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Fritish and Foreign Pible Society.

I. The designation of the Society shall be THE BRITISH ND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, of which the main object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures ithout note or comment; the only copies in the language of the United Kingdom, to be circulated by the Society, hall be the Authorized Version.

II. This Society shall add its endeavours to those imployed by other Societies, for circulating the Scriptures brough the British Dominion; and shall also, according to a sability, extend its influence to other countries, whether british, Mohammedan or Pagañ.

III. Each subscriber of One Guinea annually shall be a Lember.

IV. Each subscriber of Ten Guineas at one time shall be Member for life.

V. Each subscriber of Twenty-five Guineas annually hall be a Governor.

VI. Each subscriber of Fifty Pounds at one time, or who hall, by one additional payment, increase his original subcription to Fifty Pounds, shall be a Governor for life.

VII. Governors shall be entitled to attend and vote at.

VIII. An Executor, paying a bequest of Fifty Pounds hall be a Member for life; or, of One Hundred Pounds, a overnor for life.

IX. A Committee shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society, consisting of thirty-six laymen, 817 of whom shall be foreigners, resident in London or it vicinity; half the remainder shall be members of the Church of England, and the other half members of other denomi-Twenty-seven of the above number who shall have most frequently attended, shall be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year,

The Committee shall appoint all officers except the Treasurer, and call Special General Meetings, and shall be charged with procuring for the Society suitable patronage both British and Foreign.

Each member of the Society shall be entitled, under the direction of the Committee, to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the Society's prices, which shall be as low as possible.

XI. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in May, when the Treasurer and Committee shall be chosen, the accounts presented, and the proceedings of the foregoing year presented.

XII. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer,

shall be considered ex officio members of the Committee.

Every clergyman or dissenting minister who is a member of the Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Committee.

XIV. The Secretaries for the time being shall be considered as members of the Committee; but no other person deriving any emolument from the Society shall have that privilege.

XV. At the general meeting, and at meetings of the Committee, the President, or in his absence President, first upon the list then present; and in the absence dition that they of the Vice-President the Treasurer, and in his absence such member as shall be voted for the purpose, shall preside at XVI.

The Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday

in every month, or oftener if necessary.

The Committee shall have the power of nominating such persons as have rendered essential services to the Society, either Members for life, or Governors for life.

The Committee shall also have the power of nominating Honorary Members from among foreigners who have promoted the objects of the Society.

The whole of the minutes of every general meeting shall be signed by the Chairman.

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REGULATIONS

Adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in 1826 and 1827.

I. That the fundamental law of the Society, which, nits its operations to the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, fully and distinctly recognized as excluding the circulation the Apocrypha.

II. That in conformity to the foregoing resolution no cuniary aid can be granted to any Society circulating the pocrypha; nor, except for the purpose of being applied conformity to the said resolution, to any individual hatever.

III. That in all cases in which grants, whether gratuitous otherwise, of the Holy Scriptures, either in whole or in rt, be made by the Society, the books issued be bound, d on the express condition that they shall be distributed thout alteration or addition.

IV. That all grants of Scriptures to the Society which rculate the Apocrypha, be made under the express cond in the absenced tion that they be sold or distributed without alteration addition; and that the proceeds of the sale of any such pies of the Scripture be held at the disposal of the British d Foreign Bible Society.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Aoba Scotia Bible Society.

I. This Society shall be called THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA AND ITS DEPENDENCIES; the object of which shall be the same as that of the British and Foreign Bible Society, viz: to encourage the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment, and to furnish copies of Scriptures gratis to the indigent, and at reduced prices to those requiring them.

II. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Committee.

III. In order to give effect to the designs 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 ten shillings at one time, or a donation of ten pounds, shall be considered a member of the Society.

V. A general meeting of the members of this Society shall be held every year, before which will be laid the accounts and proceedings of the preceding year.

VI. The whole of the subscriptions and donations, after deducting the 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, and shall have power to add to their numbers as occasion may require. NOVA S

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SEVENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

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The Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society,

HELD IN

CHALMERS CHURCH,

On Thursday, 14th December, 1885.

The Seventy-Second Anniversary of the Nova Scotia auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held in Chalmers Church, on Thursday, 14th January. The meeting was opened with reading a portion of Scripture and prayer by Rev. Mr. McMillan.

Hon. S. L. Shannon, who presided, referred to the great age of the Auxiliary Society. It was his pleasure to know some of the men who originated the Society, all of whom had passed away. The work was not intended for one class, but for the whole world. Progress was ever onward. Wherever the work of the Society had been commenced it had gone on with great success. The Auxiliary during the past year had

worked as usual. Through the open handedness of friends all over the country the Auxiliary has been enabled to help very materially the parent Society. Mr. Shannon briefly referred to the year's work, after which he called upon Mr. Farquhar to read the Annual Report. (See Report.)

Rev. Mr. Morrison in moving the adoption of the report, said he thought the amount of money sent from Halifax to the parent society should be much larger. The institution was a noble one, and was doing a grand work. When the Society was called into existence there was a dearth of Bibles even in Christian lands. Through the agencies of this Society the Word of God was being circulated everywhere throughout the world. A large amount of missionary work was being done by the Society in co-operation with the Church of God, and for these reasons it had a claim on the support of Christian people.

W. C. Silver seconded the motion for the adoption of the report. It was well, he thought, that in these times of change, something could be found that stood on a solid foundation. Although revised the Bible is the same old book. It was true that many of the Bibles sold went into the hands of persons who were apt to make little use of them. But some time they would perhaps be opened and souls saved through their influence. He was glad to take a part in circulating so priceless a book; and all should take courage and go forward with a determination to de greater things.

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Rev. Mr. Brown, of Charles Street Methodist Church, moved the second resolution, as follows:

That this meeting upon a review of the operations of the past year desires very devoutly and gratefully to recognize the tokens of divine goodness manifested to the parent Society in the enlarged success that has attended its efforts in the circulation of of the Holy Scriptures; and would appeal to the friends of the Society for their continued and liberal support, and for their earnest prayers that the diffusion of the inspired Word of God may be accompanied in all lands by the illuminating grace and converting power of the Holy Spirit.

It was a noble conception that first gave rise to this wonderful Society. The idea took first practical shape at a meeting of all denominations held in a tavern in Wales. There was a demand for such a Society. The first president was Lord Tyngmouth. All the parts of the world are now touched by the operations of the Surely this is reason enough why it should receive liberal support of the people. Thousands of societies have been organized, all centreing in the parent Society, and all doing great good. Blessed results where being felt everywhere. He thought the report of the auxiliary was very gratifying; it was:a good sign that such interest was being taken in the work thoughout the Province. Let us with all the ability that God has given us, help along the good work of the Auxiliary Society.

The resolution was seconded by John Grierson, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Kinney, who was prevented from attending the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Archibald moved the third resolution:

That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Ladies Association and to the branches thoughout the

Province; and that the officers of the past year be re-elected with such alterations as are necessary by removal or death.

The speaker asked: How much of this anniversary meeting will we carry away with us? In other words will we do more in future for this Society than we have done in the past. He thought the resolution was of the right ring. It was fitting that thanks should be given where deserved. The cause of the lethargy in women's organization was usually caused by the lack of sympathy and appreciation by the general public. We must assist them, and encourage them in their good work. The aid of the women is needed in this work of distributing the Word of God. have done nobly in the past, and in the future will do even better.

Rev. S. T. Rand seconded the resolution in a brief but earnest address. He was glad the speakers—had delivered such stirring addresses. They had fired him, and he felt like speaking half an hour. But he wouldn't. He would only urge all engaged in the work to go on with renewed vigor, and expect grand results.

The meeting closed after singing three verses of the hymn commencing—

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In compliance with the laws and regulations, and in accordance with time honoured usages of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society, the Committee again convene its patrons and friends to celebrate its Seventy-Second Anniversary.

There is little new or interesting to report from this Auxiliary. On this occasion your Committee meet with unbroken ranks, in so far as separation by death has taken place. As on former years, and in previous reports, they have had to mourn the departure of some by death; the year about to close is an exception, so far as the Committee is concerned, though several from the subscribers have gone the "Way of all the Earth," since we last met. As well as important changes have taken place by the moving from the city of some members of the Committee. To those changes reference will be made when local affairs of the Committee will be noticed.

As usual in such reports, the Committee would refer to the Parent Society's Report, and for a birdseye view of the work of that institution to the abstract of the Eighty-first Annual Reports as follows:—

The Report which the Committee make to the Society to-day needs neither preface nor introduction, save a request that it may be listened to in a devout and thankful spirit.

No such figures as will be presently used to enumerate xiliaries, the issues of the past year were ever employed before 2,000l. to 58 mo such funds as are here recorded were ever received the Soci before; no such field as is here described was even and of the cultivated before

In the first year of the ninth decade of the Society existence the Committee bow themselves down before t perhaps, God in humble thankfulness for an open door that notice contribut man has been able to shut; for a balance-sheet in which is not in liabilities of £231,000. have been met, and payment bubt that the made, with a balance still remaining towards. made, with a balance still remaining towards the It has been engagements of a fresh year; and lastly, and chiefly, for excites and a circulation, the wide world over, of four millions of eaths; but the state of the Holy Bible of God.

This circulation exceeds by a million that of last year and is more than a quarter of a million beyond the highest figures ever reached before.

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The limitation of a sentence. Amidst influences in the largely unforce and unfriendly, the men have once more carried a real Gospel to every part of a land in sore need of it. They are all Frenchmen. Their work, and that of similar workmen, contrasts strangely with other French doings in Madagascar and elsewhere. Paley's dictumber these of whom history known the least' upon those of whom history knows the least.

If proof were needed that the Word of the Lord has ree expected, the free course in France, your Committee point to the fact tributions from that fifty years ago ninety per cent. of the circulation was in a version from the Vulgate, and ten per cent. was in the version of Ostervald. Last year over ninety per cent. was in Ostervald's version, and less than ten per cent. was in the version of De Sacy. It is with deep regret that your Committee add that there are still districts where the Curé burns Bibles, still there are people afraid to buy them, and in La Vendeé especially it is still at the risk of ill-treatment that the colporteurs offer their books.

In Paris infidelity is louder, and apes Christian institutions. Naked and not ashamed, more than suspicious that it is feeding on ashes, it mouths out its hoplessness in tunid funeral orations, while men and women with the mark of Christ upon them prolong by prayers and labours the day of grace.

BELGIUM.—The sustained circulation in Belgium is matter for great thankfulness in the face of the terribly acute struggle between Ultramontane Christianity without an open Bible, and so-called 'Liberalism' without faith. This uncompromising hostility between evenly balanced forces has been carried from the streets of Brussels to the villages of the provinces, and meets the colporteurs at every turn. Notwithstanding, their results show no decline, their sales reached 10,000 copies, raising the the total to 22,000. This is equal to the best work in France.

HOLLAND.—Holland is not a country where colportage prevails. Other methods are employed. The circulation rose from 36,000 to 39,000. Your agent, in an absolutely artless report, vividly depicts the condition of his field. The mercantile depression is characterized as 'fearful.' Theology grows more disputatious; the love of many waxes cold. Death fells one by one the remaining trees of the Royal forest. Pious patriots pray for the outpouring of a spirit of penitence. Legislation is hostile to religion, and there is seen a rare and unusual alliance between the 'Paptist' and the 'Calvinist'—as your agent calls the Roman Catholics and the Reformed—to secure, if possible, a little Bible-reading in the

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GERMANY (including Switzerland). - Germany sends report of yet larger sales and yet higher receipts, and ese too in the face of wide-spread poverty. se to 372,000 copies in twenty languages, the receipts These are the highest figures ever nearly 13,000l. ached in a normal year. Nothing has gone to swell his circulation but steady labour: it is the honest result f well-aimed effort, blessed by God. Your Committee ause for a moment upon that sum of 13,0001. paid for criptures in Germany, to remark that these books were ot sold to critics for scientific purposes, but largely to he poorer classes for exhortation, edification, and omfort. One version deserves, even in so brief an bstract, special mention—the sixth edition of Dr. Delitzsch's Hebrew New Testament. Five years ago he age of the translator, and the quality of his work, ed your Committee to express its opinion that this minent scholar had given to his work its finishing ouches; but three since then he has gone over his ranslation, and now another edition is 'demanded.' The demand finds your agent 'surprised,' and previous disions sold. This fresh providential call to the Jews not to abide still in unbelief is receiving what sounds ike an answering moving from Kischineff, where a burely Jewish community numbering 200 families, under he guidance of a remarkable man of their own kith and kin, have organised themselves for religious purposes, and are reading diligently the Hebrew New Testament. Their position towards the Synagogue on the one side and the Church on the other, as well as their nearer and their father horizon, will be realised by those who know how to understand their leader's watchword, 'The Key of the Holy Land is in the hand of Jesus our brother. Corroborative evidence that this is a real movement reaches us through the colporteurs of the Austrian agency. Your agent, Mr. watt, an our should himself, is present everywhere in the thoughtful, wellefficiency and lessening the expense of his work.

AUSTRIA.—The year has been marked in the Austrian agency, as in the German, by a high tide of success. Never before, in an ordinary year, has the

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Two remarks must be made to complete the value of this statement; first, that the increase is chiefly in the sale of whole Bibles and Testaments; and secondly, that a large part of it has been a soldier's victory, and is due to the colporteurs. Any epitome of the work done in the Austrian agency would be misleading, as well as incomplete, if it did not allow the background of the picture to show behind these achievements. It is a background of poverty, of obstructive legislation, of fierce opposition or the part of ill-taught ecclesiastics. That opposition grows yet more fierce as your veteran agent, Mr. Millard, moves his men across the field in a spirit as fervent as that of the priest themselves-not against the truth, but for the truth. His report—the thirty eighth of his long and fruitful incumbency-bristles with animation, full charged with the joy of struggle and the satisfaction of

ITALY.—With respect to Italy, which Signor Meille will speak for to-day there are signs of slight improvement. Your Committee have never desired to veil by a series of sanguine sentences the disappointing fact that in Italy liberty has as yet done much less than was anticipated for spiritual religion. The three great facts of the year-the Exhibition at Turin, the terrible cholera outbreak, and the several Expeditions to the Red Sea—have in various ways affected the work. The first of these—viz. the Great Exhibition—is, perhaps, the chief cause why, in a year during which colportage was suspended in some districts, and hampered in all of them, the distribution

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careful analysis accord, till, with the addition of 1,500 copies given away, strian work properties rose well above the unprecedented number of acites 'overflowing 000, of which 55,000 were due to colportage. No who direct the porteur deserted his post in the cholera panic even in ads expression in the ples, and none met his death in duty. One fine fellow eld is surveyed as ampacchia, carried his family to a place of comparative where 'light' is fety, and then went back to his work. The band of will-o'-the-wisp occlorateurs has been strengthened during the year by the unwary. It is addition of two earnest young Christians, themselves less, but the totalle fruit of the work. The details of the fuller report, which this is but a pale shadow, will prove how which this is but a pale shadow, will prove how plete the value of well founded is the claim which these men are establishe is chiefly in the sellers of the Evangel, but most truly themselves ictory, and is due vangelists.

SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.—In both these sales well as income there has been an advance in the number of copies a background of copies. In Spain, from 46,000 to 50,000; in Portugal, proceeding the proposition of the proposition o SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.—In both these countries is the day of small things, in danger always of being adervalued. The want of education diminishes readers, he absence of the power to read fortifies prejudice. In pain the distress is described as 'terrible,' and the reefold providential horror of earthquake, pestilence, nd famine has made the past year second only in its ower over the imagination to the great earthquake ear of Lisbon. Portugal escaped all these, and in onderful contrast with her neighbour impressed the utumn traveller with her 'exceeding richness.' In both puntries your agents find reason for thankfulness in he attitude of the chief civil authorities. elp much, but they do not hinder at all, and sometimes hey have obscure opportunities for hostility which they o not use. In both countries the Word of God has aised up its own messengers, and strengthened the band f colporteurs with one or two zealous recruits.

> In summing up what has been done in the Peninsula, t is impossible to avoid an expression of regret. ield is wide, the seed is incorruptible, and the sower

has not spared his hand. It is the honest and goesch of mer heart alone that is painfully missing. There is still rest work. in Spain, and pride in noble memories, and names the child? A recall palmy days which Spain has not sunk so low as despise. But the moral links seem broken along whi else virtue might have travelled to vivify the nation. is, after all, only the Spirit that quickeneth, the fle ast year's

DENMARK. - No report ever comes from Mr. Plen without a cheerful ring in it. It is easy, too, to cheerful when experience habitually exceeds hope. has done so once more this year, and the circulation h gone up to 45000 copies, or an advance of 5,000 upo last year. 'The pocket' Bible called for in 1880, after last year. 'The pocket' Bible called for in 1880, afterture has in Reginald Radcliffe, has thoroughly established itself. Reginald Radcliffe, has thoroughly established itself, ananguages whi raised the circulation of complete Bibles by 250 per centusia is Slav The meeting in Copenhagen of the Evangelical Allianche journals of in September last had given rise to a considerable art of the September countries. Chiefly to Norway

TURKEY.—This interesting field, which both in the figures Europe and Asia r sembles a twice-written manuscript or culation 284, which the older legend shows faintly through the new South Rudas a charm to draw attention to itself, not always acculation was disinterested as that of your Committee. A circulation rease of 16,000 copies was effected; just one in ten of 20,000 copies a triumph for Christ: a proof that neither race nonributed in Rudanguages does He, the Son of man, count alien from banned by Himself.

Eight thousand copies went out in Bulgarian and ures are greated as a plain proof that whoever may establish their none respect to the Bulgarian and ures are greated as a plain proof that whoever may establish their none respect to the Bulgarian and ures are greated as a plain to build or maintain the sepulchres of Cyril and upon the Bulgarian town where these Pople's New missionaries of a thousand years ago lie buried, and wood's and Multiple to the Bulgarian are turned this year which, apart society through which chiefly the life-blood of Cyril caffering, such circulates. 'The Scriptures of God in the common deal.'

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The Russian Empire since the date of Dean Stanley so for in 1880, after ture has increased and is increasing, and within its Radstock and Most network are included peoples and nations and ablished itself, and guages which lie outside the work of Cyril. But les by 250 per cent ssia is Slav in heart, and it is not possible to read vangelical Alliands journals of the colporteurs without feeling that the to a considerable art of the Slav is gentle and peaceable and winning. sheditions to other by God send that country shepherds worthy of such the sirculation are

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The figures required to denote the circulation are ten manuscript out culation 284,000, the increase over last year was 39,000, through the newly Scuth Russia, including the Caucasus, the total off, not always acculation was 127,000, nearly all bona fide sales—an e. A circulation crease of 16,000 over last year, which in its turn was by not one in ten of 2000 copies a better year than its predecessor. Adding the citer. A doublenese figures together, we find that England has dissecter. A doublenese figures together, we find that England has dissected in Russia—unhindered by its Government, count alien from banned by its Church—more than two-fifths of a million of copies. These large advances upon former Bulgarian and gures are greatly due to the extension of colportage. establish their in one respect the work in Russia wears a very attractive res of Cyril and spect. Your colporteurs offer especially in the vin where these People's New Testament, issued as the result of Dr. lie buried, and wood's and Mr. Sharp's visit to the Agency—books urned this year which, apart from their contents, are a marvel of it is the Bible chapness. The price is small, and there is no vexatious blood of Cyril chaffering, such as makes it a trial in Russia to effect the common deal.' million of copies. These large advances upon former

An Arabian writer, quoted by Dr. Maclear in little book on the Slavs, describes a Russian trader a Bulgarian district, 1,000 years ago, as arriving at fair, setting up a little image of his god, making small offering and a pithy prayer, 'Grant me a purcha well provided with gold and silver coins who will buy as I wish without bargaining.' Your colporteurs deser to find, and sometimes do find, that. One little extra must here be given for the illustration there is in it the amiable national character which marks the Sla 'Brother,' said a Russian in the very heart of Russ after buying a Bible and New Testament, 'you well to call here with your books; and were these me read, there would be fewer haughty looks and more 100 copies mildness and gentleness among men.

EGYPT.—Your Committee will not dwell upon more are grea work in Egypt. Amongst the Mussulman population of a countries is not yet very much to speak of. What can be done from An with such a skilled and devoted agent as Mr Wheatlangked advan will be done. This year Egypt means Gordon, ander the irr English soldiers in the heart of Nubia, each man with stem of the New Testament in his pocket. On opposite banks tower was a towns known now in every English household. The Chinese s name of the one is Shendy of the other Metempaticror begins name of the one is Shendy, of the other Metemnentror begins In Shendy Mehemet Ali's third son, Ismail, was surprised ection is no and burnt alive by an Arab chief whom he had wrongen. Father of In another Metemneh, a Jewish convert of the mission ind. ary Flad translated into Falasha the Gospel according In Japan th St. Mark, and that Gospel has gone back thitherwater that bound in the baggage of an English army-which things and en a step w an allegory.

PERSIA. In proportion to the work done ferrescribed are reports are fuller of pleasant and hopeful incident the that from Persia. The exact figures are not to han but in the past two years they have amounted to 12,0 copies. An earnest leader and a brave staff are at wor in this field, and there are many seekers after God.

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In the Madras Presidency alone 118,000 copies have h sold, of which 65,000 were by celportage.

MALAYSIA.—The agency at Singapore, working ngst an ever-shifting coolie population, as well as ngst Malays proper, reports a doubled circulation, a prospect, if there were men to guide it, of a rement towards Christianity on a large scale. Over ity looks and ma 000 copies were sold.

CHINA AND JAPAN.—Able men are at work, but not dwell upon there are greatly needed. There is real progress, and in ulman population of a countries special reason for thanksgiving. A recent What can be done er from Archdeacon Moule draws attention to the What can be done ter from Archdeacon Moule draws attention to the at as Mr Wheatlearked advance in China of the idea of patriotism means Gordon, as der the irritation of French invasion, the nervous ia, each man with tem of the Empire is becoming more sensitive. opposite banks to wspapers are increasing, the telegraph is stretching ah, are two Nubian over the land, a quicker intelligence is discernible, household. The Chinese see indeed through a glass darkly, but the other Metemnent for begins to exhibit the effect of friction. The smail, was surprised ection is not as dim as it was. The truth of a God in he had wrongend Father of all begins to overshadow the Chinese ert of the mission ind.

cospel according In Japan the energetic government has broken the back thitherways that bound them to Buddhism and Shin-Toism, and which things and en a step which will ameliorate the position of every Christian in the land. In every village a public burial-ground is to be formed, and the ceremonial rules work done for scribed are such—Bishop Poole says—as Christians readily submit to. This step is 'the more to be are not to hanguled as it is distinctly intended by the government for founted to 12,000 relief of the Christians.

The circulation in China has now risen to 200,000 pies, the circulation in Japan to 9,000 copies; but in ban the work both of the Scottish and the American ble Societies largely exceeds your own.

SOUTH AFRICA. - Time fails, but room must pu found to mention the journey of eight months in So Africa taken by the Rev. Charles Hole and crowned wo complete succes. Starting from Cape Town to journ through a continent which is like an archipelago isolated interests, not a few of which are active, as use the word of volcanoes, his mission for the Bi Society was a means of calling out kindness, union, a charity in circumstances where nothing is more desira than the exercise of these virtues. Hotel-keepers refu their bills, farmers drove him gratis, rival Church co-operated, for the sake of the Word of God from who every family in heaven and earth is named. of each auxiliary as it comes in bears witness to The rep value of Dr. Hole's tour.

WEST INDIES. - Nor must mention fail of t Mission to the West Indies, undertaken in the Jubil year of the Emancipation, by the Rev. David Brodie, your Society's own staff, and the Rev. George Sargean an honoured minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Societ with a view of quickening and extending the means use for the circulation of the Scriptures amongst the who were in bondage, but now enjoy the noble b perilous gift of freedom. Mr. Sargeant remains in the West Indies. Mr. Brodie returned.

THE COLONIES. Just as England has been strengthened this year by her own Colonial children, w have made her feel better able to confront and conf with her enemies in the gate, so has the mother Bib Society's pulse been quickened by feeling that she to will not look in vain for help to her children across the

Australia takes the lead with a contribution of 4,000 Canada follows with 2,400l.; South Africa sends 1,300l. and since the financial year closed the Christian nativ of Lagos in West Africa have sent, with regret that the contribution is no larger, 100l.

CONCLUSION.—This, then, is your Committee abstract of the Report of another year of work. Over lealing tree th

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s, but room must millions of copies have gone forth. eight months in Sorar made; the supply was given. The Society is free to Iole and crowned we forward to fresh fields. The Committee can give but Cape Town to journe explanation: it is the Lord's doing, and it is marveler an archipelago ous in their eyes. It is no result of their foresight; they ich are active, as it not forsee it. It is not due to plan or scheme of Dission for the Dission for th nission for the Billiers. A large part of their work lies, no doubt, in the ular cultivation of vineyards visibly committed to their e. There they can to some extent foresee; there they and do provide. But there is always another part, I in that part they feel again and again like men that led by ways that they know not. But they believe Book, and they believe that He who gave it guides schildren still. It is not theirs to interpret the Book. goes out without note or comment of theirs. Theirs it to circulate in its simplicity and in its multiplicity; to read abroad by single gospels where they can do no aken in the Jubil more; to spread abroad in its integral completeness w. David Brodie, were what can be done. In single gospels they must do to George Sargear without doubt or misgiving, for He in Whose Person of Methodist Societ wo whole and perfect natures were joined together conding the means ascends to be made whole Truth and Life within limits which are according to St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, allow the noble beautrements in the e, without stint or grudging, to do the same; for God has spoken in divers manners of ways to divers manners of s spoken in divers manners of ways to divers manners of en, and we cannot tell in any given case by which hue His manifold wisdom He will cause His goodness to ss before them, or by whose voice He will proclaim to em His Name. He fulfils Himself in many ways. For me nations the provision made is rich, and they can gather much;' for others it is as yet but scanty, and ey can gather by comparison but 'little.' The differce is intellectual rather than spiritual, for they that ther much have nothing over, and God provides that ey that gather little shall have no lack.

The Committee confess themselves astonished and umbled at the results of their year's toil. It has respered beyond their utmost hopes. In Europe, in sia, in Africa, in the Islands of the Sea, it has been ke oil upon troubled waters, or, better still, like the ealing tree that Moses cast into waters that were bitter.

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Trials the Committee have had, but they have been th which are incidental to the weaknesses and infirmit and calamities of human life, whose troublesome warmight unde are spanned by that Rainbow which St. John saw ov arching the Throne of God.

THE FREE INCOME of the Society for the year end March 31, 1885, has amounted to 144,970l. 4s. 3d., wh the sum received for Scriptures sold, both at home a abroad, has been 108,693l. 19s. 8d., making, with 10 14s. 5d. received on account of the Roxburgh Fund Colportage in Bengal, a total of 253,765l. 18s. 4d. The Expenditure has been 231,006l. 9s. 7d.

The issues of the Society for the year are as follows From the Depôt at home, 2,378,535 \ 4,161,032 copies From the Depôts abroad 1,702,497 \ Bibles, Testament From the Depôts abroad 1,702,497 and Portions.

The Total Issues of the Society from its commend ment now amount to 104,196,965 copies.

Referring again to the work of the Auxiliary, Messed in the w Toland, as Agent, has been able to visit the Branchat is more than with great acceptance, as his report herewith submitted cially reme will show. Some part of his work was interrupted by Though no indisposition, which appears to have been brought out ath, yet w

In circulation the Committee report nothing new th his broth but confirm the information of previous reports. That irrty years ha the British American Book and Tract Society being use by their combined with the Depository in Halifax, a ready and other spheres abundant supply of Bibles may always be had by such them the as require Scriptures on purchase account, and every hope that the Nova Scotian, except under special circumstances society's cause ought to be ashamed to accept God's Word on any though their r other than purchase account. Such exceptiona tt.

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The Ladies' Lible Association having reached its tieth year, is still active in the cause. man still labouring, the Mothers' meeting still ield, and to the poor the Gospel is made known. the death of Mrs. Binney, who for many years ed as Secretary, a bequest of four hundred dollars mes to its funds. The full conditions of the bequest not yet known, but as she always was deeply interhe Auxiliary, Mested in the work of the Bible Woman and Colporteur, isit the Branchit s more than probable those efforts for good will be erewith submitter cially remembered.

vas interrupted b Though no inroads has been made on our ranks by been brought out th, yet we regret some very important changes, using vacancies in our numbers. The Rev. Dr. Hill, ort nothing new th his brother the Hon. P. C. Hill, who for the past as reports. That irty years have aided in the counsels, and pleaded the ct Society being use by their eloquence, have both been removed to fax, a ready and ther spheres of labour and usefulness. They carry. s be had by such the them the best wishes of the Committee, who ount, and every pope that their zeal for the success of the Bible circumstances society's cause in all lands, may not be diminisheds Word on any bough their removal from here will be a loss deeply ch exceptiona telt.

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It might seem discouraging to notice that the And a circulative several items above noticed have fallen short of the year ending the amounts of the previous year. But in that year there his institution was no legacy received, while in this year \$108 comes means of bring into the Treasury. Thus, in the language of the institutions with Parent Society's report in reference to a similar During the coincident, "The free contributions from the Auxiliance between the

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MicMac Missionary, about a quantity of the Gospel compared w MicMac, which remained in the binders hands unbour we trust the The correspondence was transmitted to the Parelerd to effort Society's Committee, and a grant was duly authorized we may be e complete the work. This having been partially complete some degree suggested correspondence between the Secretary army be pass Missionary, whose letter is hereto appended, and the least of doubt not, will be read with consideration by all the Me." who take any interest in our MicMac's. of that Mission has passed into the period of ste facts and necessity; and though it has not been ! means of accomplishing what many hoped for for years ago, we desire to honour the faith and fortitude of the Missionary who still lives to declare to the the wondrous love of God. Perhaps, during the pa forty years it may not be out of place here to enquir what has the Church and people of God attempted do for their elevation. What gifts have been bestowe or what commodities sold that would have to develop the better instincts of the Indian nature. Or have w not by our intercourse with them, only been stimulat ing the "inate depravity" of their nature, by selling them intoxicating drinks, our biggest boom of bene volence only extended to a blanket, and our com mercial relations with them were the unlawful sale of Rum, which unlawful traffic is too often seen amon them. Let us look for better things during the nex forty years, for one thing is evident, they are no decreasing in numbers, as is usually supposed, as will be seen from the evidence of the Census of 1884

tity of the Gospel compared with the previous decade. To this end ders hands unbour we trust the reading of the Missionary's letter will uted to the Parelead to efforts for better things for the future, that as duly authorized we may be enabled to look forward in the end with partially complete some degree of confidence to the commendation that the Secretary at may be passed, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto appended, and the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto teration by all the Me."

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AGENT'S REPORT.

To the Committee of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Rillness from

GENTLEMEN,-

On the 4th of May, 1885, your Agent received \$18.00. cordial reception at Digby. The meeting in th Whitman an Methodist vestry was the largest I have ever see le ving \$3.0 there. Although there was a failure in the fisherie Bias Beales, and money was very scarce, the President, M. viit. Mr. V Theall, handed me \$14.01. The Rev. Mr. Heartz, ias usual. a very effective speech, hoped that future meeting. The next would be still larger than the present one, and assure Melvern Squa the Agent that he might leave Digby with themony from at conviction that his visit on this occasion had tended. On the a to deepen the interest in the great work of the Biblethere was a Society.

At Bear River the next evening the gathering wa very small,—the collection was only \$1.58. Johnson, Methodist minister, was, as usual, very friendly, and promised to try and have collector appointed .- I think it hardly worth while to keep the name of this place on the list of Branches. have visited it for ten years, and the whole amount received would hardly pay stage hire and hotel bill.

The meeting in Annapolis was a complete failure for the third time. The President had full notice given, and all needful preparation made, but to no lures were Rev. J. J. Ritchie will try to secure the valuable services of Mrs. A. Campbell for another year. Through her efforts about \$120.00 have been secured during the last three years.

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The meeting at Bridgetown was one of the most successful of the year. Everything was well arranged by the officers. There were three ministers present, and all took part in the exercises. The contribution amounted to \$17.66. Received as usual every kindia Auxiliary Ribness from Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Randolph, and was greatly encouraged by this visit to Bridgetown after my disappointment at Annapolis.

The contribution from Lawrencetown last year was Agent received \$18.00. Of this sum \$10.00 came from J. W. meeting in the Whitman and family and \$5.00 from Mr. Durling, I have ever see le ving \$3.00 for all the rest of the community. re in the fisherie Elias Beales, Esq., handed me two dollars on my last President, M. visit. Mr. Whitman will try to find some collectors

The next meeting was held in the Baptist Church, one, and assure Melvern Square. The state of the roads prevented

asion had tende On the afternoon of the same day, 10th May, ork of the Biblethere was a fair meeting in Union Church. collection here and at Melvern Square realized \$11.84. Was very kindly received as usual by Hugh Kerr, q., who drove me to all the meetings as well as to and from the railway station free of all cost to the ociety.

In the Hall, Somerset, the meeting was unusually small, but the contribution, \$22.50, was larger than whole amount that of last year. Enjoyed the kind hospitality of Silas Bishop, Esq., whose interest in the Bible Society seems to increase with his years.

nad full notice Money was a scarce commodity. Dr. Miller presided over the meeting in Canning. ade, but to no failures were reported, and the chief industry, shipto secure the building, was entirely at a standstill. Got only \$5.02.

Tried Wolfville again. A few assembled in the Pesbyterian Church. Mr. Ross did all in his power to make the meeting successful, and promised to tromplaints and have something collected. I received the sum cuntries.

A very wet evening was unfavourable to the ave me meeting in Kentville. It was matter of regret to a for my suc that the state of Judge Blanchard's health prevente him from attending. Rev. Mr. Hamilton, just arrive from Scotland, occupied the chair. The contribution \$32.26, was nearly five dollars in advance of the previous year.

The president of Windsor Branch, Rev. R. Morton 17.65. has always excellent arrangements made for meeting but in Windsor, as in many other places, it is difficul selmah. to get a large gathering on a week day. The audience on the last occasion, 15th May, was small, but ver several frie Rev. Dr. Lathern conducted opening exer handed me cises, and of five ministers present, two gave shor the late Richards

At Avondale, as usual, there was a fine audience Rev. Mr. Moore presided, and gave, as always, value aid. J. W. Allison, Esq., is the only officer in this Branch; but he has a deep interest in the prosperit of the Society and makes up the contribution regularly

Addressed a fáir meeting at Oakland, another par ef Rev. Mr. Moore's circuit, and obtained a small

In the Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, the meeting was not as large as usual, but this was not from an declining interest in the Society's work, as is proved by the contributions that have been increasing steadily for several years past. Experienced th customary kindness and assistance from Rev. E McNab.

The next effort was made at Chiviree; the Hall was not so well filled as I have seen it. There were

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It was the busy season and the meeting in Middle Stewiacke was not as large as usual. Rev. E. Smith presided, and at the close Mr. Rutherford gave me ly officer in this 14.10 as part of the years contribution.

It is always pleasant to visit Springside in the interests of the Bible Society. The President, Rev. S. C. Gunn, presided on the 22nd May. The Secreary-Treasurer, D. McG. Johnson, Esq., was on hand, as usual, with his subscription, amounting this year to \$21.67, a considerable advance on last year.

At Stewiacke Village the evering was very wet and caused a small meeting, not more than half the collectors had handed in their subscriptions. received \$16.60 from Mr. Dickie, which I hope will be largely increased before the end of the year. This is one of our best branches.

Addressed a very fair meeting at South Branch, Stewiacke, on the 24th May. The collection was only \$3.20. Money was very scarce, but I believe there is no diminished interest in the Society.

Mr. Robert Diarmid again drove me through to Middle Musquodoboit. He always seems happy in being able to render any assistance to the Bible Society.

The Methodist Church, Middle Musquodoboit, was well filled at 7.30 p. m. on the 24th May. William Sedgewick, Esq., occupied the chair, and the Rev. Messrs. Bayne and Doane both addressed the meeting. Was deeply grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Layton, a lady who was ever foremost in every good work. Dearly did she love the Bible Society, and it was at her suggestion that the meeting was held on Sabbath evening, with the hope of bringing the claims of the Society to the notice of some who would not attend on a week day.

The largest meeting I have ever seen in Upper Musquodoboit assembled in the old Presbyterian Charch. Rev. J. A. Cairns conducted the exercises, which were of an unusually interesting kind. The meeting was composed principally of young people, and the greatest order and gravity prevailed. The Treasurer, J. Reynolds, Esq., handed me \$16.80.

The number in attendance at meeting and the amount of contribution, far surpassed anything I have seen in Shubenacadie, and I heartily joined in the hope expressed by the President, Rev. M. Henry, that the meeting indicated a new departure in the interests of the Bible Society. I received the sum of \$23.50, which was \$9.50 in advance of last year.

Held a very pleasant meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Clifton. This branch is composed of Mr. McGillivray's congregation. They gave us \$30 last year, and I hope, though times are dull, that it will not be less this year.

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Was cordially welcomed to Milford by the able and devoted Pastor, Rev. A.B. Dickie. The meeting, in the busy season, was small. The collection amounted \$4.

In another branch of Mr. Layton's congregation at Elmsdale, there was a fine meeting. The friends here re always kind, and though they have just finished new Church and are now engaged in building a lanse, they would like to aid the Bible Society in its reat work. They gave me \$7.60, with many expressions of regret that it was not much more.

At Portaupique the gathering was the smallest I ave ever seen there, this did not arise from any lack of interest, but from various causes. I got \$7.

In the Congregational Church, Economy, there was one of the most interesting meetings of the year. This ranch, last year, surpassed even itself in liberality. It stood at the head of the Country Branches, and this was due to the deep interest taken in the work by the fficers and collectors. Well done Economy.

Dr. McLeod kindly drove me to Five Islands, where addressed a very small audience, and returned to

Bass River, were the friends turned out well, as hey always do. The burning of the Furniture factory here was a great loss to the place. It is rising gain from its ashes with enlarged dimensions and nultiplied facilities for the manufacture of furniture. received the sum of \$14.87.

Addressed a large meeting in the Presbyterian hurch, Great Village. Was sorry to find that, by ome unaccountable oversight, the names of subscribers a this branch did not appear in the Report last year. hope this will not occur again.

In Truro next evening, 8th June, the meeting was mall but very select. New officers were appointed,

and the Secretary reported \$164.74 collected for the Bible Society.

The meeting at Folly Village was, as usual, large. The pressure of the times was severely felt here, but no diminished interest was visible. S. F. Morrison, the Treasurer, handed me the collection, amounting to \$12.

A previous appointment interfered with the meeting in Antigonish. This was deeply regretted by the officers, but could not be remedied. The appointment was made before my notice was received. That will not interfere with the contribution, which for a small branch like Antigonish, is always liberal.

At Baddeck on Thursday, 11th June, addressed a very small meeting. Rev. Mr. McKenzie conducted the opening exercises and presided. The collection was only \$2.11.

At South Sydney was held the smallest meeting of the year. Went round next day, and with the assistance of Mr. McLennan, collected \$26.35. This was less than we were in the habit of receiving some years ago. I found no diminution, however, in the kind and courteous hospitality of my good friend D. McLennan, Esq.

The congregation at Sydney Mines was large and the collection, as usual, good, \$10.77, which, with the customary \$5 from Hon. T. D. Archibald, and \$4 from Blowers Archibald, Esq., made \$19.77 from the Mines.

There was a very fine audience in Dr. Murray's Church, North Sydney; though, as one gentleman remarked, there were many absent that should have been present. Still the collection was \$14.69 which, as will be seen by reference to another page, was afterwards made up to \$28.69, or \$7.46 more than last year.

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At Cow Bay, although the notice was very imperfect, there was a good turn out. No notice of collection was given, still they gave me \$3.43, which, I hope, on the next visit of the agent, whoever he may be, will be very much increased.

At Bridgewater, on a very hot day, 21st June, at 3 p. m., had a very small meeting in the old Presbyterian Church. Went round next day and without any assistance gathered up \$33.50.

Went to Lunenburg and called upon as many of the friends as I could find. They gave me \$27.50.

Returned to Bridgewater and went on in the night under a very heavy rain to Liverpool, here an intelligent and appreciative audience assembled in the Baptist Church. This branch always does well, which is mainly due to the exertions of Mrs. William Anderson, who, if her health is spared, will give to the Society her valuable services for another year.

The Ministers were all absent from Shelburne and the meeting was very small. Next day Mr. William Hogg assisted me to collect, we got only \$15.

The Shelburne Branch has sustained a severe loss in the death of William Crews, Esq., who was for many years its President, and being an Englishman by birth, and a Christian by Grace, he always had the warmest interest in the Bible Society, "the grandest institution of his country and the world."

Was disappointed on reaching Barrington to find that my notice had never reached there. As the hour of my arrival was late, nothing could be done to give notice. Called on the Treasurer, R. H. Crowell, Esq., and got \$7.50, and the promise that an effort will be made to collect.

Went on to Yarmouth, staging all night. Addressed

a representative audience in the Presbyterian Church, Joseph Burrill, Esq., in the Chair. With the assistance of Mr. Burrill collected next day \$80.26.

Once more I have to acknowledge, with humble gratitude, the many acts of kindness received at the hands of the Lord's people throughout the Province. Some of those who have encouraged and assisted me I shall never again see in the flesh, but I hope to meet them on the right hand of the Judge on that day when He will acknowledge their services in the soul cheering words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of my brethren, ye have done it into Me."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN TOLAND.

Passekeag, N. B., 5th Feb., 1886.

HANTSPORT, Nov. 21st, 1885.

To James Farquhar, Esq., Secretary of the Bible Society, Halifax:

My Dear Sir,—In reply to your communication of the 12th inst., I will give, as brief as possible, some facts relative to our labors among the Mic-Macs, "some approximation to the numbers now living who can read the Scriptures, and the means of teaching them to read them."

My first lesson in Mic-Mac was taken nearly fifty years ago, there were then, as nearly as I could ascertain, about three thousand Mic-Macs, none of us knew of a single one who could read. In the course of about three years I had discovered four who had attained to this accomplishment in some degree, they all belonged to Cape Breton, though one had been in Nova Scotia

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and instructed by a Mr. Bromby, who had kept a school in Halifax, and had tried hard to be of some service to the Indians. As near as I can ascertain there are now about four thousand Mic-Macs, and though I do not know exactly how many of them can read, I do know that about twenty-five years ago the four had been multiplied more than ten fold, for I had kept the count up to that time, and were it proper to lay a wager I would feel perfectly safe, from what I know, to wager four hundred dollars that at the present time there are four hundred Mic-Macs in the Provinces who can read the Scriptures in their own tongue. Meeting Indians who can read and write, receiving letters from and requests for books by them and for them, has long ago ceased with me to be a matter to be wondered at. The means of instructing them is just about as few and feeble and have ever been so, as they can well be, and were they not remarkable for intellectual abilty, and among the most persevering and determined people in the world, the number of readers among them would be few indeed. Suppose the parents of our white youth had always taught that schooling was a curse and not a blessing if they sent their children to school, both they and their children would certainly go to hell, and suppose all our ministers, to a man, were to use all their influence to prevent our children and youth from going to school or learning to read, what would be the result, of what avail would be our empty school-houses, such as you will now and then find furnished for the Indians by the Government, of what use would be our free schools and all the rest of it. But these and many other obstacles that exist among the Indians are continually surmounted by them. One of my Indian correspondents of Nova Scotia lately sent me a letter and at the same time I received one from a gentleman who had been Indian Agent in the United States, I

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compared the two letters, the hand-writing was good in each case, the spelling of the Indian for both letters were written in English, was equal, if not superior to that of the white man, they both made exactly the same funny grammatical blunders and said ("I would of for I would have,") which led me more particularly to compare the two letters. I have not means of knowing how long the white man had attended school nor how diligently he had used his opportunities, but the Indian had been to school in his boyhood just three months; would be a very strange thing if the other, a merchant of New England, had not been as many years.

To know how easily the Indians can learn to read in their own language, I will mention a case or two about twenty-five years or more ago. I found an Indian who was able to read the Scriptures with considerable ease, and all the help he had, as he assured me, was that another Indian had taught him the sounds of the letters, that the other Indian had, I think, never been to school; but he could read quite well before he died, and he would and did read the Scriptures in spite of the prohibition or persuasion of the Priest. I once brought a young Indian lad, say twelve years old, and in a few weeks he could scarcely miss a word of a column of spelling of several syllables; and another time I taught a man of about thirty his letters who had quite a family to maintain, and in six weeks from the time he took his first lesson, I heard him read nearly the whole of the XI. Chapter of John. I once more at Bear River, taught a young girl her letters in the beginning of one week, and on the first day of the week following she could read, and spell without looking at the lesson, words consisting of more than six letters.

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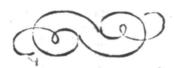
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