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OF THE

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Bible Society.

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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.

NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

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HIS EXCELLENCY SIR COLIN CAMPBELL, K. C. B.

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At the Seventeenth Anniversary of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society, held at the Royal Acadian School, Halifax, on the evening of Monday, the 27th of June, 1840.

The Meeting was opened with singing 3 verses of the 100th Psalm, and Prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Scott.

The Report of the Committee was then read by the Secretary.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Cogswell, seconded by the Hon. the Master of the Rolls,

1. *Resolved*, That the Report now read, be received and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Martin, seconded by William Pryor, Jun. Esq.

2. *Resolved*, That this Meeting desire to express their grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for the blessing and success with which the past efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its various auxiliaries, have been prospered ; and having heard of its great

increase of Funds, and extensive usefulness during the past year, recommend to unite in fervent prayer for the continuance of the Divine Blessing on this and all other Institutions, engaged in disseminating the Word of God.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Churchill, seconded by M. G. Black, Esq.

3. *Resolved*, That this Meeting desire to express their gratitude and obligation to the Parent Society, for the deep interest they take in the spiritual condition of the British Colonies, by circulating among us the Sacred Volume,—and we receive it as an additional assurance of their solicitude for our eternal welfare, that they have sent their Agent, the Rev. Mr Thomson, to visit the Province.

The Rev. Mr. Thomson then addressed the Meeting.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Uniacke, seconded by Mr. Robinson.

4. *Resolved*, That this Meeting have learned, with deep interest and gratitude, of the pious determination of the Parent Society, to circulate the Word of God at very reduced prices among the Children of Sunday and Day Schools, in order to counteract the Anti-Scriptural principles abroad in the World,—and that it is a powerful appeal to us, to exert ourselves in circulating widely among the rising generation of the Provinces, the pure truths of the Gospel, which, by the blessing of the Holy Spirit, are able to make men wise unto salvation, through Faith which is in Jesus Christ.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Twining, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Sheldon.

5. *Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to become the Patron of the Society, that the Honourable H. H. Cogswell be President,—the Honourable James W. Johnston, and Martin G. Black, Esqrs. be Vice Presidents,—James W. Nutting and William Pryor, Jr., Esqrs., Secretaries, and M. G. Black, Esq., Treasurer, and that the following Gentlemen be a Committee for the ensuing year,—namely,

The Rev. John Scott, the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, the Rev. J. Martin, the Rev. John Marshall, the Rev. William Cogswell, the Rev. D. N. Sheldon, the Rev. Charles Churchill, the Rev. Dr. Twining, the Rev. J. Storrs, David Allison, David Hare, J. N. Shannon, Geo. N. Russell, Mather B. Almon, Rev. Jas. Mackintosh, Hugh Bell, Cavie Richardson, Rev. A. Parker, Andw. McKinlay, John Howe, Henry Pryor, and John H. Anderson.

A Collection was taken, amounting to £28 6s 8d. and the Meeting closed by singing a Doxology.

REPORT

THE Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, are again, in the Providence of God, permitted to meet the friends of the Institution, to lay before them such statements as may be necessary to acquaint them with the transactions of the Committee since the last General Meeting, and mutually to evince the unabated desire which they are confident exists to persevere in the work of benevolence and mercy, in which they are engaged.

The Committee would have fixed upon an earlier period of the season for the present meeting, but that they were anxious to be favoured with the presence of the Rev. James Thomson, the General Agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and whom they have now the satisfaction of introducing to the Meeting, on his arrival from Canada and New Brunswick.

Mr. Thomson has, for very many years, been the indefatigable Agent of the Parent Society in various parts of the American Continent, and his present visit cannot but yield sincere gratification to every friend of Scripture truth among us, as affording such ample evidence of the deep anxiety felt by the munificent Society with which we are connected, for the promotion of its great and disinterested purposes in this Colony.

Although we have not, from various causes, so interesting a detail to make of the operations of our own Auxiliary and its different Branches, as it has been our privilege to communicate on many occasions in times past, yet it is our duty to state whatever circumstances may deserve notice in our history for the last two years.

In reference to the Branch Societies, we would observe, that our principal means for forming a judgment of their labours are obtained more from the amount of their pecuniary returns, than from any communications we have received. The Committee, however, are happy to observe, that, in several instances such judgment must be highly favourable to their zeal and activity.

The Returns paid in by the St. Ann's Branch Society for the year 1838, amounted to £30 17s 3d, and for 1839, to the sum of £50 15s 4d. The unwearied and long tried liberality of the Society, and of our worthy friend, the Rev. Norman McLeod, its principal supporter, deserves, and we trust receives—our warmest acknowledgment. But we doubt not they enjoy a richer meed than any we can bestow.

The Cornwallis Society, since its revival three years ago, has done nobly, and well redeemed its original character as one of our most efficient Branches, having paid in to the Treasurer, in 1838, the

sum of £65 18s 4d, and the last year, £30 15s. There has been a large distribution of the Scriptures by this Society.

The Horton Branch, we are happy to report, appears also to evince something of its former activity, having remitted the sum of £28 18s 11d.

We cannot too gratefully record the praiseworthy and efficient aid we have received from the Ladies' Bible Association of St. Matthew's Church in Halifax. The energy and success with which they have constantly followed up the objects of the Society in obtaining contributions, and the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures, is worthy of being imitated by every Congregation in the Province. They have paid in towards the funds of the Society since our last Meeting £36 3s 2d.

The Guysborough Ladies' Association still continue their pious labours. The Treasurer has received from them the sum of £5 in the former, and £8 3s 8d in the present year. This little Society has likewise always distinguished itself by its active zeal, both in collecting funds and distributing the word of God. Female beneficence thus exhibited, as it so well accords with the nobler virtues of the sex, must ever ensure our grateful admiration. The Londonderry Society has not slackened its efforts in the good cause, having contributed, since the last General Meeting, the sum of £21 18s 11d. The number of warm and steady friends which the Society possesses in this District, will always command attention to its interests, and although they do not require any large supply of the Scriptures for their own wants, they have ever shown an earnest desire to bestow the boon on others.

The Cumberland Society have remitted, during the two years, £24. This Society has always been efficient, and in former years has done much to strengthen our hands, not regulating their endeavours by the zeal or laxity of other Societies, but by the momentous importance of the objects before them.

The Economy Branch has paid in all £10 10s, a sum equal, by comparison, we believe, to almost any that has been received, when we consider the means of the little, but zealous Society, from which it comes.

Stewiacke also continues to manifest the interest it feels in the success of the cause of the Bible. It has contributed £11 6s during the past year.

From the Presbyterian Benevolent Society of Onslow, which embraces other objects besides those of simply aiding the dissemination of the Scriptures, there has been received the sum of £9.

There have been received in subscriptions and donations, immediately to the Auxiliary, at Halifax, within the two past years £140 8s 5d.

This Society has distributed from its Depository, through its different Branches, on grants to Sabbath Schools or Individuals, or by immediate sale, since its last General Meeting, 563 Bibles, and 1016 Testaments, in all 1579 Copies of the Holy Scriptures, of which a large number have been granted to Sabbath Schools.

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There have been received from the British and Foreign Bible Society during the same period, 406 Bibles, and 700 Testaments, and there are on hand at present only 218 copies of the Scriptures. The Committee, are, however, looking for an immediate supply, which has been ordered some time since.

There has been remitted to the Parent Society in the year ending in March, 1839, the sum of £314 6s 10d Currency, and there is now in the hands of the Treasurer, after the payment of various incidental expenses, a balance of £39 10s 4d. This statement will shew, that although the Society has not of late made such outward demonstrations of activity as might have been expected, yet that it has by no means been fruitless or inactive. We sincerely trust, however, that the same space of time which shall follow, will witness a much greater amount of zeal, as well as of labour and profit in the cause in which we are engaged.

We now turn with great satisfaction, to take a brief view of the more abundant labours and blessings, which have distinguished the History of the noble Institution to which we are so humble an Auxiliary, during the preceding year. That Society having, as we may safely assert, the great field of the world more emphatically delivered to its charge, as the sphere of its efforts, than has ever yet occurred to any Institution on earth, has still continued to sustain its character as "a good and faithful servant."

By the Abstract of the Report, read at the Thirty Ninth Anniversary of the Society, held in London on Wednesday the 6th May, it appears that, during the past year, there have been issued from their Deposit 776,000 copies of the Scriptures, exceeding the issue of the preceding year by 118,000 copies, and making the amount of 12,000,000 copies of the word of eternal truth distributed by the Society among every language, tongue, and people, since its formation. Who that can in any measure appreciate the worth of the souls of men, and contemplate what must have been the effect of such a distribution, but must feel the deepest emotions of praise and gratitude to God for such results.

Notwithstanding the collisions of political opinions, which unfortunately exist to a considerable extent among those who nevertheless are sincerely united in the most important of all relations, we rejoice to say that the interests of this Society have suffered no loss or diminution, but that among all ranks, from the Peer to the Peasant, its objects are becoming better appreciated, and more warmly supported.

The Receipts of the Parent Society for the year, amounted to £111,449 Sterling, exceeding those of the preceding by 6000. Indeed the prospects of the most extensive success in the sacred cause of disseminating the Scriptures, were never so encouraging as at the present moment, and while the ever active hand of commerce, under the influence of the mighty power of modern invention, is unlocking the treasures of every clime to British Enterprise, the nations hitherto destitute and ignorant of all that could renovate and save the soul, are being daily supplied with the bread of life from the stores of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The distribution of the Bible in France during the year, has been highly encouraging, 137,000 copies having been dispersed throughout that Kingdom within that period, and both there, and in several of the Northern Kingdoms of Europe, a steady increase is advancing from year to year.

In Greece, and in Asia, greater numbers of Bibles and Testaments are also yearly distributed, and there is cause to hope that the glorious light of the Gospel may again ere long arise, and shine in those lands where Paul and Apollos first scattered its life-giving truths.

But the widest field which any part of the world now presents to the labours of the Bible Society, is the vast extent of India with its surrounding Countries. In that part of our Empire composed of wide extended continents, and numerous Islands with their innumerable population, the value and influence of Scripture distribution is at length beginning to be felt. The translation of the Bible into its various tongues and dialects, has now made the word of God almost universally accessible, and placed in the hands of the Missionaries of the Cross, the only means by which they could ever hope to ensure success. The patient and unwearied labours of Martyn, and Buchanan, and Carey, in the work of translation, are beginning to receive their appropriate reward, and to awaken the sleeping millions of India from the torpor of spiritual death. The auxiliaries established in the different British Provinces, or rather Kingdoms of India, are feelingly alive to the destitution that exists on every side, and are under the fostering influence of the Parent Institution, scattering on every side with a liberal hand, the seeds of truth and holiness contained in the Scriptures.

At the Anniversary of the Society many very highly interesting facts were related by several of the speakers, respecting the distribution of the Scriptures both in India and Africa, demonstrating the incalculable benefits that were daily resulting to individuals from the reception of the Word of God. We trust that, in the latter country especially, the means in operation for enlightening its benighted and savage population, are beginning in some measure to repay to its inhabitants, in the disenthralment of their souls from error, the enormous debt which has been contracted towards them, by nations who esteem themselves civilized, in the evils and abominations produced by Slavery.

A gratifying feature to ourselves in the Report of the Home Society, is the circumstance of the large amount of remittances which appear in their accounts for the past year, from the different Auxiliary Societies in the North American Colonies. It is surely an invaluable privilege to be thus permitted to become fellow workers with such an Institution in the sacred and glorious work of evangelizing a world—for nothing short of this blessed consummation can ever satisfy the enlarged desires and aspirations of the friends of the Bible; and, looking at the efforts that have already followed their labours, they have ample reason to trust, that in accomplishing this mighty object so plainly foretold in the Scriptures of truth, Bible Societies are intended to be employed as among the most effective and honored instruments.

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There is another fact, however, upon which your Committee would congratulate the Society, as one which must necessarily be attended with immense practical benefit. It is the munificent resolution of the Committee of the Parent Society to furnish copies of the Scriptures at a price which must place them within the reach of the most humble individual. By a resolve of the Committee in January last, Bibles may hereafter be procured for Schools of every kind, and for the use of the poor, for the small sum of *One Shilling and Sixpence* sterling, and Testaments for *Sixpence* each, which will enable us to furnish them from our own Depository at about 2s. 3d. currency for Bibles, and 9d. for Testaments each.

This beneficent provision must of course increase the demand upon the Scripture stores of the Society to an unlimited extent, and, we are assured, will excite the gratitude, as well as stimulate the exertions, of every branch of the Institution in carrying out its noble purposes, to the utmost of their power.

Your Committee have been favoured with the Report of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, just published. At the Nineteenth Annual Meeting, in January last, numerous facts transpired of the most cheering kind, relative to the increase of Scripture knowledge, and the distribution of the Word of God, in the Sister Colony. The most satisfactory feature in it is, the extensive desire that is beginning to be awakened among the French population in Lower Canada, to possess the Sacred Volume. This desire, although in very many instances opposed by their Priests, is in others met by them with the most laudable and unexpected liberality, and the lovers of civil peace and good order, as well as those who combine with those feelings, an earnest solicitude for the welfare of souls, have great encouragement to hope that a new era is dawning upon the hitherto ignorant and deluded population of that Province, which will more effectually purify and reform them, than any mere political measures can ever effect.

Your Committee would, however, again recur to our own peculiar wants and duties, within the confined, but not unimportant sphere, of our humble labours. They are quite confident that the most favorable state of public feeling exists throughout every part of the Province, towards the objects of this Society—and that no part of her Majesty's dominions are more cordially inclined than ourselves, to lend it our aid according to our means and opportunities.

It is a matter of sincere pleasure, to see among us, on this occasion, the Representative of our honored Parent Institution,—and we think he will find that there are thousands in Nova Scotia, who will, with all their hearts, wish him God speed, in furthering the work of mercy in which he is engaged. We doubt not his communications and advice, will stir up and re-invigorate the efforts of this Society and all its branches, and that a new impulse will be given, which shall powerfully call forth the feelings of the community at large, towards supplying the vast moral wants which still exist in the world, in respect to Scriptural truth.

It has been under discussion in the Committee, and is doubtless a measure that would be attended with the best effect, to employ a ge-

neral travelling Agent, to visit the different parts of the country, and promote the interests of the Society. We may hope, that the future Committee will devise and carry out some feasible plan of this nature.

The Committee cannot close their present Report, without reverting with feelings of deep regret, to the serious loss the Society have sustained in the death of the Hon. Joseph Allison, one of our Vice Presidents. The warm interest he uniformly manifested in the success of the Institution, and the ready and punctual attendance he always gave to our Committee and other Meetings, well accorded with the general excellence of a character, which in every relation of public or private life, was held in deserved esteem.

In conclusion, your Committee, in reviewing all that has been effected by the simple and irreproachable means used by the Bible Society to promote the glory of God, and the good of men, would here record the humble tribute of their gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. And they would call on every one, possessing the smallest degree of interest in the divine purpose of enlarging the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth, to come forward and contribute their aid; and especially would they impress upon the Society, and all connected with it, the indispensable duty that rests upon them, of "working while it is called to-day, ere the night cometh wherein no man can work."

HALIFAX, June 29, 1840.

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APPENDIX.

EXTRACTS OF LETTERS.

FROM THE REV. NORMAN MCLEOD.

St. Ann's, C. B. Nov. 1, 1838.

Dear Sir,—The remaining subscriptions of last year, lying in the hands of our Treasurer, which were but comparatively, though excusably small, on account of the general scarcity of provision then existing over all this part of the country, and all our collection for this year, together with what is received for the sale of books, making jointly the sum of £50 10 4, will be delivered to you by the bearer, Mr. McLeod. Our last supply of books being partly on hand, and those sold, but yet partially paid for, leaves our remittance proportionately contracted. There is a new settlement of Scotch Highlanders along the sea coast North-east of us, called the North Shore, which has contributed a little better than 1 cwt. of butter to our small stock. These poor beginners have justly blamed me for not urging them to this laudable assistance at the commencement of the season, as in that case they would have been prepared, as they say, to double or treble their humble donations. Their poverty was my impediment on this score, which I now sincerely regret that I did not sooner overcome. I do not doubt, if we be spared till another year, that these generous settlers, though yet but low in circumstances, will contribute their mite more generally thro' the medium of their leading men, of whom the McLeans, alias oag (two brothers) are the most prominent. We mean these remarks to be reported, in order to excite and insure their exertion. For although silly vanity should not be stimulated, yet there is a kind of ambition or emulation that ought to be encouraged; for "a good name is better than precious ointment." Under care of Mr. McLeod, one of our Committee, you will please to return us the half of our remittance, in an equal number of Bibles and Testaments.

Sincerely wishing a glorious success to the sacred subject on which you are employed in this correspondence,

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours, &c.

N. MCLEOD.

To J. W. Nutting, Esquire,
&c. &c.

FROM MISS NEWTON.

Guysborough, December 17th, 1839.

Dear Sir,—The period having returned, when the concerns of our Bible Association, demanding a retrospective view for the past year, are brought to a close,—the duty devolves on me to forward you a statement of the same; and it affords me pleasure to remark, that our number of subscribers, though not increased as we could fain have wished, have not diminished during that period; but that each who cast into this sacred treasury the last year, stand firm in their attachment to this blessed and increasingly important object. I say *increasingly* important, because, although the word of God, has ever possessed, and must ever retain, its own inestimable and undiminished worth, and “is not limited by any imperfection or defect,” conveying with itself, at once all the fullness of its blessings to man,—yet, as the fulfilment of the Divine predictions are manifestly hastening on apace—and a developement of Prophetic declaration, in the extension of the Redeemer’s kingdom on earth, is becoming more and more visible to his church and people—clearly evincing, that “the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” It behoves them with renewed alacrity and diligence to be found doing his will, and obeying the voice of his word, in a dispensation of that word which expressly declares, “He willeth all men to be saved, and come to a knowledge of the truth.” And here, perhaps, I may be allowed to remark, that the stability of our present members, one and all, may be considered attributable to their reception of the Gospel, happily illustrating in themselves, the sentiment of the poet, “’Tis love that makes our willing feet in swift obedience move.” And if this be true, how justly may it be added, “’Tis love, a steady impulse gives, and prompts an even course.”

We have the pleasure to forward you by this Mail, £5—, amount of subscription, with the sale of Bibles and Testaments, regretting only that the sum is not more commensurate with our views and feelings, in connection with the object of the Institution. Three Bibles have been sold at prime cost, and two Testaments, 1 Bible bestowed gratuitously, leaving on hand two Bibles. And although the demand for the Sacred Scriptures in this place, and its vicinity, is not now as great as formerly, owing to the wants of the people having been generally supplied; yet, we have no doubt, there will be a continued demand, adequate to the supply our Association may be enabled to afford from year to year; while we shall have pleasure in the recollection that we are enabled to cast something into the Parent fund, thus aiding the foreign operations of the Society, though it be but as a drop in the ocean of its benevolence. In our last communication, I believe we mentioned our reasons for relinquishing an Annual Report, any further than that which a Letter may contain—namely, it having pleased God to establish a faithful dispensation of the Gospel in this place, and the cause of the Bible being closely interwoven with the cause of Missions, that cause is now more ably and effectually pleaded, than we could do it; and the minds of the people have every means of information on this important subject: so that our feeble efforts to awaken an interest in

this cause, through the medium of our lengthy Reports, as formerly forwarded you, are now more than superseded by the ambassadors of Christ; and we feel grateful to the great Head of the Church that it is so; while, at the same time, we are well aware, his mercy affords no plea for supineness on our part, but the rather should stimulate to renewed acts of zeal, for the enlargement of our borders, and the extension of our interests, though manifested perhaps in a less public manner.

I am, dear Sir, very respectfully,

CHARLOTTE ANN NEWTON,
Sec'y. L. B. Association.

To *J. W. Nutting, Esq.*

Guysborough, April 3rd, 1840.

Dear Sir,—Having forwarded you, some time since, the statement of proceedings with reference to the Bible Association, and our small remittance, I think £5, which I hope came safe to hand, I have now to request the favour, (should you have a supply of books,) that we may receive from your Depository one dozen pocket Testaments, one do. pocket Bibles—and one dozen, at the reduced price, for the use of Sabbath Schools exclusively. I believe your Depository had none on hand last autumn, when we made our request. We feel almost ashamed to make so large a demand, when our remittances are so small; but we know your Committee's object is, to circulate the Scriptures, and that liberality towards us, in our feeble efforts to do good, have ever marked the proceedings of your Society; and we would most heartily unite in the blessed work, earnestly hoping the ensuing year to forward you a larger sum than the past.

In the meantime, I am, dear Sir, with sentiments of respect, &c.

CHARLOTTE ANN NEWTON,
Secy. L. B. Association.

To *J. W. Nutting, Esq.*

FROM THE REV. JAMES THOMSON.

Montreal, January 9th, 1839.

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure of informing you, that in the good providence of God, I have arrived safely in this country, though considerably later than I intended, owing to the want of a vessel at Jamaica, when ready to leave that Island, and in part also to a voyage somewhat long. I reached this city about the middle of last month, and would have written you immediately thereafter, but delayed, to be able to say something as to the probable time of my paying you a visit. As far as I can now see before me, I shall be occupied in the two Canadas during the present winter, the ensuing spring, and not improbably part of the summer. On finishing here, I shall proceed to your quarter, and hope I may reach you before the end of the summer. When we meet, I trust the Lord will be pleased to stir up our minds with new desire and zeal to glorify his name, in the sacred work of the

Bible Society. God's will, we are taught, is to be done in earth as it is in heaven. But before this can be fulfilled, the will or word of God, must be made known over the earth. This work, God has committed, we may say, to the Bible Societies, and it is a high honor and privilege. Let us then act in a manner worthy of the great favour. Let us sow all the country around us with this heavenly seed, and send it forth to be sown in every country over the whole world. I hope to see good things among you in this blessed cause; and the more we do in this in favour of mankind, the more benefit shall we ourselves derive from the same.

I should be glad to have a few lines from you, soon after this comes to hand, stating how your Society stands, and what prospects you have for going forward.

With christian salutations to all the members of your Committee,
I remain, my dear Sir, very sincerely yours,
J. W. Nutting, Esq. JAMES THOMSON.

Montreal, October 24th, 1839.

Dear Sir,—I had the pleasure of addressing you from the Island of Jamaica, on the 12th of September, of last year, and again from this city on the 9th of January last. In my last, I intimated my intention of being in your quarter about this time. I have found, however, that more time has been required for my visitation of the two Canadas, than what I had anticipated. I find I shall be retained all the winter ensuing in this quarter. In the spring, if the Lord will, I shall set out for your Province. To which place I shall go first, and in what order I shall take the several places, is more than I am as yet able to decide on; but my intention is, to write a note to each place, a few weeks before I arrive, in order that arrangements may be entered into for more extensive good.

As I shall be in and about this quarter during the winter, I should take it kind would you favour me with a line stating how your Society is doing, and if you have good prospects of advancing in this good and profitable work. It is a great matter to get the Scriptures into every house throughout all the quarter where Providence has cast our lot. To accomplish this, ought to be the first concern of every Bible Institution, embracing a limited and well defined sphere of labour. On accomplishing this work, however, there is another immediately presents itself, of equal moment, and of greater extent. It is the supplying of the whole world,—and to this, all of us who have received the Scriptures, are bound to attend in our measure, according to our means and opportunities. I hope to see before long, these British Provinces well supplied with the word of God, with no house lacking, and then I hope we shall see powerful efforts made to send forth the precious volume of life, to all nations over the earth, in all their various tongues.

You will be gratified to hear, that I have met with much encouragement in my various Bible visits in the two Canadas. All denominations of christians, and all political parties, have joined and given their aid

in this good cause. I trust I shall not find less encouragement in your quarter. One of the pleasing circumstances among us here, as respects the kingdom of God, is, that the French Canadian Roman Catholics are beginning to receive the Scriptures. We have two persons constantly employed in going among them to offer them the word of God, and we are much encouraged by the results thus far. Many copies have been bought. The Priests, in not a few cases, oppose this, but cannot stop it, but other Priests are favorable. There are also some favorable openings for the conversion of these people, I do not say from Catholicism to Protestantism, but for converting them from the world to the religion of Jesus Christ. I send you a little Tract that will give you some information on this point.

With best wishes for the prosperity of your Bible cause, and for blessings on you in every way,

I remain, faithfully yours,

JAMES THOMSON.

J. W. Nutting, Esq.

FROM THE REV. JOHN BROWN.

Londonderry, May 6, 1840.

Dear Sir,—I have sent you from our Branch Society, the sum of Five Pounds twelve shillings and three pence, as our subscription for the year 1840; and One Pound nineteen shillings and ten pence, for Bibles and Testaments I have sold.

I have a few Testaments yet on hand, but no bibles, and some have been calling for them, which I could not supply. I therefore beg the favour of you, to let me have six Bibles, and a copy or two of the last Report of the B. & F. Bible Society, and also some of your own Reports.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN BROWN

To J. W. Nutting, Esquire,

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1838 July 10.	To cash paid for Bill of Exchange on London, for £38 stig. @ 14 per cent prem. remitted to the Parent Society,	£73	9	4
1839 Aug. 12.	Do. paid printing 1000 copies Report,	12	10	0
1839 April 13.	Do. paid for W. Hewison's Exchange for £100 stig. remitted to the Parent society, Do. paid for Hon. H. H. Cogswell's Exchange, for £390 stig. at 14 per cent prem. remitted to the Parent society,	126	17	6
	Balance,	114	0	0
		11	5	1
		£338	1	11
1838 May 26.	By balance, Cash received from Dr. Johnson, for sales of Bibles and Testaments,	£2	5	7
June 15.	do do Ladies Bible Ass. St. Matthew's church,	2	0	8
21.	do do Cornwallis branch society,	10	13	0
27.	do do Londonderry do do	68	18	4
	do do Dalhousie do do	10	1	4 1/2
Sep. 26.	do do Presbyterian Benevolent society, Onslow, per Rev. Mr. Baxter,	1	11	4
Oct. 18.	do do Ladies bible Ass. St. Matthew's church,	4	0	0
22.	do do Mr. A. Cocken, sale of bib. & tes. Shelburne,	17	1	6
Nov. 26.	do do S. Fulton, Esq. for do at Wallace,	0	17	0
1839 Jan. 3.	do do St. Ann's, C.B. branch society,	3	0	0
11.	do do Cumberland branch society,	50	15	4
	do do Wm. Sargent, Esq. sale of bibles and tests.	16	0	0
	do do Horton branch society,	1	1	3
	do do J. Creighton, Esq. Lunenburg,	28	18	11 1/2
March 12	do do Stewiacke branch society,	0	5	0
30	do do Guysborough Female Association,	11	6	0
	do do Ladies Association, St. Matthew's church,	8	3	8
	do do for bibles and testaments sold at Depository,	15	18	8
	Subscriptions and donations received,	20	13	8
		77	10	7
		£338	1	11

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Half far, 13th April, 1839,

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1840	June 10.	To cash paid to M. B. Almon, Esq. for Exchange on London, at 60 dys. for £160 sfg. at 14 per cent. prem. remitted to Pa. So.	£302 13 4						
		Balance,	39 19 4						
1839	April 13	By balance,		11 5 1					
	May 20.	cash rec. from Londonderry branch So.		4 5 6					
	June 29.	do do S. Fulton, Esq. Wallace, sale of B&T		2 0 0					
	July 9.	do do Rev. Mr. Pope, sale of do.		2 0 9					
	do do	Cornwallis branch society,		30 15 0					
	Oct. 10.	do do Economy Branch society,		5 0 0					
	29.	do do Miss Whitman, Canso, for sales,		1 18 0					
	Nov. 22.	do do Rev. Mr. Sleep, Ayleford, for do		1 18 0					
	Dec 16.	do do Mr. Jos. Symonds, Tracadie, do		0 16 8					
1840	Jan. 6	do do Ladies Association, St. Matthew's ch/2		10 0 1					
	7.	do do Pres. B. S. Onslow, pr Rev Mr Barter,		5 0 0					
	8.	do do S. Fulton, Esq. Wallace, for sales,		2 14 1 1/2					
	do do	Ladies Association, Guysboro,		5 0 0					
	do do	Londonderry branch society,		7 12 1 1/2					
	do do	Dr. Johnston, for sales of Bib. & Tes.		14 5 10 1/2					
	14.	do do Rev Mr. Stannage, for do do		1 0 0					
	25.	do do Rev. H. Cochran, for do do		7 2 2					
	31.	do do Winthrop Sargent, Esq. do do		0 18 6					
	Feb. 8.	do do Cumberland branch society,		8 0 0					
	do do	Economy do		5 0 0					
	Mar 10.	do do St. Ann's Branch Society,		20 17 3					
	do do	do do		10 0 0					
	do do	Mr. Buckley, for sales,		1 10 0					
	do do	Pro. of 85 Bi. & 102 Tes. sold at Dep.		27 10 0					
		Subscriptions and donations received,		72 17 10					
			£242 3 8						

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Haltur, 10th June, 1840.
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1838	July 10.	To cash paid for Bill of Exchange on London, for £58 sfg. @ 14 per cent prem. remitted to the Parent Society.							
1839	May 9.	By balance,							