appeal recently issued for aid to the funds of this Society.

The CANADA FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY appeals to the Christian public, for aid to its Labrador Mission.

This Mission was founded in 1858, and has been remarkably successful; so that the undersigned have confidence in presenting it for a share of Christian liberality.

The Missionaries are Rev. C. O. Carpenter and wife, of Massachusetts, and Miss Brodie, of Chateauguay (Canada).

Their labours are for the benefit of a very destitute population along the coast line of Labrador, Straits of Belleisle; and, during the fishing season, for a very large number of seamen, who resort thither from Canada, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, the Eastern States, and the Channel Islands.

The exercises of the Day and Sabbath Schools, and of the Bethel and other religious services, are elevating the people, and have been blessed, it is believed, to the conversion of souls to Christ.

Mission buildings, sent from Montreal, have been erected on Caribou Island at a cost of \$3,000; and in consequence, although the yearly outlay of the Mission is not \$1,000, there is a debt of \$1,200.

This Mission has been liberally aided by friends in New England, and it seems fair that Canada should now pay off this balance of debt, which once done it will be easy to carry on the work.

Appeal is therefore hereby made to its friends in Montreal, and Canada generally, to contribute at present \$1,060 to this Mission. There are surplus Reports, giving full details of the Society's work, and showing a wood-cut of the Mission Buildings, to be obtained at the Bible House.

Contributions may be sent to Mr. HENRY VERNON, Bank of Montreal, Treasurer.

And now in

#### CONCLUSION,

Your Board have to say that in no previous year of the history of this Society, although each one has been encouraging, have the indications of the Divine blessing upon their Labrador Mission been more marked and manifest than during the year of which they now report.

God has indeed owned this work. He has done gracious things for us, whereof we are glad. His word, as it has been spoken to Esquimaux and Indians of the interior,—to the shoreman and to the seaman, has, in some instances, been blessed to the conversion of souls to Christ. To Him be given the praise, and let us be inspired with newly quickened and enlarged desires that He would send His Spirit with His own word as taught to the children in day and sabbath schools, as spoken in the hut of the shoreman or in the boat of the fisherman, in Bethel and other preaching services, to the Labrador people, so that numbers of them may be brought out of darkness into light; and out of the kingdom of Satan into that of His dear Son. And to Him whose is the kingdom, and the power, be the glory, now and evermore Amen.



LABRADOR MISSION'S  
SCHOOL HYMN.

THE LITTLE PILGRIMS.

Music composed for by  
LOWELL MASON.

1. The way to heaven is  
2. The sun-beams of the  
3. They pass o'er

nar - row, And its  
morn - ing, Make the  
mountains, But they

bles - sed on - trance  
nar - row path so  
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song;

But how safe the lit - tie  
And these ear - ly lit - tie  
For these ear - ly lit

pil - grims Who get with - in the gate  
grims Find dew - y bles - sings there.  
grims Have san - dals new and strong.

4. They do not greatly tremble,  
When the shadows night foretell;  
For those early little pilgrims  
Have tried the path so well.

5. They know it leads to heaven,  
With its bright and open gates,  
Where for happy little pilgrims  
A Saviour's welcome waits.

Dr.

## CANADA FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN

1862.		\$ c.
To remitted Rev. S. J. Spaulding, .....	25	00
" transferred to credit Miss Brodie, .....	24	00
" Rent Committee-room and expenses, .....	30	00
" remitted to Capt. Kennedy, Red River, .....	280	00
" paid G. Hagar's account, .....	7	45
" " S. J. Lyman's " .....	5	47
" " for Provisions, .....	53	86
" " for Freight, &c., .....	12	53
" " for Printing Report, Circulars, &c., &c., .....	70	09
" " on account of loans, .....	500	00
" " 13 months' salary to Mr. Carpenter, .....	500	00
" " Lymans, Clare & Co.'s account, .....	7	67

*Payments made by Rev. C. C. Carpenter :—*

Travelling expenses in United States, winter of 1861-62, representing Mission, .....	50	55
Freights, postage, &c., &c., .....	23	46
Incidental expenses by Rev. S. J. Spaulding, .....	23	77
Travelling expenses, en route to Labrador, .....	19	00
Paid for Provisions, .....	\$158	59
Less received for ditto, .....	85	00
	73	59
Paid for building materials, .....	41	46
" furniture, fixtures, cloth, &c., .....	81	60
" labour for season, .....	60	00
	373	43
Incidental expenses, Newburyport, .....	1	51
Rev. S. J. Spaulding, Newburyport,—cash on hand towards Spring outfit, .....	271	36
Postages, interest, &c., &c., .....	42	12
Paid on account of loan, .....	140	00

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Montreal, January 26th, 1863.

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## LABRADOR MISSION.

Contributions received by C. C. Carpenter, 1862.

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American Seamen's Friend Socy, New York, appropriation 1862	100	00
David Moffatt, New York, .....	100	00
A few friends in Brooklyn, N. Y., .....	50	00
Henry W. Cushman, Bernardston, Mass., .....	10	00
Richard F. Newcomb, " " .....	5	00
Mrs. L. Goodall, " " .....	3	00
Z. C. Newcomb, " " .....	2	00
Rev. M. H. Wells, Hinsdale, N. H., .....	5	00
Lady, through Rev. Dr. Sweetzer, Worcester, Mass., .....	5	00
" Little Mabel," Worcester, Mass., .....	1	00
Mrs. H. E. Richardson, Shrewsbury, Mass., .....	5	00
Miss Emily Reed, East Cambridge, " .....	5	00
Collection at Chateaugay and English River, Canada, .....	60	00
Mrs. Robert Brodie, Montreal (Tanneries), .....	5	00
Mrs. Hugh Brodie, " " .....	5	00
Dea. M. Blakeley, Terryville, Conn., .....	2	00
Miss E. Hagar, Templeton, Mass., .....	2	00
Miss E. Wheelwright, Newburyport, Mass., .....	2	00
" Muller," through E. Meekins, Springfield, Mass., .....	2	00
" Student," through J. E. Wright, Boston, .....	2	00
Pliny Fisk, Shelburne, Mass., .....	2	00
Dea. Ezra Farnsworth, Boston, .....	1	00
E. H., through Dr. Bundy, " .....	1	00
Miss Schwaar, East Boston, .....	1	00
Barzillai Hudson, Hartford, Conn., .....	1	00
Geo. L. Allen, Lawrence, Mass., .....	1	00
Samuel Chapin, " " .....	1	00
Miss J. Hopkirk, Boston, .....	0	50

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*From Sabbath Schools of—*

Evan, Cong. Ch., Dr. J. B. Taylor, Supt., E. Cambridge, Mass.,	46	08
Winthrop Church, Charlestown, Mass., .....	25	00
Thos. Doane, Supt. ditto, .....	10	00
Salem Church Juvenile Missionary Society, Boston, .....	25	00
Cong. Church, Dea. A. Little, Supt., Newton Centre, Mass., ..	25	00
Park St. Church, H. Hoyt, Supt., Boston, .....	25	00
Old South Church, Dr. Eastman, Supt., Boston, .....	20	00
Centre Cong. Church, Chs. L. Meed, Supt., Brattleboro', Vt., ..	20	00
Mt. Vernon Church, Samuel Burnham, Supt., Boston, .....	17	71
Cong. Church, through Rev. C. Kendall, Auburn, Mass., .....	15	00
Asylum Hill School, through A. G. Hammond, Hartford, Ct., ..	14	00
Old Colony Mission School, Dr. Bundy, Supt., Boston, .....	10	00
Mather Church, Geo. N. Bliss, Supt., Jamaica Plains, Mass., ..	10	00
Cong. Church, L. Shumway, Supt., Oxford, Mass., .....	7	92
Baptist Church, Clinton, Mass., .....	7	75
Cong. Church, B. F. Whittemore, Sup', W. Newton, Mass., ..	7	50
Willie Whittemore's class, Cong. Church, " " .....	2	00
Union S. S. meeting, Barnardston, Mass., .....	7	00

2nd Cong. Church Infant School, Greenfield, Mass., .....	3 00
Central Church, Miss Sweetzer's class, Worcester, Mass., .....	1 67
Tanneries Sunday School, Montreal, .....	5 00
J. McLennan, Supt. ditto, .....	5 00
American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, .....	17 32
Zion Church, " " Ladies' Miss. Assoc. " .....	14 18
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S. R. Butler, Northampton, Mass., ..... 20 00

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*Grants of Publications—*

American Tract Society, Boston, .....	125 46
Massachusetts Bible Society, " .....	10 55
American Tract Society, New York, .....	5 00
" " " N. E. Branch, New York, .....	5 00
Rev. J. W. Dodmun, Worcester, Mass., .....	24 00
American Seamen's Friend Society, New York, .....	
Sheldon & Co., New York, .....	
Carter, Brothers, " .....	
G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, Mass., .....	
J. C. Bridgeman, " .....	

*Other Donations to Mission—*

J. F. Bumstead & Co., Boston, .....	
Cyrus K. Wilkinson, Springfield, Mass., .....	
C. L. Swan, Clinton, Mass., .....	
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LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS IN MONTREAL TO  
CANADA FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1862.

<i>Collected by J. W. Howes, Esq.</i>		J. W. Dawson, .....	5 00
J. Redpath, .....	\$100 00	H. A. Nelson, .....	5 00
A. Friend, .....	100 00	E. F. Ames, .....	5 00
P. Redpath, .....	40 00	R. C. Jameson, .....	4 00
J. Mackay & Brother, .....	20 00	H. Barton, .....	2 00
W. R. Hibbard, .....	20 00	J. Leeming, .....	2 00
J. Dougall & Co., .....	20 00	G. Childs, .....	3 00
J. Court, .....	10 00	G. Cheney, .....	3 00
R. Anderson, .....	10 00	R. Holland, .....	4 00
D. Davidson, .....	10 00	J. W. Howes, .....	5 00
C. Alexander, .....	10 30	W. McLaren, .....	4 00
G. Winks & Co., .....	10 00	D. A. P. Watt, .....	3 00
Savage & Lyman, .....	10 00	R. S. Oliver, .....	2 00
Thomson, Claxton & Co., ..	10 00		
B. Lyman, .....	10 00	<i>Collected by A. Savage, Esq.</i>	
J. P. Clark, .....	10 00	A. Savage, .....	10 00
J. A. Mathewson, .....	10 00	Corse & May, .....	5 00
W. Moodie, .....	10 00	W. Notman, .....	4 00
George Hagar, .....	5 00	Dawson Brothers, .....	1 00
A. Friend, .....	4 00	J. H. Maitland, .....	4 00
A. McGibbon, .....	4 00	F. W. Torrance, .....	5 00
W. H. Clare, .....	4 00	H. Vennor, .....	5 00
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Do, .....	1 00	John Smith, .....	10 00
B. Hutchin, .....	3 00	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Lyman, ..	20 00
J. Baylis, .....	5 00	W. S. Child, .....	5 00
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J. Wenham, .....	5 00	Mrs. J. E. Mills, .....	5 00
W. P. Hayward, .....	1 00	J. Torrance, .....	5 00
P. D. Brown, .....	3 00	E. Atwater, .....	5 00
W. & T. Leeming, .....	4 00	Jas. Moir, .....	5 00
F. Scholes, .....	2 00	J. Mitchell, .....	5 00
H. Becket, .....	2 00	R. A. Greer, .....	5 00
F. Watson, .....	2 00	T. M. Bryson, .....	5 00
A. S. Wood, .....	2 00	A. Friend, .....	5 00
Jas. Torrance, .....	5 00	A. Walker, .....	5 00
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