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LAWS AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

I. The designation of this Society shall be the **BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY**, of which the sole object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment: the only copies in the Languages of the United Kingdom, to be circulated by the Society, shall be the Authorized Version.

II. This Society shall add its endeavours to those employed by other Societies, for circulating the Scriptures through the British Dominions; and shall also, according to its ability, extend its influence to other countries, whether Christian, Mahometan, or Pagan.

III. Each Subscriber of one Guinea annually shall be a Member.

IV. Each Subscriber of Ten Guineas at one time shall be a Member for Life.

V. Each Subscriber of Five Guineas annually shall be a Governor.

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

VII. Governors shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Meetings of the Committee.

VIII. An Executor, paying a bequest of Fifty Pounds, shall be a Member for Life: or of One Hundred Pounds, a Governor for Life.

IX. A Committee shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society, consisting of Thirty-six Laymen, Six of whom shall be Foreigners, resident in London or its vicinity; half the remainder shall be members of the Church of England, and the other half members of other denominations of Christians. 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.

X. 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 reported.

XII. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, shall be considered, *ex officio*, Members of the Committee.

XIII. 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 Meetings, and Meetings of the Committee, the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, first upon the list then present; and in the absence of all the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer; and in his absence, such Member as shall be voted for that purpose,—shall preside at the Meeting.

XVI. The Committee shall meet on the first Monday in every Month, or oftener, if necessary.

XVII. 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.

XVIII. The Committee shall also have the power of nominating HONORARY MEMBERS from among Foreigners who have promoted the objects of the Society.

XIX. The whole of the Minutes of every General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman.

REGULATIONS

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

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

II. That, in conformity to the preceding resolution, no pecuniary aid can be granted to any Society circulating the Apocrypha; nor, except for the purpose of being applied in conformity to the said resolution, to any individual whatever.

III. That, in all cases in which grants, whether gratuitous or otherwise, of the Holy Scriptures, either in whole or in part, shall be made to any Society, the books be issued bound, and on the express condition, that they shall be distributed without alteration or addition.

IV. That all grants of the Scriptures to Societies which circulate the Apocrypha, be made under the express condition that they be sold or distributed without alteration or addition; and that the proceeds of the sales of any such copies of the Scriptures be held at the disposal of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

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

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

III. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, benefactions and subscriptions shall be solicited, and books opened for receiving the names of benefactors and subscribers.

IV. Every person contributing annually Ten Shillings at one time, or a donation of Ten Pounds, shall be considered a Member of this Society.

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

VI. The whole of the subscriptions and donations, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be remitted annually, in aid of the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

VII. Every Member of this Society shall be entitled to purchase, under the direction of the Committee, Bibles and Testaments, at the reduced prices of the Society, which are as low as possible.

VIII. The Committee shall be authorized to meet for the purpose of conducting the business of the Society, as often as may be necessary, and shall have power to add to their numbers, as occasion may require.

NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

PATRON.

His Excellency Lieut. General SIR JOHN HARVEY, K.C.B.

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WILLIAM PRYOR, junr. Esq.

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M. G. BLACK, Esq. *Treasurer.*

S. L. SHANNON, Esq. *Secretary.*

ISAAC SMITH, Esq. *Assistant Secretary.*

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" R. F. UNIACKE,

" JOHN MARTIN,

" E. A. CRAWLEY, D. D.

" P. G. MCGREGOR,

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CHAS. ROBSON, Esq.

LIFE MEMBERS.

By Donation of Ten Pounds and upwards, at and since the formation of the Society.

The Hon. CHAS. PRESCOTT,

WILLIAM A. CHIPMAN, Esq.

SNOW PARKER, Esq.

Dr. WEBSTER,

The Hon. H. H. COGSWELL,

SOCIETY'S DEPOSITORY.—*Corner of Barrington and Sackville Streets, opposite Halifax Grammar School.*

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AT THE
TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

HELD IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, POPLAR GROVE, HALIFAX.

Monday Evening, May 13, 1850.

J. W. NUTTING, Esq. in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. John Scott.

The Report of the Committee having been read by the Secretary, it was, on the motion of the Rev. George Hill, seconded by the Rev. Ephraim Evans,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the Report now read be received, adopted, and circulated, under the direction of the Committee.

On the motion of the Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by the Rev. Robert Macnair,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this Meeting view with unfeigned satisfaction and gratitude, the strenuous and praiseworthy exertions of the very efficient Ladies' Associations in this City, and of the different Branch Societies and Associations throughout the Province, in promoting the interests of the Bible cause,—as testified by the liberality of their contributions during the past year;—and rejoice that they are enabled, through these means, to transmit to the funds of the Parent Society, a free donation of One hundred pounds.

On the motion of the Rev. Alex. Forrester, seconded by His Worship the Mayor,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this Meeting desire to express their sincere thanks to Almighty God, for his continued countenance and blessing on the labours of the Parent Society and other kindred Institutions, during the past year,—and especially for the wide and extensive fields recently opened up for the dissemination of the sacred scriptures, as furnishing loud calls for redoubled exertions, and enlarged liberality.

On the motion of the Rev. W. H. Heudebourck, seconded by Dr. Avery,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this Meeting gratefully acknowledge the services rendered to the Society by its officers, and that the following be appointed for the present year:—His Excellency Sir John Harvey, PATRON. The Hon. H. H. Cogswell, PRESIDENT. The Hon. J. W. Johnston, Martin Gay Black, James W. Nutting, Wm. Pryor, Junr. Esqrs., VICE PRESIDENTS. Martin Gay Black, Esq., TREASURER. S. L. Shannon, Esq. SECRETARY. Mr. Isaac Smith, ASSISTANT SECRETARY. COMMITTEE, The Revds. Dr. Twining, John Scott, R. F. Uniacke, John Martin, Dr. Crawley, P. G. McGregor, A. W. McLeod, Wm. Bullock, Ephraim Evans, George Hill, F. Smallwood, John Miller, W. H. Heudebourck, Alex. Forrester, Professor King,—Honbles. M. B. Almon, H. Bell, W. A. Black, A. Keith,—Dr. Avery, James N. Shannon, Geo. N. Russell, David Allison, J. H. Anderson, A. McKinlay, Henry Pryor, Henry Ince, S. Selden, T. A. Brown, W. C. Silver, T. A. S. De Wolfe, James Thompson, J. G. A. Creighton, and Chas. Robson, Esqrs.

On the motion of the Rev. John Martin, seconded by William Pryor, Junr. Esq.,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Chairman for his kindness in presiding on the occasion.

The Meeting was closed with the Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. Dr. Twining.

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REPORT.

The Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society have again, in the order of Providence, the opportunity afforded by their Annual General Meeting, of laying before their friends, a statement of the progress of their Auxiliary during the past year.

In approaching this subject, and particularly in considering the mighty operations of the Parent Institution, your Committee feel deeply the febleness of their efforts; they feel however most thankful that they have been permitted to go on progressively in their limited sphere, and that in the midst of the disheartening circumstances in which it has pleased God to place this Province, during another year, they have nevertheless been able to make further exertions in extending the knowledge of the blessed Word of Life.

Your Committee, as is customary, before referring to the present position of our Auxiliary, would turn your attention for a few moments to the wonderful progress of the Parent Society during the past year, as exhibited by their Report, a few details from which they beg leave to lay before you.

They commence with the solemn and grateful appeal, "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks! That thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare." And they proceed with a simple unadorned narrative of works which they say, may well be called wonderful,—works which, however much and necessarily human agency may have concurred in producing them, compel the beholder or the narrator and the listener, to look beyond that agency, and in them to confess a present God.

In proceeding to remark upon the various portions of their extended field of operations, the Parent Committee commence their narrative with an outline of what has been effected in foreign countries.

In France, they state, that their work during the past year has been one of singular interest. They have arranged a variety of plans with their resident agent, to meet the altered circumstances of the times. In some instances the impoverished state of the country seemed to demand a gratuitous distribution, but they had felt exceedingly unwilling to disturb the plans so long pursued and with so much advantage by the Colporteurs. It was no matter of surprise, that the sales by the Colporteurs were diminished during the last year, but it is cheering to know that never were there so many striking proofs of the benefit, the real spiritual, saving, benefit, of distributing the Holy Scriptures. Notwithstanding the difficulties which the revolutionary state of the country had produced, they had issued from the depot in Paris 7,971 Bibles and 99,878 New Testaments, and who can tell, as their agent observes, what amount of good has been produced by so large a circulation of his Holy Word. What had been

witnessed appeared to him to be sufficient to convince them that it must be immense. Their Colporteurs had frequently discovered in localities, the very names of which were scarcely known, and even in solitary houses scattered on heaths and moors, or buried in the midst of forests, individuals who proved themselves to be awakened and converted—true disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, rendered such by the power of the Holy Ghost infusing life and vigour into His written word.

In Germany, Holland, and Belgium, the communications of the Society's agent had developed many truly awful facts in reference to the prevailing infidelity of the people, but at the same time the friends of the institution were cheered by many undoubted proofs of the Divine blessing attending his labours. The history of Germany, he observes, can furnish no parallel to the political convulsions of the previous year. The ancient civil and ecclesiastical institutions of thirty-eight sovereign states have all been overthrown, and scenes of anarchy and bloodshed have been acted in her cities and villages. Many causes have contributed to bring about this distracted state of society; but chiefly the moral and religious corruption of the present generation, and the unexampled apostacy of all ranks from God and His Christ, into which the nations have been suffered to fall during the last half century, through the infidel systems of the learned, which have poisoned the minds of all classes with their anti-christian doctrines. And yet in the midst of this deluge of iniquity, revolutionary struggles and anarchy, there are found some who seem to feel their hopeless condition, and gladly give their last pence to obtain for themselves and their families the precious Word of God.

In Hungary arrangements had been made for printing the Scriptures, and also for employing Colporteurs for their distribution, but the tide of war, which had overflowed that unhappy country, had blighted their prospects, compelled their evangelical pastor to leave his country, and stopped the work of distribution.

In Switzerland the Society report that their agent, Lieutenant Graydon, had been most actively and successfully employed, but his efforts in this comparatively enlightened country were completely eclipsed by his wonderful success in beautiful but unfortunate Italy. Under the direction of the Committee he had crossed the Alps and visited the large city of Milan, whither suitable supplies of the Scriptures had been forwarded. He commenced his operations at a time when, he says, in all directions were to be seen on sale, or sold, every instrument of destruction; and countless minds evidently disposed to use them. His advertisement appeared, and his sale began. Many were the curious who visited him, but only 32 copies were sold during a long and most anxious day, but during which he was enabled to keep nigh to Him who ruleth in the armies of heaven, and over those of the earth; not a word of displeasure, but some few of hearty contentment and approval blessed his hearing. He succeeded, after selling 150 copies himself, in finding a suitable person to take charge of the remainder. From this person many notices had been received by the Parent Committee, of a very pleasing character.

From Milan the agent proceeded to the city of Turin, and there opened a sale of the Scriptures. In the two hours following, he writes, 17 copies were purchased; the following days 135, 186, 142, 103, 73, 94, 56, and

35 copies were purchased most gladly by some 600 to 700 persons at least, consisting of numerous priests, a few monks, and a large majority of lay persons. Not an unkind observation from any one, but much politeness from some individuals of the hierarchy. "Such a scene," he says, "as my little sale room presented, my poor pen could not describe. I had to remain in it from eight o'clock in the morning to the same hour in the evening." It was continually full during the first four days, and all this in a country in which two years ago the Bible was a prohibited book! Several Jews purchased, and wished much to have the Old Testament; singularly enough having no choice, they purchased many New Testaments! His last letter from Turin stated that his sales had amounted to 1,004 copies. Shortly after leaving this city the war again broke out, and who can sufficiently admire the ways of Divine Providence in permitting him to make this visit to such a city at such a juncture!

In Tuscany several friends had made efforts which were also attended with extraordinary success. One individual had disposed of about 70 copies at Leghorn in the space of a week, and at Pisa he had disposed of upwards of 140 copies of the Scriptures. He had given away New Testaments to such persons as, being able to read well, could not afford to buy them. "One poor man," he writes, "showed me his book some days afterwards, drawing it out of the breast pocket of his coat, pointing out to me how far he had read, and saying, 'It is the treasure of human life!' He told me his comrades gathered around him to hear him read it. One man has been very busy in making the Scriptures known to his friends, and sends continually paoli and dollars to me to buy copies for one and another friends, but we are nearly stopped now,—I have only 28 copies of the Scriptures left, of which but 7 are Bibles."

In view of these most encouraging circumstances, the Parent Committee have taken measures for printing in Italy several editions of the New Testament in different places at the same time, an edition of 4,000 copies being printed in Rome itself!

From Sweden, Norway, and Russia, the usual encouraging accounts are received, but from Spain and Portugal, where an old and valued friend of this Auxiliary, the Rev. Dr. Thomson, had been labouring, they have met with but indifferent success.

In Greece, among other tokens of good, an interesting notice has been issued by the Minister of Religion and Public Instruction, requiring the Sacred Scriptures to be used in all the public schools.

In Turkey and Persia the good work is advancing, particularly among the Evangelical Armenians, who have so recently separated themselves from their former church. On this point the agent writes that so far as he is at present informed, the British and Foreign Bible Society must have the credit of being the first instrument employed by the Great Head of the Church, in originating that great work among the Armenians, which has already resulted in bringing many souls from darkness unto light, and which is still extending itself widely in the East.

From India gratifying accounts are still received. The following extract, taken from the Parent Society's Report, will shew the effect of the unadulterated Word of God upon the hearts of the natives of this interesting country. "Writing," says a Parsee Christian Minister, "for

the first time for your Society, I hope it will not be deemed out of place, if I take a retrospective view of the dealings of God with me and my work in connexion with the Bible. The Bible! How sweet its name! How sure its riches! How successful its results! To illustrate this in my own case, let me run over a few remarkable facts, that have happened since my reception of the Word of God. Fourteen years ago a copy of the Gospels and a couple of tracts were put into my hands by a missionary of the cross. Eleven years ago, having purchased an English Bible and the four Gospels in Guzerathi, I often read it in both these languages together, not with a view however to profit my soul, but simply to learn the foreign language by comparing the two translations. Nearly ten years ago, the fears of my family and friends were realized. A power from on high now convinced the hitherto blind reader of the Bible that it was not the language of literature—not the mere letter, but the spirit—that was to be so assiduously pursued. Since then, being first blessed, I have more or less endeavoured, in my humble way, to become a blessing to others. Such are the wonders the Bible has done, and is still doing mediately and immediately among the countless numbers of our race."

In China, the translation of the Scriptures, under the auspices of the Society, has engaged the attention of the Parent Committee during the past year. From the accounts received it appears that there is a wide and inviting field for christian labour, in every part of the interior of this vast country.

In the other parts of the world, embraced in the Society's operations, success of an equally gratifying character is apparent.

In the mother country, the Bible cause still prospers. The total receipts of the Society for the year have amounted to £95,933 6s. 1d., stg., being £5786 17s. 9d. in advance of the funds of last year. The issues of the year have amounted to 1,107,518, the total issues have now reached 21,973,355 copies. For the use of emigrants 1307 Bibles and 2172 Testaments have been issued, and in this number it may be mentioned that 783 copies, in English and Spanish, have been supplied to parties proceeding to California, well recommended to the Committee, whose fervent aspiration is that they may convey to such as are longing for the gold that perisheth, the knowledge of the true gold that has been tried in the fire.

Your Committee would now turn your attention to the proceedings of this Auxiliary during the past year.

Mr. Smith, the agent of the Society, has been actively employed during the whole period, in visiting every part of the Province and the Island of Cape Breton. His exertions have resulted in great good to the cause, he has visited every Branch Society, stimulated them to renewed efforts, and to an increase in the number of their subscribers. His operations have been to a certain extent affected by the distressing circumstances in which many parts of the Province have been, under God's providence, placed, but his reports are hopeful,—the majority of the people are attached to the cause of the Bible, and whenever it may please the Lord to revive the drooping interests of the Province, there can be little doubt of its meeting a greatly increased support. In connexion with this subject, your Committee have received gratifying accounts of the interest taken by the Branches in Mr.

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Smith's movements. The testimony of the Barrington Bible Society has been most marked. In their report which has been forwarded to the Secretary, and recently published in one of the papers of this city, they use the following language in reference to the subject: "The sentiments of the Committee of this Society are expressed in a minute adopted at their last meeting, which is as follows:—It is felt by this Committee to be a duty, to record its sense of the obligation due to the Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, and by the public generally, for having employed and sent forth so useful and indefatigable an agent as Mr. Isaac Smith; by whose able advocacy and judicious counsels and encouragement, it is believed the interests of the Bible Society in this place have been promoted, and its friends renewedly excited to zeal and diligence in the good work of disseminating the Holy Scriptures,—and it is trusted and believed that similar results will attend his labours throughout the Province."

Mr. Smith has furnished your Committee with a journal of his proceedings, and several Reports, an outline of which will be found in the appendix.

It was felt by your Committee at the last anniversary that a special effort ought to be made for the furtherance of the cause, by obtaining additional subscribers in this city. This effort has been made and has proved partially successful, but your Committee trust that by adopting a more systematic mode much more can still be done. They have however a most pleasing task to perform in recording the great and successful exertions of the Ladies' Bible Association, which has been formed in this city during the past year, and which they trust will continue to be a valuable auxiliary to the cause of the Bible. The ladies composing this Society, have collected and paid into the hands of the treasurer the large sum of £66 4s. 6d., and the Committee feel that it is due to them thus publicly to express their obligations. The ladies in connexion with St. Matthew's Church have also continued as heretofore to render their valuable assistance to the cause.

Your Committee having considered that the field of operations for Mr. McLeod, their Colporteur, did not present the same advantages now as heretofore, have thought it best to dispense with his services for the present. His efforts had been attended with great success, but it was not to be expected that this success should be permanent, it being a cheering fact that the Province is now in most parts well supplied with the Word of Life.

The following returns will shew what has been done in the distribution of the Scriptures during the past year.

There have been sold at the Depository:—

Bibles	-	204
Testaments	-	477
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Sold by the Colporteur:—

Bibles	-	880
Testaments	-	1312—2192

Branch Societies:—

Bibles	-	466
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Testaments - - - - - 646—1112
 Total sales 3985

Distributed gratuitously:— Bibles - - - - - 222
 Testaments - - - - - 223—445

Total distribution 4436

There are now remaining in the Depository for sale 2913 Bibles, and 1373 Testaments.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary for the year ending 31st Decr., 1849, have been as follows:—

From the Ladies' Association, Guysborough,	£ 6 0 0
Collected at Annual Meeting, Halifax,	12 7 0
Sales by the Colporteur from Jan'y to April, 1849,	24 9 0
Rev. J. C. Cochran, Lunenburg, copies of Scrip- tures supplied,	6 3 6
Miss Nicholls, copies of Scriptures supplied,	1 3 1½
Mr. Alexander, do.	2 1 0
Ladies' Association, Halifax,	66 4 6
St. Matthew's Church Ladies' Association,	12 0 0
Stewiacke Branch,	12 10 0
Maitland, - On purchase account	£2 16 6
Free	8 8 3
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Cornwallis On purchase account	7 0 0
Free	7 0 0
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Newport On purchase account	1 3 7
Free	1 3 6
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Lunenburg - On purchase account	8 18 2
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Lower Londonderry On purchase account	1 10 0
Free	1 10 0
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Port Hood On purchase account	3 0 0
Free	12 0 0
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St. Ann's, C. B. On purchase account	5 0 0
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Upper Londonderry On purchase account	0 15 0
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Chester - - On purchase account	6 0 0
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Shelburne - On purchase account	4 0 7½
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Margaree	On purchase account	3 0 0	5 15 5½
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Strait of Canso	On purchase account	4 0 0	4 0 0
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Parsonsboro			6 0 0
Rawdon	On purchase account		3 7 2
Hillsborough	On purchase account		5 5 0
	Free		4 8 2½
Sales at Depository,			42 2 1
Amount of Subscriptions and Donations at Halifax,			85 12 4
			<u>£411 4 10</u>

The Treasurer has also received since the 1st January, 1850, from the Branch Societies and Associations, the following amounts:—

By Glenelg Branch St. Mary's Society, as free contribution	£4 0 0
Sherbrooke do.	3 0 0
Upper and Middle Stewiacke do.	10 10 0
Cape Canso On purchase account	£1 12 6
Free	1 12 6
	<u>3 5 0</u>
Lunenburg, per C. B. Owen, Esqr.,	7 10 0
Ladies' Association, Guysboro	6 0 0
Middle Musquodoboit Branch, Free	4 2 9
Newport Branch	4 7 0
Lower Londonderry On purchase account	2 0 0
Free	3 0 0
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Horton On purchase account	8 10 0
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And by the Treasurer's account there remained a balance in hand at the close of the year of £112 7s. 10½d.

Your Committee would particularly call your attention to the large sum received from the various Branch Societies and Associations, which, notwithstanding the unfavourable circumstances before referred to, amounts, inclusive of sums received this year, to £389 17s. 6½d. They feel this deserving of notice the more, as it has enabled the Committee to make a free contribution of £100 to the Parent Society. And they trust that their friends and patrons throughout the Province are sufficiently alive to the paramount importance of this great institution at the present crisis, to be pleased that they are in a position to contribute their mite in forwarding such a cause, and to feel the necessity of making greater exertions to send more means to the Parent Society.

Your Committee in closing this Report, believe that they have laid before their friends sufficient to encourage them to persevere in their undertaking. It is true they have no startling facts to communicate of the wonders wrought within the borders of their Province—they cannot point, as detailed in the narrative of the Parent Society, to an intrepid servant of the cross going, as it were, on a forlorn hope and planting the Bible standard where it was before practically unknown,—they cannot tell of an agent standing,

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like Lieut. Graydon, in the market places of the cities of Italy, and offering for sale, amid the storms of war, and the crash of revolutions, that Word which can alone calm the agitated nations,—nor can they refer with exulting hope to the edition of the Scriptures published in Rome itself,—but they are thankful that operations of such a nature are not required throughout the length and breadth of this happy land, and that the Bible is too well appreciated by the greater part of its population, to enable its friends to present any novel features in its distribution. They have however continued to stimulate their agents and friends to sow beside all waters, to spread abroad the Word of Life throughout the more remote and destitute settlements, being well assured that the blessing of God will be upon their labours, and that the circulation and attendant appreciation of its precious truths will best promote the interests of the people in this their day of trial, and ultimately lay the foundation of their true prosperity.

Halifax, May 13th, 1850.

APPENDIX.

Report of The Halifax Ladies' Bible Association.

The Committee of the Halifax Ladies' Bible Association, in presenting their first Report, and returning their grateful thanks for the measure of aid which has been afforded them, feel it incumbent upon them to explain the motives, which have led to their effort in the cause of religion.

They feel that they need not urge upon a christian public the propriety and necessity of circulating the "bread of life;" therefore, in bringing to notice the small amount of funds raised in Halifax for the objects of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, which is small in comparison with that raised by congregational and charitable societies, they consider that they have explained their motives and reasons.

Upon the Report being read at the Annual Meeting, they believe it was impressed upon many minds how disproportionate was the sum collected, to the just expectations of a Society, composed of members of almost every sect and denomination; and that many christian hearts, to whom the subject had not before been so forcibly presented, felt, that it would be a privilege to cast in, though it were but a mite, to this treasury of the Lord.

Acting as an Auxiliary to the N. S. Bible Society, they formed a plan of appointing four collectors, to each city ward, who, by requesting sub-

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scriptions or contributions, however small, from *all* who were favourable to their cause, might afford an opportunity which many had not previously enjoyed, of assisting in a work, which must commend itself to every heart which has experienced the life-giving efficacy of the precious Bible.

They would not forget to record their thankfulness to the God, "from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed," that they have succeeded beyond their expectations, and have been enabled to collect a sum nearly equal to that raised by the N. S. Bible Society, in the past year, in Halifax.

It only remains for them to lay the amount of their receipts before their friends; hoping for their kind assistance and liberal aid in the coming year.

The Association was organized on the 23d July last, since which time £69 13s. 10d. has been collected, £66 4s. 6d. has been paid to the Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, and this Association has received in return Bibles to the amount of £3 7s. 2d. There remains in the hands of the Treasurer £3 9s. 4½d.

Mrs. W. H. ROBINSON, *President.*

Mrs. S. N. BINNEY, *Treasurer.*

MISS BRAINE, *Secretary.*

Committee.

Mrs. Twining, Mrs. R. F. Uniacke, Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. Heudebourck, Mrs. P. G. McGregor, Mrs. T. B. Livingston, Mrs. N. Clarke, Mrs. J. Liddell, Mrs. Loveland, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Sawers, Mrs. W. Howe, Mrs. R. Tremain, Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. D. McN. Parker, Mrs. F. Passow, Miss Creighton, Miss Charman, Miss Black, Miss Forrester, Miss Starr, Miss K. Boggs, Miss Hierlihy, Miss Richardson, Miss Ross, Miss DeWolfe, Miss J. Morris, Miss Anderson.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

From Mr. Smith, the Travelling Agent.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY:

Gentlemen,—Another year of my agency has been brought to a close, during which I have laid before you from time to time, such detailed Reports of my proceedings as appeared necessary to give a correct view of the work in which I have been engaged—nor have I any thing more to add, except that a short abstract, or brief recapitulation of the more prominent facts and circumstances, may bring under more immediate review, the real and comparative state of the great cause, which it is your object to promote, as it now exists in the Province.

In closing my Report of last year I stated that there had been in Nova Scotia, at one time, fifty-four Societies in connexion with the British and Foreign Bible Society, but that only sixteen of these were found in operation when my agency was begun; and that to these sixteen,

thirty-nine new Branches had been added, which made fifty-five in all:—Thirty-nine Branches and Associations in connexion with the Nova Scotia Auxiliary, eleven in connexion with Pictou, one with each of those of Yarmouth, and St. John, New Brunswick,—and the three Auxiliaries. Of those in connexion with the Nova Scotia Auxiliary, only eight had made remittances, the amount of which was £83 12s. 6d. From six more £57 19s. 9d. was also received by the Treasurer in Halifax, before the Annual Report was published. Nine of the Societies thus contributing were of the new Branches, many more of which would have begun their operations, and much larger sums would have been collected, if the times had been more propitious, and the objects more extensively known, and more correctly appreciated.

Since that time I have visited, not only all the places then referred to, but many others also, and am happy to say—I hope, with some good effect. Seven new Branch Societies and Associations have been formed, making, with those before enumerated, sixty-two societies now existing in the Province, viz:—Three Auxiliaries—the Nova Scotia, the Pictou, and the Yarmouth; forty-one Branches and five Associations in connexion with that of Nova Scotia; ten Branches and one Association with that of Pictou; one Association with that of Yarmouth; and one Branch (Amherst and Nappan) with that of St. John in New Brunswick. Of the forty-one Branches of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary, thirty-one have collected and remitted contributions since the beginning of last year to the amount of £282 3s. 5d. Of the five Associations four have paid in, during that time, £112 4s. 6d., in the following proportions:—The Guysborough Ladies' Association, £12 0s. 0d.; the St. Ann's do., £22 0s. 0d.; the St. Matthew's Church do., in this city, £12 0s. 0d.; and last, not least, the Halifax Ladies' Association, £66 4s. 6d. The Avondale Association in connection with the Newport Branch, has also remitted £1 10s. 0d. as its first quarter's contributions, making in all during that period £395 17s. 11d. Some of the Branch Societies have been so recently formed, they have not had time to collect and pay over their promised subscriptions; and of the few remaining, some have collected a part of the funds expected, and others are preparing, amidst depression and difficulty, to do something in the great cause as soon as they shall be able. Amongst the Branches connected with the Pictou Auxiliary, there is also a gradual improvement; and the Societies in Amherst and Yarmouth are likewise progressing. Some of those connected with Pictou obtained contributions at our meetings, and the Ladies' Association of Yarmouth lately remitted Ten pounds, through the Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary, to the Parent Society in London.

These facts, when viewed in connexion with the recent formation of so many of the Branches, and the unparralleled depression of the times, are highly encouraging, and the spirit and disposition manifested in carrying out those operations, were no less gratifying.

During the past year I have made two rather extensive tours, besides several that were shorter, in which I attended eighty-one meetings expressly appointed, and specially devoted to the objects of the Bible Societies; and many others where these objects were incidentally introduced in hope of advancing the interests of the cause.

In Margaret's Bay three meetings were held, and numerous attended. At the last, (on the 25th of March) a Society was formed, and the names of eighty-nine subscribers obtained, with the understanding that it would go into full operation at the close of the summer.

At Chester a large and interesting meeting was held on the 27th of March. Forty-one names of subscribers were obtained, and a new impulse seemed to be given to the cause. Nine pounds were remitted by this Society last June.

The Society in Lunenburg has paid over to the Treasurer £18 18s. 2d. besides £6 3s. 6d. by the Rev. Mr. Cochran, during the year, partly on the purchase account. A good stock of books will therefore be on hand, which is requisite for supplying the new settlements of the county. A very good meeting, attended by the four Protestant Ministers of the Town, was held on the 23rd of May.

At Bridgewater, a full meeting was obtained in a large school-house, and a society formed on the 18th of May. Twenty-four names of subscribers were cheerfully given in, and though nothing has yet been remitted, there is reason to hope for more active operations during the year.

The Society at Mill Village was formed in my first tour, and another meeting was held on the 24th of last May, but the pressure of the times has been so severely felt there, that no remittance has yet been made.

At Liverpool a very interesting meeting was held on the 28th of May, and means were adopted for supplying some remote settlements where great destitution of the Scriptures prevailed. There are many subscribers on the list of this Branch, and more it is hoped will be obtained. Contributions to the amount of £12 3s. 11d. were recently remitted.

At Shelburne nothing had been done since the Branch was formed, but the President (the Rev. Mr. Byers) accompanied me in visiting the subscribers, who readily and cheerfully paid their contributions to the amount of £6 0s. 7½d. A good meeting was held on the 30th May.

A meeting of unusual interest was held at Barrington on the 4th of June, and another on the 5th. The former was attended by two resident ministers, and the Rev. Mr. Forrester from Halifax. A remittance of Twenty Pounds was recently made by this Branch, accompanied by a very interesting Report.

At Yarmouth and Chebogue two very good meetings were held on the 11th and 12th of June. This Auxiliary, which was once numerous and flourishing, as also the Ladies' Association here, had suffered much from a division, a little before my first visit. But their operations have been resumed with increasing zeal and activity, which give promise of future prosperity.

The little Society at Weymouth remitted Five Pounds the first year; and though the extreme depression of the times had retarded its operations, two excellent meetings were held on the 14th and 15th of June, and another Five Pounds has been lately paid in.

In Digby I found nothing had been done since my former visit. A meeting was appointed, but was exceedingly small. On application to the subscribers however, every sum which had been promised, was paid down

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On the 20th of June a meeting was held, and a considerable degree of interest excited at Westport. I was invited to return at a more favourable season, and form a Society, which I hope shortly to do.

At Sandy Cove a very lively meeting was held, and an interesting Society formed on the 21st of June. And though nothing in the way of remittance has been done, I hope this Branch will soon be in active and efficient operation.

At Clements means were adopted for the formation of a Branch, but could not be carried out till I can revisit the place. A good meeting was held and a warm feeling expressed.

From Annapolis contributions were received the first year, to the amount of Seven Pounds. But the Society has since imported some Bibles and Testaments from St. John. A meeting was held on the 26th of June, and though the attendance was small, a feeling of much interest was manifested.

At Bridgetown a meeting was held on the 27th of June, attended by four ministers of the Gospel. All present seemed to enter into its spirit, and future prosperity was expected to result. Three Pounds were recently remitted to Halifax, and there is hope of more extended operations.

The Lawrencetown Branch has been very successful, but our last meeting, on the 2d of July, was rendered small by the occurrence of three funerals in the neighbourhood on the same evening. This Branch remitted Seven Pounds last year, and Ten Pounds this. Two other meetings were held in the same Township.

In Aylesford a meeting was held on the South Mountain on the 4th of July, and another in the large school-house in the valley on the 5th. Both were very good, the latter exceedingly interesting. Two ministers were present. Some subscriptions were paid down, but no remittance from this Branch has been yet received.

The Cornwallis Branch has been very active since it was formed. Quarterly meetings have been regularly held, one of which on the 10th of July, I attended. Many were present, and three resident ministers took part in the proceedings, which were very interesting. Fourteen Pounds were remitted at one time last year, and £12 10s. since.

At Horton a meeting was held on the 9th of July. Two ministers and the principal officers of the Branch were present, and it was hoped that active operations would follow. But shortly afterwards the President wrote me to say, he had done his best to carry out the object, but could not succeed, and wished me to come again as soon as I could. I returned in March and found the officers more encouraged, and invited several influential persons to join them; and since that time seventeen pounds have been collected, and remitted to the Treasurer in Halifax.

At Windsor subscriptions had been promised and part of them paid in, but nothing remitted, nor was any meeting held on my last visit, because the principal office-bearers were from home. This Branch it is hoped will be active and regular in future. A fine field is before them.

In Newport two excellent meetings were held, on the 11th and 12th of March. At the suggestion of some zealous friends an Association was

formed at Avondale. A list of subscriptions amounting to seven pounds was readily obtained, (thirty shillings of which have since been remitted) and also a new list for the upper part of the Township, of nearly the same amount, £4 7s. of which was immediately paid down.

The Society at Rawdon had remained inactive, till our meeting on the 27th of August, after which, operations were commenced amidst many difficulties, and £5 5s. was collected and remitted.

At Maitland £11 4s. 9d. had been collected and paid over the first year, but the operations of the Society were interrupted by the resignation of some of its officers. A meeting was held on the 24th of August, but nothing effective could be done. Since that time most of the former office-bearers and subscribers united, and formed a new Branch, which has already collected and remitted nine pounds.

The Truro Branch has done nothing this year, on account of the principal officer being from home.

At Stewiacke the working of the Society has been continued as usual, under the active superintendance of the Rev. Mr. Smith, who recently remitted on its behalf £10 10s.

At Lower and Middle Musquodoboit, meetings were held on the 6th and 7th of September. From the lower settlement, which had not been visited before, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Peart, thirty names were added to the subscription list; and the co-operation of the Rev. Mr. Sedgwick, recently inducted as Pastor of two large congregations, will be of consequence to the future operations of the Society. A remittance of £4 2s. 2d. was made soon after the meetings.

At Upper Musquodoboit a meeting was held on the 10th of September, and the Rev. Mr. Sedgwick appointed President of the Branch. Other important measures were adopted, which are likely to result in the more efficient working of the Society. A remittance of four pounds was also made during the year.

A very large and most interesting meeting was held in the Rev. Mr. Campbell's Church at Glenelg, on the 13th of September. Ninety-two names were added to the list of subscribers obtained at Sherbrooke the previous year. Seven pounds were since collected and remitted by this Branch, (St. Mary's and Sherbrooke) and more may be expected in future.

At Guysborough a large and interesting meeting was held in the Town Hall, on the 20th September. The Rev. Mr. Buckley and the Rev. Mr. Whidden attended and rendered efficient help. From this Branch ten pounds, and from the Ladies' Association twelve pounds, were remitted during the year.

At Cape Canso, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Whidden, an excellent meeting was held on the 17th of September, (the first of the kind in this place,) and a very promising Society was formed, which has since remitted £3 5s.

On the 21st of September a good meeting was held in Manchester. Three pounds had been remitted before, and two pounds more were then in hand, and have been paid over since.

At the Strait of Canso, with the assistance of the Rev. Messrs. Rand and Ross, a most lively meeting was held on the 24th of September, and a remittance of £6 was shortly afterwards made.

On reaching Arichat I found nothing had been done, and the President of the Society deemed it impossible to carry out successfully the operations commenced the previous year. But on visiting the subscribers, my application was received with the utmost cordiality. In the course of the day I obtained eight pounds and nine pence including a small amount already in the hands of the Treasurer.

In Sydney I was again favoured with the valuable co-operation of the Rev. Mr. Rand, at a large meeting in the Court house on the 1st of October. A deep feeling was manifested throughout, and several subscriptions were handed in at the time. Other subscribers were visited next day, and with some small sums in hand £7 12s. 1½d. was obtained.

At North Sydney a meeting was held on the 3rd of October. The attendance was good, and the disposition manifested, warm and cheering. Forty-one names were given in as subscribers to the Sydney Mines Branch. On the 4th another meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church at the Mines. Some additional contributions were obtained, and many present expressed much interest in the cause. Subscribers were called upon, with the same results as at Sydney and Arichat, and £5 15s. 5d. was obtained. And since that time £4 12s. 6d. collected by Miss Moore, has also been remitted.

I visited St. Ann's, and found the Rev. Mr. McLeod, and the Ladies Bible Association there, preparing to make their annual returns. Twenty-two pounds have been remitted during the year.

At Margarie a meeting was held in the Rev. Mr. Hart's Church, on the 12th of October, which was well attended. An ardent disposition towards the cause was manifested, and four pounds were collected and remitted. Another meeting was held in the lower settlement where a similar feeling was evinced.

The small society at Mabou had scarcely begun its operations. A meeting was held in the Rev. Mr. Miller's Church on the 17th, and some of the most influential residents were visited, which seemed to give a new impulse to the cause: £4 8s. 2½d. was shortly afterwards remitted.

At Port Hood the society is still smaller, yet our meeting in the Rev. Mr. Calder's Church on the 19th, seemed warm and interesting. Three pounds have been remitted during the year.

On visiting Antigonish I was advised to return and hold a meeting in the winter if I wished to form a society. I did so, and gave notice for a meeting to be held in the Baptist Chapel on the 29th of January last, but a severe snow storm prevented it.

A very good meeting was held on the following day at Merigomish, notwithstanding the heavy snow storm of the day previous, which well nigh prevented my reaching it. The Rev. Mr. Miller rendered effective assistance, and all present seemed zealous for the advancement of the cause. This society is a Branch of Pictou, and in all the other Branches of that Auxiliary, as in Pictou itself, meetings were held and attended by the resident ministers and other influential persons in their several localities, who evinced the most ardent desire to promote the revival of the cause. These meetings were held at New Glasgow, East River of Pictou, Town of Pictou, West River, River John, New Annan, Tatamagouche, Wallace, (two meetings were held here, at one of which £4 12s.

was paid in,) Pugwash and River Philip. At this last place indeed, though two meetings were appointed, both were frustrated by storms &c. but a small sum was collected and remitted by this Branch also, to the Treasurer in Pictou. In all these places enlightened views are entertained, and cordial feelings expressed on the subject of circulating the Holy Scriptures.

At Amherst and Nappan, meetings were held on the 3rd and 4th of January, but were small from the imperfection of the notice. The Branch here however, which is connected with the Auxiliary at St. John, is considered to be in a flourishing state.

At Parrsborough a meeting was held on the 31st Decr. and adjourned to the following day. The Society here is small yet gradually advancing. A warm feeling for the cause was expressed,—and a remittance of £3 7s. 2d. was made shortly after my visit. In this place the depression of the times has been most severely felt, or more would have been collected.

The Branch at Five Islands is still smaller, and had remained dormant until our meeting (on the 18th of February) excited a disposition of activity and zeal. Amidst much depression and difficulty a small fund was raised sufficient to commence operations, and give to the cause, even here, “a local habitation and a name.”

At Economy a meeting was held on the 19th of February, in the Rev. Mr. Watson's Church; and though small on account of heavy rain, it was highly encouraging. Three pounds were afterwards collected and remitted.

A meeting was held in the Rev. Mr. Bayne's Church at Portupique, on the 20th of February, and another at Londonderry on the 21st, which, though not numerously attended, gave evidence of a growing interest in the cause on the part of many. Eight pounds have been contributed by this Branch.

At Folly Village, Upper Londonderry, a small but interesting meeting was held on the 21st February, in the Rev. Mr. Ross' Church, and means were devised for giving increased activity to the Society. Thirty shillings had been collected and paid over the previous year, but a larger remittance is expected to be made as soon as the means referred to can be carried into operation.

Other meetings were held and preparatory measures adopted in various parts of the country, with the hope of forming additional Societies during the ensuing year.

Some pleasing considerations connected with the foregoing facts should not be overlooked. There are now in the Province more than fifty Depositories, where copies of the Sacred Scriptures are constantly kept on sale at the present low prices of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Many thousands of Bibles and Testaments have indeed been distributed through the length and breadth of the land within the last few years, so that every Protestant family in the principal settlements has one or more copies; but now the more recently settled, and most obscure places, where some destitution still prevails, as also the younger members of families and Sabbath schools in every part, can be supplied on such terms that all may obtain them whatever be their circumstances. And there are a great

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number of zealous and active ministers of the Gospel of the different denominations, and many of the most pious and influential of their several congregations, who have not only shown me, as the agent of your Society, the utmost kindness, and rendered me all the assistance in their power, but have identified themselves with the blessed cause, and are now engaged in carrying out its important objects. And what is still more,—the countenance and blessing of the Almighty, have not been withheld from our meetings and operations in general, nor need we fear they will be, if we persevere in this good work with a sincere desire to promote his glory and the salvation of mankind.

From this cursory review there is much cause for gratitude to God, and ground for hope that enlarged success will crown the labours of all the Branches and Associations in future. To accomplish this I have constantly urged upon the attention of the office-bearers and others, the necessity and importance of regular and systematic operations when my agency shall have ceased. By these means, and the blessing of that God whose cause it is, may the object contemplated be fully attained.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC SMITH,

Travelling Agent.

HALIFAX, 10th May, 1850.

FROM MISS NEWTON.

SECRETARY OF THE GUYSBOROUGH LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

February 4th 1850.

In being permitted to address you, at this *new era*, on the important subject of the Bible Society, I am led to wonder at the great mercy of God! in sparing an unworthy worm so many years, to be thus honoured and occupied; feeling, that gratitude and praise should inspire my heart and pen.

Every succeeding year confirms me, in a view, not only of the vast importance of a circulation of the Sacred Volume "without note or comment," but also of the excellency of the Parent Institution, in that it recognises no *sect or party*; but while it would have all, as one general family contribute to its resources, so in its unrestricted Benevolence, it dispenses the divine bounty to "every nation, and kindred, and people, and tongue." The visit of your Society's most devoted agent, in September last, was gratefully welcomed by our Association, and as usual, an important public meeting held; at which, abundant matter was brought forward by Mr. Smith, calculated to induce lively interest in the objects of the Society, and to impress a solemn sense of individual responsibility, and obligation to concur with a work so manifestly originating in the divine will, and bearing, so conspicuously inscribed on the divine Providences, the sanction of the Almighty! I have only to lament, as I always do, in making our remittance, the smallness of the sum forwarded. And in a view of the infinite and eternal benefits resulting to fallen man, through the Sacred Scriptures, the circulation of which we seem but so feebly to aid,

I am ready to exclaim—O Lord, lay not this sin to our charge!—and would breathe, as in the language of the Poet:—

“Blest river of Salvation!
Pursue thy onward way;
Flow thou to every nation,
Nor in thy richness stay!”

Dear Sir, I have just detected my strange inadvertency in not primarily, having acknowledged with thanks, your last most kind communication, and beg you to excuse, what I can scarcely excuse myself for. You recognise the receipt of our remittance in the same, and speak very kindly and encouragingly, of our little doings, which may the Lord in mercy pardon and accept!—for his name’s sake.

Abstract of the Eighth Report of the Barrington Branch Bible Society, including notices of its proceedings from the commencement.

Winthrop Sargent, Esq., *President.*

The Rev. E. Reynolds,

The Rev. J. Forsyth,

Josiah Coffin, Esq.

Mr. Robert Hogg,

Josiah Coffin, Esq., *Treasurer.*

Dr. J. K. Wilson, *Secretary.*

} *Vice-Presidents.*

This Society was formed in 1841, and has continued its operations from that time to the present, and has distributed 368 Bibles and 588 Testaments, 29 Bibles and 7 Testaments gratuitously, and 339 Bibles and 581 Testaments at the Society’s lowest prices. It has remitted to the Auxiliary in Halifax during that period £45 in free contributions, and £101 13s. 2d. on the purchase account.

Though the depression of the times has been felt in Barrington, as in other places, which led to a great falling off in the number of contributors, the office-bearers have still kept the Society in operation; and of late its meetings and communications, have evinced a degree of good feeling and activity, which indicate a growing prosperity, and give promise of increasing efficiency in future.

The following list of Subscribers is expected to be much enlarged.

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Coffin, Sarah	0 5 0	Hogg, Robert (2 years)	0 10 0
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