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# LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

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- 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.

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## LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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## 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 will be held every year, before which shall be laid the accounts and proceedings of the preceeding 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.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, LIEUT. GOVERNOR, PATRON.

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WILLIAM PRYOR, Jr. Esq. } Vice-Presidents.

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S. L. SHANNON, Esq., Secretary.  
ISAAC SMITH, Esq., Assistant Secretary.

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" JOHN MARTIN,  
" P. G. MCGREGOR,  
" J. C. COCHRAN,  
" EDMUND MATHURIN,  
" D. FREEMAN,  
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## Life Members.

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

The Hon. CHAS. PRESCOTT,  
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AT THE  
 THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY  
 OF THE  
 NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

HELD IN TEMPERANCE HALL, HALIFAX, 6th MAY, 1887.

The President, Rev. Dr. TWINING, in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev Edmund Maturin. Opening address by the President.

The Report of the Committee having been read by the Secretary, it was, on the motion of the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, seconded by J. G. A. Creighton, Esq.,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

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

On motion of Rev. Professor Tomkins, seconded by Rev. Mr. England,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this meeting desires to acknowledge, with humble gratitude to Almighty God, the blessings conferred on the Parent Society during the last year—and regards the present aspect of the world as calling loudly, for redoubled exertions, on all who value *His Holy Word* and desire its circulation throughout the nations of the earth.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Isaac Smith,

## RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this meeting desires to thank the several Branch Societies and Ladies' Associations connected with this Auxiliary for their contributions during the past year; and earnestly solicits their continued support.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crisp, seconded by T. A. S. Dewolf, Esq.,

## RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the following gentlemen be the office-bearers of this Society for the ensuing year, viz:—Rev. J. T. Twining, D. D., *President*; Hon. J. W. Johnston, Martin G. Black, Esq., James W. Nutting, Esq., Wm. Pryor, Junr., Esq., *Vice-Presidents*; Martin Gay Black, Esq., *Treasurer*; S. L. Shannon, Esq., *Secretary*; Mr. Isaac Smith, *Assistant-Secretary*. *Committee*: Rev. John Scott, Rev. R. F. Uniacke, Rev. John Martin, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Rev. J. C. Coehran, Rev. Edmund Maturin, Rev. D. Freeman, Rev. C. Churchill, Rev. Professor Tomkins, Rev. J. England, Rev. J. Hunter, Rev. S. N. Bentley, Hon. M. B. Almon, Hon. Hugh Bell, Hon. W. A. Black, Dr. Avery, David Allison, Esq., J. H. Anderson, Esq., A. McKinlay, Esq., Henry Pryor, Esq., S. Selden, Esq., T. A. Brown, Esq., W. C. Silver, Esq., T. A. S. De Wolf, Esq., James Thomson, Esq., J. G. A. Creighton, Esq., Charles Robson, Esq., Peter Lynch, Esq., John W. Ritchie, Esq., P. C. Hill, Esq., J. C. Cogswell, Esq., Nepean Clarke, Esq., George H. Starr, Esq., John T. Thomas, Esq., Mr. McEwen.

The Meeting was closed by the President with the Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction.

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## REPORT.

AFTER the interval of two years, the Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society have once more the pleasure of meeting their friends and patrons, and submitting the following Report of their proceedings during the period just named.

Your Committee were desirous of having their usual Annual Meeting last year, but as they hoped to have the services of their Agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, who was then engaged in behalf of the Auxiliary Societies in the sister province of New Brunswick, they postponed the period of their meeting until the season became too far advanced for them to hold it. The want of the customary labors of their Agent was seriously felt, especially in the several Branch Societies, but as Mr. Smith has again resumed his connexion with the auxiliary and has been employed in a tour of visitation during the past winter, they feel encouraged that through his instrumentality, under Providence, their sphere of usefulness will not only continue but be greatly augmented.

Adopting their usual custom, before proceeding to notice the circumstances of their own Auxiliary, they will advert to the proceedings of the Parent Society during the past year as detailed in their report. And amid the difficulties which have surrounded so many societies and individuals during the past few years, it is gratifying to find that the light of God's countenance has ever shone upon the British and Foreign Bible Society, and that never was it so marked as during the past year. They say that they have not to record the depressing tale of divided counsels, defeated plans, or mortifying failure. The more delightful duty which falls to their privilege, is that of detailing the innumerable proofs of blessing and success with which God has been pleased to honour the operations of the Society, during another year. In the wide field of labour over which its agency spreads, there can be traced no symptom of collapse or feebleness in the energy and zeal with which the great work is prosecuted, nor any failure in that earnest desire for the Holy Scriptures, which it is the design of the Society to meet and to supply. And if, on former occasions, the Committee could announce the wonderful effects resulting from the circulation of the inspired oracles, they have the satisfaction of feeling that their report would bear an unimpaired testimony to the power of Divine truth, and be replete with facts of the deepest interest,—facts which demonstrate that there is an efficacy in the Bible peculiar to itself, and by which the most marvellous and blessed transformations are accomplished.

In referring to France, the parent Committee state, that if there be one country more than another to which they can refer as affording indubitable proof of the Divine blessing on their labors, that country is France. There the Society has liberally applied its resources for a series of years, and with a degree of success which must inspire gratitude to the giver of every good and perfect gift. If it were needful to argue for the expediency of the simple circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment, the Committee would point to France, where the modern triumphs of religion have been achieved, to a very great extent, by the Bible, disseminated through the agency of colportage, without any of those means of explanations and enforcement so readily obtained in our own country. Who does not admit that the amount of religious faith, feeling, and practice in France, at the present day, is very far indeed in advance of what it was thirty years ago? And who will deny that the labors of the Society have been one essential means in producing such a result? The excellent and indefatigable agent, M. de Pressensé, records the operations of the year as exhibiting a circulation of 120,644 copies, yielding satisfactory evidence that the Divine promise still holds good—"My word shall not return unto me void, but shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

M. de Pressensé alludes in his report to the special work of the year in relation to the military. Authority was given by the Committee for gratis distributions of the New Testament, to such men as were proceeding to the Crimea and gave evidence of a desire to possess the Scriptures, while to others, copies were to be offered at a greatly reduced price. The Agent availed himself of the liberty thus accorded to him, and various measures were adopted to give circulation to the Scriptures in the camps and at the ports of embarkation. A very considerable distribution has thus been effected in France by the Society.

The records of colportage in France are, as usual, replete with facts of touching and beautiful interest. They bring to light many an instance of the marvellous power of Divine truth over the human conscience and affections: they illustrate the joy that is shed over the home of affliction by the consolations of the Gospel of peace; they shew that circumstances, in themselves apparently insignificant, create a wide spread desire for the Scriptures, and at the same time prove how excellent is the influence produced by the devout demeanor and self-denying labors of the humble colporteur.

The work in Belgium, Holland, and Germany, continues to advance at the usual rate of progress. Amid many discouragements the work of colportage goes on, and the word of life is being every day more and more disseminated. An interesting circumstance connected with Bible distribution occurred on the visit of the King of Prussia to Cologne for the purpose of laying the first stone of the bridge which is to span the Rhine. On this occasion the agent of the Society, Mr. Millard, sought an introduction to his Majesty, that he might offer for his acceptance a copy of a new

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edition of the German Bible just completed at Cologne, on account of the Society. His Majesty was graciously pleased to honour Mr. Millard with an interview, and received him with marked courtesy. The Bible was accepted; and after listening to some details of what is being effected in connexion with the Cologne Agency, the King was pleased to express his royal satisfaction at the efforts made by the British and Foreign Bible Society for the circulation of the Scriptures in his dominions. The fact of the King having accepted the copy of a particular Bible, has imparted to the edition a large amount of popularity. Inquiries are constantly made for the "King's Bible," a designation by which it is now generally known. In the course of a few months an edition of 25,000 copies has been nearly exhausted.

In reference to Russia the Committee felt that the circumstances of war could not annihilate or separate the obligations of Christianity. They were anxious to avail themselves of whatever facilities remained for the circulation of the Scriptures in Russia, and they could state with pleasure that the operations of the past year there, notwithstanding the peculiar and trying circumstances of the country, were on a scale far surpassing the expectations they had ventured to entertain. Mr. Mirrilees, who had taken charge of the Society's affairs, after the withdrawal of the regular agent, states that, without exception, the past year had been the most interesting he had known in connection with Bible-distribution. The following sketch of some of the appropriations made at St. Petersburg will be read with interest:

- 116 copies for English prisoners of war at Voronish and Chakoff.  
 501 " to the Empress of Russia for distribution amongst sick and wounded soldiers in the Crimea.  
 1675 " for Russian soldiers, sailors, and recruits.

The political changes which had occurred in Spain induced the Committee to avail themselves of any openings that might be presented. A correspondent in Gibraltar, who was also directing his attention to the same objects, had in part anticipated the wishes of the Committee by dispatching into Spain every available copy of the Scriptures, and employing a Colporteur to distribute them. By this means a considerable number was at once put into circulation, and for some time the Colporteur was permitted to offer them for sale in an important district of Andalusia with entire success. The Committee were encouraged from these circumstances to commence the printing and publishing an edition of the Scriptures in Spain, with reasonable probability of its being extensively circulated. Recent occurrences, however, in that country would lead to the apprehension that this anticipation has hardly been realized.

The operations of the year in Switzerland and Northern Italy furnish gratifying evidence of a progressive work—an increased appreciation, on the part of the people, of the value of the Bible, and a corresponding desire to possess it. The issues reported by Lieut. Graydon compare favorably with those of the preceding

year, showing an increased circulation of several thousands. The number of copies dispersed amounts to 22,174 copies, exclusive of 3,500 copies furnished by him for distribution among Sardinian soldiers proceeding to the seat of war, and of 4,767 Italian Testaments forwarded to the Malta depot for the same object.

It will afford, says the Committee, matter of sincere gratification to the friends of the Society to be informed that the depot at Nice is confined to the care of M. Francesco Madiari, a name prominently associated with attachment to the Bible cause in Italy. The Committee repose entire confidence in this excellent individual, whose cruel persecutions in the dungeons of Tuscany will be fresh in the memory of all, and they believe the appointment will work advantageously for the interests of the Society.

Turning to the East, the Committee state that at their request Mr. Lowndes undertook a journey, during the past year, to Egypt, Syria, &c., for the purpose of collecting information as to the progress of the Bible work, and to ascertain personally whether any measures could be devised for a more enlarged circulation of the Scriptures in those lands. This journey occupied three months, and in every spot visited Mr. Lowndes perceived pleasing proofs of religious progress, as compared with the period when he had previously passed over the country. At the close of his journey he reports that the prospects of Scripture dissemination are encouraging. The circulation goes increasingly forward. In consequence of Mission and other Schools, the number of persons capable of reading in the East is greatly increasing, and in many cases the word of God is the only book to which they can have access. Jews have a great respect for the Old Testament, and some will read the New. Moslems never had their minds embittered against any part of Divine truth, and instances in the present day are not wanting in which they prefer the Bible to the Koran, regarding the latter as containing a mass of unmeaning fables.

In reference to Turkey the Committee say, What friend of the Bible does not rejoice that this Society has been enabled to put forth its resources at a time like the present, and, by the ready application of its means, meet the very large demands for the Scriptures which have arisen? The last Report describes some of the measures adopted by the Committee to provide for the exigency of the occasion. Mr. Barker was transferred from Smyrna to Constantinople, and two Colporteurs were sent forth to labor in any sphere selected by the Committee of the Auxiliary Bible Society. Through the entire year the utmost activity has prevailed at the Bible depot at Stamboul, and every appliance has been put into requisition to keep pace with the urgent appeals for Scriptures which have poured in from all quarters. The result will show an extent of circulation truly cheering. The agency of the Society has been most comprehensive in its action. It has ministered to the wants of our own countrymen. It has embraced within its range of sympathy French and Sardinians. It has circulated the Scriptures among the mixed and motly population that throngs the city of the Sultan. And its special solicitude has been directed to the Turks themselves, to whom the Bible has been

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With reference to this latter circumstance, Mr. Barker says:— Among the many interesting features of our work, which have come to cheer the hearts of those who love the Word, is the desire of many Turks to be made acquainted with the "Book of Truth." During the past year, not fewer than 1,278 copies of the Scriptures were circulated, almost entirely by sale, amongst the Turks at Constantinople, Smyrna, and elsewhere in the interior of Asia Minor; whilst during thirty-five years that I have been the Society's agent in Turkey, I should be afraid to say, that 35 copies of the Scriptures were accepted as gifts by the followers of the false prophet. This unexpected blessing on our work in Turkey has since been followed by the imperial firman, lately issued, in which liberty of conscience has been also granted to Turks! Must we not, therefore, conclude that the Lord is preparing great things for these benighted lands? The agent of the Society received, from the Committee, instructions to furnish such supplies to the troops as were necessary; to use every means to place the Scriptures in the possession of all who were found destitute, and were willing to accept a copy. This arrangement applied to all sections of the army, French and Sardinian, no less than British; to the hospitals as well as to the camps. The result of the effort was most cheering. By the means of the persons employed, tens of thousands of New Testaments have been dispersed among those who have gratefully appreciated the boon. A number of interesting incidents connected with this distribution are given in the Parent Society's Report, but one or two will suffice for this brief outline.

Mr. Costabel writes,—“I went only once to the French Camp at Mâslak, because just now there are few troops occupying it. On my way thither I met five or six soldiers coming to Constantinople; I put several questions to them, amongst which, I enquired if the Testaments I distributed in their camp were read or not? ‘Read,’ replied one of them, ‘assuredly so, and for this some have been threatened to be punished.’ Having manifested my surprise, he continued, ‘Ah, Monsieur, it is not because they read them, for all the world does so; but because they read to a late hour, even till one o'clock, after midnight.’”

The distribution to the Sardinian troops was equally interesting. The soldiers, away from their own country and exposed to the perils of warfare, evinced the utmost eagerness to obtain the Scriptures, and on ascertaining the abode of the Colporteur, resorted thither to put in their claim for a New Testament,—a book which few of them ever handled before.

A correspondent, who was engaged in this distribution, thus writes from Balaklava:

“In the present fulness of my heart, I feel that, if I am to leave this peninsula to-morrow, for the first time in my life I could be satisfied with what our Father has enabled me to do, and that I could say, ‘I have finished the work thou gavest me to do;’ such is the extraordinary extent to which His truth has been disseminated, and is evidently taking root. If, this evening after tattoo,

you could accompany me to a neighbouring Sardinian camp, and stroll about, apparently careless as to what was going on around you, but endeavoured to obtain a side glance into any one of the soldier's huts, you would see a sight you could never forget, the recollection of which would always fill you with renewed joy and thankfulness. Most nights, soon after the retreat is sounded, the men kindle a light, generally three or four lights to each hut; they then all sit down, settle themselves as well as they can, take their New Testament, open it, and, in the midst of a profound silence, read it until late at night, after a while laying it aside to peruse some good Gospel paper that has been given to them. 'It appears like a church,' remarked a young corporal to me, 'the same thing occurs every night, and the camp is at this hour peculiarly still.' I was myself deeply moved at this sight, and really my faith never went so far as to anticipate our seeing a whole battalion of infantry occupied in reading the Word of Life, which maketh wise unto salvation."

From Jerusalem the Committee have been favored with interesting communications from Bishop Gobat, who is vigorously pursuing his various plans of christian usefulness. In his correspondence he adverts to several most encouraging instances of the results following the reading of the Bible among Moslems as well as Greek Christians.

From India the accounts continue to be most encouraging. In all the Auxiliary Societies in this country great efforts are being made to establish a system of colportage which will be the means of effecting a more enlarged distribution of the Scriptures. The principal difficulty is the want of a sufficient number of competent laborers to undertake so great an enterprise among the population of India.

China still continues to occupy a large share of the attention of the Committee. They state that the peculiar junction of political affairs in this country, two years since, and the supposed strong infusion of the religious element into the insurgent movement, raised the expectation of a great work being accomplished in a comparatively short period of time. In that expectation the Committee showed, though not so fully as to induce them to believe, that the large funds placed at their disposal could be very rapidly appropriated. All the bright hopes that were excited have not been realized. All the facilities anticipated for diffusing, far and wide, the Scriptures, have not been presented. The issue of the great political movement is still problematical, nor can the Committee ascertain how far the so-called rebel chiefs are aiding, by their own efforts, in the printing and circulation of the inspired Scriptures. But though unable to report all they could desire, or all that their friends may expect, the Committee can announce considerable, and, they think, satisfactory progress in the development of the 'million' scheme.

Passing over many interesting portions of the work, we hasten to consider the home operations of the Parent Society. In reference to their funds, the Committee state that it is with unfeigned gratitude to Him who disposes the heart to devise liberal things,

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they announce the largest regular income the Society has ever received. The entire receipts of the year amount to £130,438 7s. 10d. From this, however, must be deducted £1,712 17s. 9d., additional contributions to the Jubilee and China Funds, leaving £128,725 10s. 1d., as the year's receipts from ordinary sources being £4,247 0s. 7d., in excess of the previous year.

The issues of the Society have surpassed those of any former year, reaching the unprecedented number of 1,474,394. The increase of circulation, as compared with the last year, amounted to 23,518 copies.

The total issues of the Society now amount to 30,863,901.

We now turn to our own Auxiliary. As has been mentioned in the commencement of this Report, the Annual Meeting did not take place last year, and we have, therefore, to notice the operations of our own Society and its Branches during the past two years.

On reference to the Treasurer's accounts, it will be found that there were received from the various Branch Societies, during the year 1855, the sum of £114 14s.; from the Ladies' Associations £108; from N. E. Margarie for the Jubilee Fund, £5; from the Mayflower Bible Association, in connection with the Brunswick Street Methodist Sunday School, £3; from sales and collection at the Annual Meeting, £81 6s. 9d.; from subscriptions and donations at Halifax, £82 5s. 10d.

The following is an abstract of the receipts of the Auxiliary, during the year 1856, viz:

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| From the several Branch Societies, including   |       |          |
| Ladies' Association at Guysborough,            | £171  | 15 3/4   |
| Subscriptions in Halifax,                      | 90    | 18 9     |
| St. Matthew's Church Ladies' Association,      | 12    | 0 0      |
| Halifax Ladies' Association,                   | 75    | 0 0      |
| Mayflower Association, Brunswick St. Methodist |       |          |
| Sunday School,                                 | 8     | 1 5      |
| Sales at Depository,                           | 60    | 19 5     |
| Sales at Wesleyan Book-Room,                   | 13    | 7 9      |
| Bequest of the late James Hamilton, Esq.,      | 100   | 0 0      |
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|  | £526  | 17 7 1/2 |

During the year 1855 the Committee were enabled, by the receipts, to remit to the Parent Society the sum of £100 sterling, and in the year 1856 the further sum of £200 sterling, as free contributions to the Parent Society's funds, and the Treasurer, on the 31st of December last, reported a balance on hand of £208 4s. 0 1/2d.

The distribution of the Scriptures in this Auxiliary, during the past two years has been as follows:

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| Received from the Parent Society in 1855, | Bibles. | Testaments |
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## DISTRIBUTION.

|                                |       | Bibles. | Testaments. |      |      |
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| Furnished to Branch Societies, | 1855, | 861     | 1005        |      |      |
| Do. do.                        | 1856, | 365     | 281         | 1226 | 1286 |
| To Ladies' Association,        | 1855, | 65      | 29          |      |      |
| Do. do.                        | 1856, | 33      | 18          | 98   | 47   |
| To Sabbath Schools, gratis,    | 1855, | 97      | 172         |      |      |
| Do. do.                        | 1856, | 131     | 47          | 228  | 219  |
| To City Missionary,            | 1855, |         |             | 27   | 25   |
| To Soldiers of Egn. Legion,    | 1855, |         |             | 151  | 46   |
| To the poor,                   | 1856, |         |             | 116  | 88   |
| Cash sales at Depository,      | 1855, | 349     | 362         |      |      |
| Do. do.                        | 1856, | 255     | 358         | 604  | 720  |
|                                |       |         |             |      |      |
|                                |       |         |             | 2450 | 2429 |

Total distribution, 2 years, { Bibles 2450  
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There are still remaining on hand in the Depository 2511 Bibles, and 2608 Testaments.

From the financial statement it will be seen that there has been a great increase in the Branch Societies during the year 1856. This was owing, in a great measure, to the presence of our agent, Mr. Smith, who resumed his engagement with the Committee last autumn, and who has been employed during the whole winter in visiting many of the Branch Societies, and sustaining their exertions in the good cause. The necessity for a yearly visitation has been strikingly exemplified by the difference in the returns of the last two years, and the Committee trust that they will be able for the future to keep up this visitation at least for six months in each year.

The Committee would again gratefully acknowledge the liberality evinced by the two Ladies' Associations in this city, and by the Ladies' Association at Guysborough.

They have also great pleasure in announcing to their friends that the Rev. Dr. Twining has kindly acceded to their wishes and consented to become the President of their Society. Your Committee have no doubt that this appointment will be hailed with satisfaction by the various Branch Societies; and they trust that, under God, it will be the means of still further increasing the usefulness of their institution.

The Committee cannot close this report without mentioning that their funds were materially increased during the past year by the Legacy of £100, which was bequeathed to them by the late James Hamilton, Esq., of this City.

Your Committee trust that the brief reference which they have made to the wonderful efforts of the Parent Society in the distribution of the Word of Life, and the details which they have given of our own humble operations, will induce the friends of the cause within the sphere of our own auxiliary still to persevere in the good work. The hand of God is manifestly in it, the prospects of

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success are most cheering, and the details of the operations most interesting to every Christian heart,—ought we not then to be more diligent and earnest than ever in our exertions to aid in spreading the light of the Gospel throughout the world by the instrumentality of this noble institution? With the firm confidence that this will be the determination of all connected with this Auxiliary your Committee close this brief statement.

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## APPENDIX.

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### EIGHTH REPORT OF THE HALIFAX LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

The commencement of another year calls upon us to review the past, and not only in our private, but in our public acts, to mark what record it has borne to Heaven. It is, therefore, our duty not only to ourselves and to our God, but to our kind friends and contributors, to record the fact that, as an Association, goodness and mercy have followed us through the year that is past; and that we have again met with a measure of success, proportioned not to our endeavours or abilities, we fear not even to our zeal, but to the noble object we have in hand.

It is true, our contributions after all are but a drop in the income of the Parent Society, but small successes call for thankfulness, and we rejoice in the proof that an Institution so blessed of God, is appreciated among us.

The past year furnishes the annals of the British and Foreign Bible Society with some extraordinary proofs of this blessing. Such liberality and munificence as have been shown in the cause, have never been surpassed, seldom equalled. Some noble instances have lately been brought before the public notice, and should be told wherever the Bible Society is known. One is that of an elderly lady, who, for nineteen years past, had been in the habit of making periodical visits to Earl Street, and depositing an anonymous gift. For several years these gifts had been large, amounting on each occasion to about 200 guineas, but lately they had been increased to about £600 per annum. Another most liberal contributor was a gentleman, who commenced with a donation of £20. In 1854, his year's gift had risen to over £2,700; in 1855, to £5665, and last January he intimated his readiness to make his donation either £13000 or £15000, adding that more would be forthcoming. But we have to tell, not of receipts only, but of

gifts corresponding to those receipts. One million five hundred thousand copies of the Word of God have been circulated during the past year. The Sardinian army have carried home with them from the Crimea 1800 copies.

The example of New Brunswick, our sister Province, has been the means of inciting us to good works on a former occasion. With pleasure we learn that, through the influence of our friend and former agent, Mr. I. Smith, 18 new Branch Societies have been formed there in the last year.

These are encouraging facts to the lovers of the Bible, and Bible distribution. May they strengthen us to go forward in the Lord's controversy, and to do more than we have ever done, to build up his Kingdom upon earth.

*The Halifax Ladies' Bible Association in account with the Treasurer.*

|       |                              |     |    |    |
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| 1856. | Dr.                          | £   | s. | d. |
|       | Paid N. S. Bible Society,    | 75  | 0  | 0  |
|       | Printing Reports, &c.,       | 2   | 2  | 6  |
|       | Incidental Expenses,         | 1   | 3  | 4½ |
|       | Balance,                     | 2   | 1  | 1½ |
|       |                              | £80 | 7  | 0  |
| 1855. | Cr.                          | £   | s. | d. |
|       | By Balance from 1855,        | 0   | 8  | 5½ |
|       | Subscriptions and Donations, | 79  | 18 | 6½ |
|       |                              | £80 | 7  | 0  |
|       | Balance in hand,             | 2   | 1  | 7½ |

M. A. BINNEY,  
Treasurer.

**OFFICE BEARERS.**

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## EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

### From Mr. Smith, the Travelling Agent.

My engagement for the present being completed, I beg to submit the following Report of my proceedings during the six months it occupied.

I arrived at Pictou on the 13th of November; but did not reach Halifax, being retarded by the state of the roads and unfavourable weather, until the 19th. By direction of the committee I entered upon a visitation to the Branch Societies in the Western parts of the Province, and returned to the city on the 21st of March. While on this tour I visited Twenty-two of the old Societies, formed five new Branches, and attended forty-two public meetings appointed specially for the promotion of my object. Subscriptions to the amount of nearly £120 were promised, (and much more was expected to be collected,) over sixty pounds of which I gathered up, and suitable persons were appointed to collect as extensively as might be found practicable. Arrangements were also made for replenishing the Depositories, and promoting the work of distribution of the Scriptures as circumstances might require.

The first meeting I attended took place at Windsor on the 28th of November, and was small for that place, the notice being unavoidably imperfect. This was the more to be regretted as was favoured with more efficient help than is usually at hand on such occasions. Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, David Scott, Esq., Rev. Mr. Murdoch, Rev. Dr. Richey, Rev. Mr. Mor- ton, Rev. Mr. Harris and others, with good effect. Resolutions for carrying out the object, re-electing officers, &c., were adopted, and all present seemed deeply interested. A collection of 20s. was taken at the close.

At Avondale our meeting was good, Nicholas Mosher, Senr. Esq., in the chair. Resolutions for reviving the operations of the Society were adopted, collectors appointed, subscriptions to the amount of £7 1s. promised, and £3 14s. 4d. paid over to me by the Treasurer. Here I had the very ready co-operation and help of the office bearers, and also of the Rev. Mr. Hart.

On the 8th of December a meeting was convened at Kennetcook, for the purpose of forming a Branch Society. Several addresses were delivered, Resolutions were adopted, office bearers chosen, and subscriptions promised to the amount of £6 3s. 1d.—£2 16s. 9d. of which was paid to me before I left the place. The Society was designated "The Kennetcook and Kempt Branch Bible Society." All present seemed to take a lively interest in the object, and the proceedings throughout were interesting and encouraging.

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At Newport a meeting—adjourned by unfavourable weather, from the 4th of December to the 9th—was held at the Temperance Hall, James Allison, Esq. in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. McNutt, Rev. Mr. Spike, Rev. Mr. Hart, and several other friends, and a feeling of interest was elicited which promised well for the advancement of the cause: £5 8s. 1d. was subscribed, and £1 14s. 4½d. paid. Collectors were also appointed to gather up contributions throughout the neighborhood.

At Horton a very good meeting was held, James N. Crane, Esq., in the chair, and the Society there was re-formed. Subscriptions to the amount of £10 were promised, £5 of which I received. Another meeting in connexion with the operations of this Branch, took place at Hantsport, Ezra Churchill, Esq., in the chair. By the kind assistance of the Rev. Mr. Rand, and his pupil-assistant, Benjamin Christmas the converted Mic Mac,—who gave a very interesting statement, evincing alike the adaptation of scripture truths to the instincts of the human mind, and their power when applied to develop its resources and advance its improvement,—the meeting was made very interesting. Contributions to the amount of £6 6s. 6d. were promised, £4 9s. of which I gathered up, and the remainder was to be collected and handed over to the Treasurer.

The Cornwallis Branch was re-organized, and designated "The Eastern Cornwallis Branch Bible Society." Several meetings had been appointed, but severe storms intervening, our plans were deranged. The one appointed to be held at Canning on the evening of the 27th of December was well attended, considering the circumstances, and rendered truly encouraging. On the same evening, a few miles distant, another meeting was held, the notice of which, I had been informed, could not be made public. It took place, however, and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Storrs with good effect. A list of subscriptions, amounting to £11 2s. 6d., was obtained for this Branch, and £5 4s. 4d. of it collected.

At Kentville, where a Branch Society had long been desired, a meeting was held on the 30th, Hon. John Morton in the chair. By the united assistance of the Rev. Mr. Yewens, Rev. Mr. Storrs, and several influential residents, this meeting was rendered effective, and a very promising Branch Society was formed. Collectors were also appointed, but the gathering up of contributions was deferred, and confided to the direction of the Committee.

Another Branch was formed on the following evening at Western Cornwallis. With the advice and efficient aid of the Rev. Mr. Sommerville and other kind friends, a very interesting meeting was held, James N. Silver, Esq., in the chair, and a Society likely to go into successful operation was organized,—£6 4s. 4½d. was subscribed, of which £3 18 ½d. was paid down.

At Aylesford, our meeting, though not large, was good. The Rev. Mr. Anguin, Rev. Mr. Holland, Nathan Tupper, Esq., and James Van Buskirk, Esq., spoke with admirable effect. The gathering up of contributions was left to the excellent collectors.

At Nictaux-falls a heavy snow storm lessened very much the attendance at our meeting. A deep interest, however, was mani-

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At Lawrencetown I was aided by the Rev. Mr. Wilson and others. A good influence pervaded our meeting,—the Society was reorganized—£5 were handed to me by the Treasurer, and subscriptions to the amount of about thirty shillings remained unpaid. Collectors were appointed to gather up these and other contributions as soon as practicable.

An adjourned meeting (a storm having interrupted the first effort) was held at Bridgetown on the 15th of January. With the help of two resident ministers and other friends, a good impression was made, office bearers were re-appointed, and a subscription list was opened, and means were adopted for carrying out the object, which it is hoped will be successful. A succession of snow storms having rendered my further progress with a wagon impracticable, I had to purchase a sleigh, or be detained for an indefinite period.

After one disappointment at Annapolis by another heavy snow storm, a second attempt to convene a meeting was more successful. A considerable number of principal residents attended, Rev. F. Smallwood, in the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Chairman, Rev. J. J. Ritchie, A. Henderson, Esq.; and others. A deep interest was manifested by all present, and the Branch Society was re-organized, with a prospect of being much more effective than before. I collected £4 4s. 7d., and other contributions were promised.

At Clements, whither I had forwarded notice, our meeting was prevented by additional falls of snow. I conferred with the office bearers who promised to revive the operations of the Society there without delay—though I could not remain, having to proceed to fulfil my next appointment.

At Hillsburgh the meeting took place on the 27th, though the weather was severe, with snow very deep and still falling. Was well assisted by the friends of the cause, and all seemed interested in the object,—£1 1s. 10d., was collected,—£1 7s. 6d. more was subscribed, and other contributions also were expected to be gathered up.

At Digby subscriptions were collected to the amount of £5 10s. 8d.; but the President of the Branch being from home, no meeting could be convened, unless I could have remained for some days longer. I made a visitation among the friends, and found them desirous of sustaining the interests of the Society.

At Weymouth I was overtaken by rapid thaw with heavy and continuous rain, which carried off nearly all of both the snow and ice from the roads. Here our meeting, though not large, was good. About two pounds were collected, and left with the Treasurer, and about three pounds more subscribed.

To Yarmouth (about 48 miles) I had to walk the greater part of the way, and in less than an hour after my arrival our meeting took place,—Charles Owen, Esq., the President of the Society, in the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Charles Dewolf, Rev. Mr. Chrystie, Rev. Mr. Pickles, Rev. Mr. Wilson, the chairman and others. The attendance was good, and proceedings deeply interesting. Before leaving I gathered up contributions amounting to about £15, and remitted to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary.

From Yarmouth I walked nearly every step (43 miles) to Barrington. The roads were very rough, and frost very severe. The shoeing of my new sleigh,—which I continued to drag along with me, in hope of another fall of snow,—was worn nearly through, so that, in turn, I had to leave it also, and procure a saddle. Here, with the assistance of the President, Wint. Sargent, Esq. Rev. Mr. Lockhart, and other friends, we had two very interesting meetings—one at “Barrington Head,” and the other at the “Island Meeting-house.” Collections were made, but the subscriptions for the year had been recently gathered up and remitted. The pecuniary matters of the Society, as well as supplying the neighbourhood with copies of the Scriptures, are generally attended to in proper season by the excellent President and Committee. I visited Por la tour and Cape Negro, and received some subscriptions which I handed to the Treasurer.

At Shelburne we had a good meeting, though not very large. Office bearers were re-elected and vacancies filled up, and, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Clarke, I gathered up £7 1s.

At Liverpool the meeting took place on the 4th of March, James Barss, Esq., the President, in the chair. Resolutions were moved, and seconded, by Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe, Rev. Mr. Melvin, Captain Jacobs and others, who spoke with good effect,—and though the assemblage was not large, the proceedings were very animating and encouraging. Funds were to be gathered up, and other matters connected with the operations of the Branch, were to be attended to as early as circumstances would allow.

The Meeting at Milton, after being prevented by a heavy snow storm, and re-appointed, was well attended, Freeman Tupper, Esq., the President, in the chair. Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe and Rev. Mr. Martell took part in the proceedings. The collection of funds was deferred here also to a more favourable season, except that two or three subscriptions were handed in at the close of the meeting.

At Mill Village, with the assistance of Rev. Mr. Moore, our meeting was good, office bearers were re-appointed,—£4 1s. 10½d. was subscribed, and £2 5s. 7½d. of the amount collected. Other contributions also were promised.

At Petite Riviere a meeting was convened, Lemuel Drew, Esq., in the chair. With the assistance of Rev. Mr. Pope and other friends, a Branch Bible Society was formed. The attendance was good, considering the unavoidably short and imperfect notice which had been given, and all present seemed much interested. This Branch, it is hoped, will go into immediate and successful

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In proceeding along the banks of La Have River to Bridgewater, I found the road coated with ice, overlaid with four or five inches of light snow, which rendered travelling on the saddle dangerous. I often had to walk and lead my horse, and, with all my care, suffered rather severely for some months from one of the many falls I got on this journey.

Our Meeting at Bridgewater was much larger than any I had attended there before, and the interest manifested was also much greater. The Rev. Mr. Steele, Rev. Dr. Drumm, Rev. Mr. Bowers and other friends, gave their valuable and efficient aid. The Society was re-organized, and subscriptions were gathered up to the amount of four pounds, and the Treasurer handed to me four pounds more.

At Lunenburg local circumstances, over which we had no control, interposed to prevent our meeting. I collected subscriptions, however, to the amount of £7 11s. 1d. Here, as in many other places, much has been done in the distribution of copies of the Scriptures, both among the surrounding population, and in more distant settlements.

At Chester our esteemed and lamented friend, George Mitchell, Esq., the excellent President of the Branch there, had been removed by death since my former visit. This and other circumstances made it desirable that the Society should be re-organized, but a friend on whose aid we might rely, was confined to his room by indisposition. It was, therefore, deferred to a more favourable time. Mr. Henry R. Mitchell remitted to the Treasurer of the auxiliary £3 13s. 2d., including his own contribution.

This tour occupied more time than usual, on account of the irregularity and severity of the weather. Besides being frustrated at times, in the holding of our meetings, which occasioned many re-appointments, I had often to proceed to fulfil other engagements, and afterwards retrace my steps many miles in order to accomplish my object. On the whole, notwithstanding, I had much cause for thankfulness and encouragement. I reached Halifax on the 21st of March, and before the end of the month commenced another visitation in the direction of Parrsborough. The roads in general I found more broken up than I had ever seen them before in this Province. It was with much difficulty I could proceed, even on the saddle. I made arrangements as I went along for meetings to be held, at the several places I visited, as I should return. The first took place at Economy on the 6th of April, and, though not large, it appeared to be deeply interesting to all present. The Branch Society was re-organized, collectors were appointed, and subscribers' names, to the amount of nearly four pounds, were obtained.

At Five Islands a meeting was appointed to be held on the 7th, but the weather being wet and boisterous, and roads extremely bad, few were in attendance; it was, therefore, postponed to the following evening, and notice circulated as extensively as practicable. A much better attendance was secured,—the Society was re-organ-

ed, means were adopted for renewing the operations, and gathering up contributions, and about three pounds subscribed before I left the place.

I returned with some difficulty, and very slowly through fearful roads and drizzling rain, to Londonderry. At Portaupique I might have succeeded in forming a separate Branch, and there are settlements in the rear stretching back into the mountains, where copies of the Scriptures are required, and would no doubt be procured if brought more immediately under the notice of the people, and placed within their reach as they would be by such means,—but the roads were so broken up, it could not be attempted with hope of success. Some of the principal residents were desirous, however, of uniting again with the Londonderry Society, if it should be re-formed, and of extending the circulation of the Scriptures to all who might require them in the settlements referred to above.

At Great Village we had a large and interesting meeting in the Rev. Mr. Wyllie's church. This influential Minister and many of the principal members of his congregation, as also the Rev. Mr. Heustis and others, united heartily in carrying out our object. "The Middle and Lower Londonderry Branch Bible Society," was re-organized under circumstances highly promising for the success of its operations in future. On my arrival at Folly Village I found that notice had been given for a meeting, but was sorry to learn that the Rev. Mr. Ross, the resident minister, was confined to his house by a recent "cold," and unable to be with us. The attendance, considering the state of the roads, and darkness of the night, was very good. All present seemed to take a lively interest in the proceedings; and though some pressing claims for local objects had recently made their demands upon them, a collection of £2 10s. 4d. was taken up at the close.

At Truro it was found best to postpone our intended meeting to a more favourable time; as I expected to pass through the town a few weeks later, when better arrangements could be made, and more extended notice given. The Rev. Mr. McCulloch handed over to me seven pounds which had been appropriated by his congregation, as a free contribution to the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

I returned to the city, expecting to remain until the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary Bible Society should take place; but several circumstances interposed to defer it a week longer, though it was already late in the season for holding such a meeting. To fill up the time I went to Musquoboboit Harbour, where a very interesting meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Wm. Anderson, Esq., in the chair, on Monday evening, the 27th of April. The office bearers of the Branch Society were re-appointed, and a collection of two pounds was taken up, and afterwards paid over to me by the active Treasurer, Mr. Farquhar.

On the 5th of May the Anniversary Meeting took place at Temperance Hall—ample notices of which have already appeared in the city papers. On the 11th I left the city on a visit to Charlottetown, but could not reach it before the morning of the 17th,

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having to remain three nights in Pictou, and then be retarded by adverse winds in crossing the strait to the Island. I returned from Charlottetown on the 26th, and reached Halifax on the 28th, to resume the oversight of printing the Annual Report of the Auxiliary, which completes my present engagement for this Province.

In the last six months I have visited twenty-eight of the Branch Societies, and united in the formation of five new ones, making the number specified in the foregoing notices thirty-three, all of which are Branches of this Auxiliary, and likely to be continued in successful operation. The number of public meetings I attended within that period, exclusive of Committee meetings, &c., was forty-nine; and the amount of contributions collected by myself—and these were only partial, other sums have been remitted and many more are forthcoming from these Branches—was over ninety-two pounds. And, above all, the sympathy manifested by Christian men, in almost every community and of every denomination, with the great object of the Parent Society and kindred Institutions, seems to be enlarged and deepened as their attention becomes arrested, and opportunities are afforded for calling it into activity, and giving it expression.

This simple narration of facts, necessarily brief, and a mere reiteration of almost similar circumstances and events which occurred in carrying out the same object in so many places, will be uninteresting in the rehearsal generally,—but to the friends of the Bible, in this day when men are "taking sides" on the most momentous questions evolved in the conflict of ages, it will furnish matter for devout gratitude to God, as evidence that the great work of promoting the circulation of His Holy Word is progressing in our land; and of hope that the vision of many who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, may be elevated by these means to the plane of that brighter horizon,—the region of truth, in which the Sun of Righteousness shines with healing in his beams.

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**From Miss C. A. Newton.**

*Guysborough, October 27th, 1856*

To M. G. Black, Esquire.

DEAR SIR,—In being spared and permitted again, another year, to address you on the interests of our little Association, and the great subject of the Bible cause, I feel "the goodness of God endureth continually," and that it becometh me to be very grateful for the honour thus conferred upon me; and my soul would breathe the language,

"Long as my God shall lend me breath,  
 My every pulse shall beat for Him;  
 And when my voice is lost in death,  
 My spirit shall resume the theme,  
 The gracious theme,—forever new!  
 Through all eternity pursue."

A revelation of the Divine mind and will to man is indeed an infinite condescension and mercy; and very justly has the remark been made, with reference to the Bible,—"The Sun in the firmament is nothing, compared to this Book—in what it assumes to be: It is an actual, direct communication from God to man: an inexhaustible treasure of knowledge which can never be exhausted: the more deeply the mine is worked, the richer, the more abundant the ore!" and its brightest, refulgent beam is redeeming mercy,—offering life and salvation to all.

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The subject of the above expressions, dear sir, will plead with you an apology for delay in acknowledging the receipt of your kind explanatory letter, accompanied by two dozen copies of the inestimable Book, and several Reports of the Parent Institution; for which attention please accept the thanks of our Association. I have the pleasure now to forward £13,—and am thankful to have it not less than last remittance. Ah, how much to be pitied are those in these "latter days," days of diffusive light and knowledge, who, having means, can allow themselves to be solicited again and again on the most sacred ground of obligation, to assist in the circulation of the Redeemer's Words.—He who gave His life for all—and yet refuse. May the Lord grant them all pardoning mercy in that day, when "after a long time he cometh and reckoneth with them," (Mat. xxv, 19th) and bless abundantly every heart and hand that hath cheerfully given, even of a little, in this way, to the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth, "for it is accepted according to that a man hath." (II Cor. viii, 12th.) The soul-stirring language of the "Spirit and the Word" is, manifestly to the Church of Christ, "occupy till I come." We are not occupying grace or mercy according to the will of God, unless it be for his glory used; put forth in some channel or way which the Providence of Him whose "eye beholdeth the things done upon the earth" directs; and *Agency* is evidently the demand of Divine Providence, on every hand, to His redeemed creatures, in order to the accomplishment of His will, according as it is written,—"who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth." (I Timothy, ii, 4th.)

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N.B.—October, 1823, our Association was formed; and keeping

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to this month in our returns, will enable those whom God may spare the better to remember its Jubilee.

From Rev. H. L. Yewens.

Kentville, 16th May, 1857.

DEAR SIR,—Various circumstances have prevented my informing you before of that which I now take up my pen to communicate with much pleasure.

A Branch of the Nova Scotia Bible Society was formed in this village at a meeting held in the Court House on the evening of the 29th December last. The attendance, though not large, was, all things being considered, satisfactory. The proceedings excited considerable interest among those present, and I cannot doubt that the Bible cause was stimulated and strengthened in this neighbourhood. For several reasons it was deemed best not to take up any collection at the time, but we have just completed a small subscription, and I enclose a list of the names of subscribers.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. The Hon John Morton, an old and warm friend of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was placed in the Chair.

The following Resolutions were moved, seconded, and passed unanimously:

1. *Resolved*, That this meeting cordially approves of the object and constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and rejoices in the success vouchsafed to its operations, and the operations of kindred Institutions.

2. *Resolved*, That this meeting, regarding it as a sacred duty incumbent on all Christians to unite their best efforts in aid of the great work of circulating the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, through every land, proceeds to form a Branch of the Auxiliary Bible Society of Nova Scotia for Kentville—to be organized and conducted in conformity with the following Rules and Regulations.

N. B.—The Rules are similar to those usually adopted.

3. *Resolved*, That the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee of the Society for the ensuing year, and until others are appointed, viz.:

Hon. John Morton, *President*.

H. Webster, Esq. *Vice President*.

Rev. H. L. Yewens, *Secretary*.

Thos. Lydiard, Esq., *Depositary and Treasurer*.

COMMITTEE. C. H. Rand, C. W. H. Harris, Jas. E. DeWolfe,  
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I have to express regret, that I should have been prevented from sending the notice of this meeting long ago. I trust that the Bible cause is flourishing throughout the Province, and am,

Dear Sir,  
Yours sincerely in Christ,  
HARRY LEIGH YEWENS.

S. L. Shannon, Esq.

**Kentville Subscription List.**

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**From Rev. Robert Arnold.**

*Sydney Mines, June 24, 1856.*

DEAR SIR,—I send you through Benjamin Kerr, Esq., the sum of £8 9s. 5d., being the amount collected in this neighborhood for the past year in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Of this sum there was collected at the public meeting, £1 0 0

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The office-bearers for the ensuing year are—Rev. M. Wilson, *President*; Mr. Edward Carr, *Treasurer*; Mr. John McDonald, *Secretary*.

I have the honor to be, your obdt. servant,  
ROBERT ARNOLD

Martin Gay Black, Esq.

**From H. L. Dickey, Esq.**

*Cornwallis, April 1, 1856.*

M. G. Black, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—The Hon. John Morton will hand you £10 from the Cornwallis Branch Bible Society, paid by the following individuals:

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One half to be returned in Bibles and Testaments.

Yours very truly,

H. L. DICKEY.

From Mr. John Burton.

N. E. Margarie, Cape Breton, 4th Nov. 1856

To M. G. Black, Esq.

SIR,—After some time we safely received the box of books for our Branch Bible Society, and having presumed that these books were sent as a compliment for our remittance to the Jubilee Fund, of five pounds, we distributed the same accordingly.

Finding that our exertions were but feeble for some time past, we lately held a meeting of the Society for the renewal of circulating the Word of God in this and in foreign parts. A new set of office-bearers were elected, with a determination to have a re-election every year. By this arrangement we trust that the Almighty will crown our labours with success, and enable us henceforth to make remittances from time to time.

We now forward by the bearer, Mr. J. G. Crowdis, the sum of £4 currency, to be placed to our credit with the Nova Scotia Bible Society, and request the favour of your sending us by the bearer the books as under-mentioned;—also the last London Bible Report, and such other useful pamphlets as you may think proper.

I remain respectfully, Sir, your most obdt. servant,  
JOHN BURTON.

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