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LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
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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.

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## 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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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 preceding year.

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

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

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

# Nova-Scotia Bible Society.

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

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JAMES W. NUTTING, Esq. } *Vice-Presidents.*  
WILLIAM PRYOR, Jr., Esq.  
M. G. BLACK, Esq., *Treasurer.*  
S. L. SHANNON, Esq., *Secretary.*  
ISAAC SMITH, Esq., *Assistant Secretary.*

## COMMITTEE.

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" R. F. UNIACKE,  
" JOHN MARTIN,  
" P. G. MCGREGOR,  
" DR. McLEOD,  
" GEORGE W. HILL,  
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P. C. HILL, Esq.  
J. C. COGSWELL, Esq.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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

The Hon. CHAS. PRESCOTT,  
WILLIAM A. CHIPMAN, Esq.  
SNOW PARKER, Esq.

DR. WEBSTER,  
The Hon. H. H. COGSWELL.

SOCIETY'S DEPOSITORY—48, Barrington Street, opposite St. Paul's Church.

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Held in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, Wednesday, 19th April, 1854.

Wm. Pryor, Jr. Esq., one of the Vice-Presidents, in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened by singing a part of the cxix. Psalm, given out by the Rev. G. W. Sprott, followed with prayer by the Rev. R. F. Uniacke.

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

*Resolved unanimously,—*

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

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Richey, seconded by Dr. Avery,—

*Resolved unanimously,—*

That this Meeting desires to express its devout acknowledgements to the Almighty for the success which has attended the Parent Society's operations during the past year—and cordially welcomes the Rev. Philip Kent, the deputation from the Parent Society, to this and the several other affiliated Societies in British North America.

The Rev. Mr. Kent was announced by the Chair and addressed the Meeting.

On motion of the Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by Mr. Isaac Smith,

*Resolved unanimously,—*

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the several Branch Societies and Ladies Associations, for the aid afforded by them in sustaining the cause of the Bible during the past year.

On motion of the Rev. John Martin, seconded by the Rev. John McMurray,

*Resolved unanimously,—*

That the following gentlemen be the office-bearers of the Society for the ensuing year:—Hon. H. H. Cogswell, *President*; Hon. J. W. Johnston, Martin G. Black, Esq., James W. Nutting, Esq., William Pryor, Junr. Esq., *Vice-Presidents*; Martin G. Black, *Treasurer*; S. L. Shannon, Esq., *Secretary*; Isaac Smith, Esq., *Assist. Secretary*. *Committee*: Revs. Dr. Twining, John Scott, R. F. Uniacke, John Martin, P. G. McGregor, Dr. McLeod, George W. Hill, Alex. Forrester, J. C. Cochran, Dr. Richey, Edmund Maturin, John Miller, G. W. Sprott,—Honbles. M. B. Almon, Hugh Bell, W. A. Black,—Dr. Avery, James N. Shannon, Esq., David Allison, Esq., J. H. Anderson, Esq., A. McKinlay, Esq., Henry Pryor, Esq., Henry Ince, Esq., S. Selden, Esq., T. A. Brown, Esq., W. C. Silver, Esq., T. A. S. DeWolf, Esq., Jas. Thompson, Esq., J. G. A. Creighton, Esq., Charles Robson, Esq., Peter Lynch, Esq., John W. Ritchie, Esq., P. C. Hill, Esq., J. C. Cogswell, Esq.

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

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## REPORT.

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The period for the Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Bible Society having arrived, the Committee have much pleasure in laying before their friends and patrons the following Report.

They would desire in the first place to express their devout acknowledgements to the Almighty Disposer of all events for the great success which has attended their efforts during the past year. In the ordinary engagements of the Society, and more especially in the movement made for the purpose of aiding the Jubilee Fund of the Parent Society, they have met with encouragement beyond what could have been anticipated, and the friends of the cause may be gratified to learn that at no previous period has this Auxiliary been in so efficient a state as at the present.

Before adverting however to the details of the past year's operations within the sphere of our Auxiliary, your Committee, according to their usual custom, would first briefly refer to the operations of the Parent Society during that period.

So extensive is the field now occupied by the British and Foreign Bible Society that your Committee can only allude to some of its more prominent parts, the details of which they take from the last published Report of the Parent Committee.

To commence with France,—The work of the Society in this country during the past year has been at once the source of solicitude and of joy. The results however of the labours of the valued agent, M. de Pressense, and of his devoted band of Colporteurs, have proved highly satisfactory, and cannot be viewed without feelings of gratitude mingled with admiration. From his statement it appears that 92,765 copies of the Scriptures have been sent forth from the depot at Paris during the year. And with reference to the colporteurs, he mentions that notwithstanding the increasing difficulties which surround the work there has been during the past year an increase in the number of these humble labourers in the Society's employ, there being now eighty-four, an increase of twenty-two over the staff of the previous year. Seventy of these eighty-four were formerly Roman Catholics, the majority of whom were brought to a knowledge of the truth by means of the copies of the Scriptures purchased by them from colporteurs, their predecessors in the work in which they themselves are now engaged. Several of these colporteurs are members of those new Protestant Churches which owe their origin to Bible colportage.

In Belgium, Holland and North of Germany, 92,817 volumes of the Scriptures have been circulated during the past year. Dr. Pinkerton, the agent for the Society in Central Germany, writes—"With humble and grateful acknowledgements of the Divine mercy and goodness, I

have been enabled to pass through the manifold labours and fatigues of another year, and am again permitted to state the results of these labours. Our issues, though less than those of the preceding year, are yet greater than we had reason to expect considering the difficulties to be surmounted."

Of Austria and Hungary it is stated that the requisition of the Austrian Government to have all the Scriptures in the depots at Guns, Pesth and Vienna sent out of the country, was rigorously enforced. 204 bales and 125 cases containing upwards of 58,087 copies of Bibles and Testaments were under the charge of a detachment of gendarmes, conveyed beyond the frontiers of the Austrian territory, amidst the unavailing tears and sighs of tens of thousands of the people, waiting for and anxious to possess the precious volume, of which they were so mercilessly bereft.

Switzerland and Italy, which have been confided to the agency of Lieut. Graydon, still present a most interesting aspect. The peculiar difficulties which the agent has had to contend with in some portions of his field of labour, have rendered the result in those districts less than in some former years. It is gratifying however to be able to state that the total issues in Lombardy now amount to 15,000 copies, while those in the kingdom of Sardinia have reached to 12,000 copies. The work in Switzerland is most encouraging, 8,000 copies have been circulated during the past year, and since the commencement the issues have amounted to 60,000. Among other tokens of encouragement, Lieut. Graydon mentions that, not being permitted personally to circulate the Scriptures in Lucerne, the centre of Romanism in Switzerland, he confided some 450 copies that he had prepared for it to the depot that he had there since 1848. The person in charge of it was exhorted to try and make it known. He did so; by the end of the following month he had to write, earnestly entreating for another supply.

Other and independent efforts are being made in Northern Italy by the friends of the cause, and among them it is mentioned that Major General Beckwith has made a remittance of £95 13s. 4d. for Italian and Piedmontese Scriptures circulated by him among the Waldensian Churches.

From Russia, Denmark, Sweden and Prussia most satisfactory accounts are given, and in all these countries the local Societies have offered their cordial congratulations to the Parent Society on its having reached its Jubilee year.

Spain and Portugal remain as heretofore closed against all the operations of the Society unless in a few instances and to a limited extent.

The most interesting work, which has been so repeatedly referred to in previous reports, is still going on in Turkey amid all the discouragements of the present momentous crisis. From the depots at Constantinople, Smyrna and Bucharest, 9,576 copies of the Scriptures have been issued during the year. These have been distributed by colporteurs, in many instances in towns and villages where the word of God was unknown, or where the Gospel was never read in a language to be understood by the people. Most of them were dispersed

throughout Asiatic and European Turkey, Syria, Armenia and the Russian Provinces bordering upon Turkey, and innumerable are the people in those vast regions, who by the munificence of the Society are yearly supplied with the means of attaining life eternal, through faith in the one and only Saviour Jesus Christ the righteous. Though many may think otherwise, vain are not the efforts of this blessed Institution to quicken the dry bones of those benighted lands, by casting among them the all powerful Gospel. Scepticism must now however give way, for the evidence extant is too palpable to allow of any doubt that the people in these countries are rising from the dead, and God is giving them life; by the influence first and foremost of His precious word, and secondly by the instrumentality of devoted Protestant Missionaries.

From India cheering accounts are received. Although the progress of the work seems but slow amid the moral and spiritual darkness which envelopes the dense population of this country, yet there is great cause for hope. The report of the Calcutta Auxiliary, among other tokens of good in other portions of the field, shows that its issues of the Scriptures during the year had been larger than in any former year of its history, and that to many districts which appear never before to have been visited by Missionaries, the word of life had been carried.

China has presented its most interesting features since the publication of the Parent Society's Report. A revolution of the most astounding character is now taking place, which by the openings afforded for the circulation of the Scriptures of truth has attracted the attention of the Christian public, and induced them to make exertions to take advantage of the opportunity thus providentially given. In this work the Parent Society have taken the most prominent part, and by throwing themselves upon the generosity of their friends to aid them, they have undertaken the publication of one million copies of the Chinese Testament for circulation among the teeming population of this vast empire. This effort has been nobly supported, and by the last accounts the amount required for this special purpose had been nearly, if not quite raised.

Passing over other portions of the Society's field of labour, in which success is equally apparent, we turn to its operations in the Mother Country.

The receipts of the Society have increased during the past year, the total amount (irrespective of the Jubilee Fund) having reached the sum of £109,160 10s. 8d., being £711 9s. 10d. more than the amount reported the previous year. The chief increase of the year had been in the free contributions from the various Auxiliary Societies which the Committee refer to as a most gratifying and encouraging fact. The expenditure of the Society has amounted to £95,507 2s. 6d., being a decrease in the net payments of upwards of £8,000.

The issues of the year have amounted to one million, one hundred and sixty-eight thousand, seven hundred and ninety-four copies, and the total issues have now amounted to 26,571,103.

Your Committee have already had an opportunity of laying before its friends a statement of the Jubilee movement of the Parent Society,

and they would not now further advert to it than merely to state that by a very recent letter received from one of the Secretaries of the Parent Society by the Secretary of our Auxiliary, we are informed that—"The Jubilee effort promises to be more successful than the most sanguine had ventured to anticipate. Contributions are pouring in from all quarters, and among other remittances for this object, one of £1,000 was received from Melbourne, Australia." At the time the letter was written, the total amount of the Jubilee Fund was nearly £52,000, and from last accounts it will probably reach the sum of £60,000, if not more.

Your Committee will now proceed to the operations of our own Auxiliary during the past year. But in doing so they will merely refer to the results, as the greater part of what has been effected was accomplished previous to the Jubilee Meeting of last October, and was then given in detail. Mr. Smith, the Travelling Agent, has visited some few of the Branch Societies since that time, that had not been previously visited during the year, and completed the operations of our Auxiliary towards the close of the year 1853.

One new and very important Branch he succeeded in forming, viz., in Antigonish, from which the handsome sum of £20 16s. 8d. has been contributed to the Chinese Testament Fund.

There are now in connection with this Auxiliary fifty-seven Branch Societies, all of them in efficient condition, and heartily co-operating for the same object. The total number of Auxiliaries and Branches in the Province connected with the Parent Society is seventy-five. The special effort made for the Jubilee Fund has lessened to some extent the ordinary receipts of this Society, but your Committee have great pleasure in stating that the amount received during the year, including the Jubilee and Chinese Testament Fund contributions, has been considerably more than double the income of the previous year. The receipts for the Jubilee Fund amounted at the time of the publication of the last Jubilee Remembrancer to £648 5s. 4d., and for the Chinese Testament Fund to £42 13s. 4d., making a total of £690 18s. 8d. at that time. Since then the further sum of £22 14s. 10d. has been received by the Treasurer for those objects, thus increasing the total to the large sum of £713 13s. 6d., which has enabled your Committee to remit to the Parent Society for the specified purposes £489 4s. 2d. stg., and subsequently another sum of £13 5s. has been added.

The ordinary receipts have been as follows, as per Treasurer's account, viz. :—

Amount of Collection at Public Meeting,	£18 4 9
“ Received from several Branch Societies and Ladies' Associations,	240 5 0½
“ Received from Sales at the Depository,	69 5 7
“ Subscriptions at Halifax,	74 15 0
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Total,	£397 10 4½

which exhibits a decrease of £50 9s. 2½d. as compared with the previous year. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 31st day

of December last was £36. 0s. 4½d. The total of the amounts received during the year will thus be:—

Ordinary receipts,	£397 10 4½
For Parent Society's Jubilee Fund,	671 0 2
For Chinese Testament Fund,	42 13 4
Add amount received for Jubilee and Chinese Testament Funds since,	13 5 0
<b>Total,</b>	<b>£1124 8 10½</b>

Your Committee cannot but congratulate their friends and patrons upon these results, which have more than realized their most sanguine anticipations. But the beneficial effects produced throughout the Auxiliary by the special effort of the last year cannot be estimated merely by the contributions received. Your Committee believe that never at any previous period has there been so deep and warm and abiding an interest felt in the success of the great cause in which we are engaged as at the present time. Cheering evidences of this have come to the knowledge of your Committee, and Mr. Smith, the Agent, adverts to it in his communications, in which he states that the spirit manifested in the several Branches has not been confined to the special object of the Jubilee fund alone, but has been extended to the objects of the Auxiliary generally. We may therefore hope that the operations of the Society have received such an impetus as will not fail, with the blessing of God, to carry it forward to still greater things.

In thankfully adverting to what has been done by the several Branch Societies, your Committee would not forget the aid received from the several Ladies' Associations both in town and country. The Ladies' Association connected with St. Matthew's Church has contributed £20 10s. to the Jubilee Fund, besides £12 to the ordinary funds in aid of a colporteur. The Halifax Ladies' Bible Association has also exceeded its former contributions, having paid into the Treasurer's hand on the ordinary account of the Auxiliary no less a sum than £75.

The following memoranda will exhibit the distribution of the Scriptures by this Society during the past year:—

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Cash Sales at the Depository,	381	537
Furnished to Branch Societies and Agents,	596	893
Furnished Ladies' Associations,	163	54
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Furnished gratuitously to Sabbath Schools and individuals,	1140	1484
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There are now remaining on hand at the Depository 2555 Bibles and 1746 Testaments.

The subject of placing the Word of Life before travellers and strangers in the city, so as to afford an opportunity to all of them who may be inclined to peruse its sacred pages, having been brought before the Committee, it was resolved that copies of the Scriptures be placed in the rooms of the several hotels of this city for this purpose. Following the example which had been set by other Societies in the Mother Country, on the Continent of Europe, and in the United States, in this particular, your Committee hoped that some good might be effected in this way, and they have been gratified to learn by the testimony of a distinguished clergyman in the adjoining Province, who visited this city last year, that their efforts have not been in vain, and they understand that a similar course is about being adopted in the city of St. John.

Your Committee cannot close this Report without expressing the cordial satisfaction with which they received the intimation of the Parent Society's intention to send out a deputation to this and the other Auxiliaries of British North America, and the great pleasure which the presence of the Rev. Philip Kent, the gentleman deputed, has given them. They trust that this additional mark of attention on the part of the great Institution, in which they all feel so deeply interested, will serve to draw closer the cords of love, which unite them, and stimulate this Auxiliary to renewed efforts in the cause. And in conclusion your Committee would humbly pray that a blessing from on high may attend this mission of the Parent Society, as well as every other department of their extended and benevolent operations.

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## APPENDIX.

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

The cause of the Bible is a cause of daily increasing importance, a cause which is daily commending itself more and more to the sincere professors of Christianity in every land, and of every name, because it seems as if we were almost daily receiving new proofs in this eventful age, that the promise of God, "My Word shall not return unto me void," is like all other promises from the same source, yea and amen. What sincere lover of his kind can fail to look forward with interest

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to that time of love and peace, which the Divine Author of the promise has connected with its perfect fulfilment, "Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace, the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree." With what tones of triumph does the inspired Prophet carry our minds forward to that blessed time! How can we in spirit see it fulfilled? This once fair and lovely world,—now marred by the foul stain of sin, now corrupted by the fierce passions of men, tears of sorrow falling where songs of thanksgiving should be rising to the throne, angry passions raging where the souls of men should be knit together in love,—can we see in spirit restored to its original loveliness and peace, when the triumphal voice shall be heard, "The kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ? Then the angel charged with the everlasting Gospel shall have finished his great work, then the glorious labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society and other kindred Societies shall have come to fruition; and then the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

It was suggested by one of the supporters of our Parent Society at its Jubilee meeting, that its Centenary may never be celebrated, because, before that time shall have arrived, its work will be done. It is for Christians to say whether it shall be so. The Lord has placed abundant means in the hands of his Church. For this purpose has He opened mines of gold in different parts of the earth; for this purpose has He ordered the scientific discoveries and the commercial successes of the present age. And shall not Christians devote their silver and their gold, their talents and their successes, their all to the Lord who hath given all? True we are living in a small and obscure part of the world, the principal supporters of this Association are women. But, because we can do little, shall we leave that little undone? Our God judgeth a man according to that he hath, not according to that he hath not: where much is given, much is required; but let us be diligent gladly to give of our little.

We have a bright example in our sister Province, and our sister Association. The Ladies' Bible Association of St. John, N. B., have this year collected £115—the largest sum ever received by them. Your Committee have reason to be thankful, that they also have had an increase in their receipts during the past year. It is for you to say whether the Association shall go on to prosper. We appeal to Christians, to those who believe the promises of God's Word, to those who think, that what they lay out, God is able to pay them again.

The Committee also rejoice that a wider door has been opened to them in the circulation of the Scriptures, and that while the million Testaments for China have been fully raised, and 50,000 Bibles are to be added to the number, they can look around in their own home, and thank the Giver of all good gifts, that the spiritually needy among their own countrymen have been more abundantly supplied with that bread, of which those who eat may live forever.

They beg leave to lay the following statement before their friends and supporters:—

DR. *The Halifax Ladies' Bible Association in account with the Tr.* CR.

1853.		1853.	
Nov.,	Paid N. S. Bible Society,	Subscriptions,	£73 19 11
	£75 0 0	Sale of Bibles,	7 4
	Expenses in 1853,	Balance from 1852,	7 14 8
	1 13 9		
	Balance in 1854,		£82 1 6
	5 7 9		
	£82 1 6	Sum in hand,	£5 7 9

163 Bibles and 54 Testaments distributed.  
April 4th, 1854.

M. A. BINNEY.

#### OFFICE BEARERS.

*Mrs. NEPEAN CLARKE, President.*  
*Mrs. S. N. BINNEY, Treasurer.*  
*Miss BRAINE, Secretary.*

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*Mrs. J. T. Twining,*  
" *Matthew Richey,*  
" *R. F. Uniacke,*  
" *Alex. Forrester,*  
" *Maturin,*  
" *P. G. McGregor,*  
" *Geikie,*  
" *Loveland,*  
" *R. Hart,*  
" *Jas. Liddell,*  
" *R. Tremain,*  
" *Sawers,*  
" *W. Howe,*  
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# SAINT MATTHEW'S LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of the St. Matthew's Church Ladies' Bible Association, on account of the very limited ground they occupy in the field of benevolent effort, deem it sufficient to give a printed report of their proceedings, only every second or third year. It is now two years since they gave their last, and they are happy to submit to their friends the following:— which will shew the present condition and prospects of the Association, the state of its funds, and the distribution of Bibles and Testaments made up to the present time.

The Committee have pleasure in stating that the Association has not decreased, notwithstanding similar institutions, within this period, have been formed in the City. The Ladies' hitherto assisting, have kindly consented to continue to act as Collectors, and several of the younger members of the Congregation have come forward to aid in the good cause.

The sum received in subscriptions and from the sale of Bibles and Testaments, has been £37 4s. 5½d. The sum expended at the Depository has been £5 8s. 8d. There has been given to the Halifax Auxiliary Bible Society to aid in the support of a Travelling Agent in the Province £24, with £7 to the Jubilee Fund. Paid for printing 8s. 9d. Balance in the hands of the Treasurer 7s. 0½d. Bibles distributed 48, Testaments 7, leaving on hand, Bibles 37, and Testaments 10.

In conclusion the Committee trust that in this the Year of the Society's Jubilee, when there is good reason to expect a large accession to its means of usefulness, by the contributions to the Jubilee Fund, it will be found, in the greater amount of Subscriptions raised and copies of the Scriptures circulated, a fresh impulse has been communicated to the efforts of the "Saint Matthew's" Ladies Association, according to their measure and degree, in their humble sphere of labour.

July 28th, 1853.

## COMMITTEE FOR 1853.

*Mrs. GRAY, Patroness.*

*Mrs. D. Allison,*  
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*Master H. Wiswell,*  
 " *O. Baxter.*

*Miss FORMAN, Treasurer.*  
*Mrs. SCOTT, Secretary.*



to be, of the first importance to the social improvement, and the moral and spiritual elevation of the great masses of mankind. The natural results are, a growing attachment to the Society, and more numerous and more generous contributions to its funds, which, as stated in the Report, have considerably more than doubled the amount of receipts for the year, making the aggregate eleven hundred and twenty-four pounds.

My visitations during the six months I was employed were directed chiefly to the objects of the Parent Society's Jubilee. During that period the following places were visited:—Windsor, Newport, Avondale, Falmouth, Horton, Wolfville, Eastern and Western Cornwallis, Aylesford, Wilmot, Nictaux, Lawrencetown, Bridgetown, Granville, Annapolis, Clements, Hillsburgh, Digby, Weymouth, Yarmouth, Barrington, Shelburne, Liverpool, Milton, Caledonia, Harmony, Mill Village, Petite Riviere, Bridgewater, New Germany, Lunenburg, Chester, Margaret's Bay, Truro, Upper Londonderry, River Philip, Amherst, Pugwash, Wallace, Head of Wallace Bay, Wentworth, Tatamagouche, River John, Antigonish.

In all these places my efforts were successful, and the results highly encouraging—except at Tatamagouche, where they would have been equally so had not severe storms interfered with our arrangements on two different occasions. An excellent meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church at Antigonish, where nothing had been done, nor any contributions obtained, for the objects of the Bible Society, for many years,—except, I believe, that a subscription had been forwarded annually to Pictou by a principal officer of a former Branch, now extinct. A very promising Society was formed at this meeting, and subscriptions were entered into in aid of the fund for providing a million copies of the New Testament for China. These, with many others subsequently collected, to the amount of £20 16s. 8d.—the price of a thousand copies—were paid over to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary as acknowledged in his accounts. In many other places our meetings were large and deeply interesting.

The number of Bible Societies and Associations in the Province, in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society, is seventy-five, including that of Truro, which is more properly a Congregational Society. Three of these are Auxiliaries, sixty-six Branches, and six Ladies' Associations. Nine of the Branches are connected with the Auxiliary of Pictou,—also one Ladies' Association—with that of New Glasgow. Four of the Pictou Branches—River John, Wallace, Pugwash and River Philip—I visited by special invitation,—having been instrumental in re-organizing them, and frequently attending their meetings,—and received contributions to the Jubilee Fund, which are included in the account of monies paid over to the Treasurer for that object.

With this imperfect sketch of the present aspect of the Societies in the Province, may be noticed another encouraging circumstance,—the visitation of the respected deputation from the Parent Society—THE REV. PHILIP KENT,—bearing to the several affiliated Societies on this side of the Atlantic, the friendly greetings of that great and venerated

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Institution,—drawing together more closely and uniting to each other and to itself more firmly, the distant connections of one common family. Perhaps there is no organization at this eventful period of the world's history, so well calculated as the British and Foreign Bible Society, to promote and exhibit the real unity which exists as an essential element of Protestant Christianity;—divided indeed;—but each Division acknowledging one common standard—THE BIBLE;—actuated by one common impulse—THE LOVE OF CHRIST; and aiming at one common object;—GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN: nor one more calculated to hasten the fulfilment of that predictive prayer—"That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." What could have been more encouraging than the addresses of Mr. Kent! delivered at the Anniversary recently held in the City, and at the several meetings he subsequently attended—at Windsor, Newport, Horton, Wolfville and Kentville; in all of which the thrilling story of the operations and successes of this noble Institution seemed "ever telling, yet untold"—so varied and vast was the theme.

It will be pleasing to many other Societies in the Province to learn that the Rev. Mr. Kent expects, after fulfilling his engagements at New York, Canada and New Brunswick—whither he is gone—to return by way of Annapolis, Yarmouth and Liverpool, to the city; and to visit Amherst and Pictou,—besides intermediate places not mentioned,—of which timely notice will be given.

*Account of Monies received from Ladies' Associations and Branch Societies, &c., during the past year.*

	FREE CON.	ON PUR. ACQ.	JUS. FUND.	TOTAL
Halifax Ladies' Bible Association,	75 0 0			75 0 0
St. Matthew's Church do.	12 0 0		7 0 0	19 0 0
Guysborough do., per Miss Newton, £6 5 0				
Do. Do. 4 9 8½	10 14 8½		5 15 8½	16 10 0
Shelburne Branch,		1 0 0	5 18 9	6 13 9
St. George, St. Mary's, per Rev. John Campbell,	3 0 0		11 15 0	14 15 0
Sherbrooke, Do. Do.			6 0 0	6 0 0
Upper Londonderry,	1 11 0	1 11 3	5 12 5	8 14 8
Liverpool, (deduct 26s. returned Mr. Smith, } advanced by him.)	3 15 0	3 9 6	17 12 9	24 17 3
Chester,	2 10 0	2 10 0	2 16 10½	8 18 10½
Stewiacke, per Rev. Mr. Smith,	10 0 0		18 2 5	28 2 5
Bridgetown and Upper Granville,			7 3 3	
Do. additional, Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Pickles' sub.,			1 10 0	9 3 3
" Mr. Alfred Bay's do.			0 10 0	
Margaree, C. B.,	1 0 0		3 13 6½	4 13 6½
Bridgewater,	1 0 0		6 19 8	9 3 8
Musquodoboit Harbour,	1 0 0	1 0 0	0 9 2	
Do. additional, rec'd. at Miss. Prayer Meeting,			1 18 4	1 18 4
Lawrencetown and Jeddore,		2 12 6	0 13 1½	3 5 7½
Cape Canso,			2 18 0	6 18 0
Caledonia and Harmony (N. Dis. Queen's Co)	4 0 0		2 8 10	6 8 10
Manchester,	2 0 0		1 0 0	
Do. additional, Rev. Mr. Morris and Friend,	2 0 0	3 0 0	6 1 9½	11 1 9½
Milton,	4 2 11		7 42 1	11 16 0
Lunenburg,	3 0 0	1 0 0		4 0 0
Straits of Canso,	2 0 0	3 0 0		5 0 0
Walton,	2 0 0	4 0 0		4 0 0
Westport,		4 0 0		
Amherst, (Cumberland Branch)	8 2 6	4 0 0	11 9 6	23 12 0
Barrington,	5 15 0	5 15 0	24 2 4	36 12 4

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Elijah Wood 5s., S. K. West 5s.	0	10	6	6	10
DONATIONS.					
J. B. Lawrence 2s. 6d.,	0	2	6		
Miss Cath. Kenney 5s., James Doane 2s. 6d.,	0	7	6		
Miss Robertson 2s. 10d., Mrs. Schrage 5s.,	0	7	10½		
Miss Sargent 2s. 6d., Prince McLaren 5s.,	0	7	6		
Miss Cunningham 2s. 2½d., John Coffin 2s. 6d.,	0	4	8½		
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Mrs. Crosby 2s. 2d., Mrs. Jno Knowles 2s. 6d.,	0	4	8		
Mrs. Joseph Kendrick 2s. 6d., James Nickerson 2s. 6d.,	0	5	0		
Paul Crowl 2s. 6d., Small sums £4 2s. 10d.	4	5	4	7	2
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Paid Rent Town House for last Anniversary,	0	2	6		
Candles, Wood, Attendance,	0	2	11		
Postage 1s., Freight Bibles 9d.,	0	1	9	0	7
Purchase of Bibles and Testaments,				7	4
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Free Contribution to Funds Nova Scotia Bible Society					
in June,	5	15	0		
Do, Do, March '54,	14	0	0	19	15
Remitted Do. in purchase acct. March '54,				5	0
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Cash Remitted to Jubilee Fund, per Mr. I. Smith,				11	16
Do. Do. March '54,				12	10
Expenses at Meetings,				0	7
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				£24	14
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From Rev. James Smith.

STEWIACKE, November 26, 1854.

DEAR SIR,—

I send you £16 9s. 5d. as a contribution to the Jubilee Fund of the British and Foreign Bible Society, from the Bible Society of Upper and Middle Stewiacke,—but in reality from my congregation. With many others we greatly rejoice in the prosperity and success of the Society,—and we give unfeigned thanks to God for having sustained and extended its operations for so long a period as *fifty years*. We regard the Jubilee Fund as a very happy conception, and we must cheerfully contribute our mite for the accomplishment of its worthy objects. The contributors have agreed that the money should be divided in the following manner, viz. :

For China,	-	-	-	-	£7	4	2
For Ireland,	-	-	-	-	5	12	2
For Colporteur Fund,	-	-	-	-	3	13	1
					£16	9	5

I remain, with great respect, yours truly,

JAMES SMITH.

From Wm. Ross, Esq., St. Ann's, C. B.

TO M. G. BLACK, Esq.

SIR,—Enclosed you will find the sum of £15 which was collected here for the Bible Society—£4 of the above sum was from Bibles and Testaments sold, and the rest was collected by a few devoted friends to the Cause. This Branch feels the absence of the Rev. N. McLeod—and since his departure the sums paid are not so general—but his sincere friends here have this year exerted themselves; and I am pleased that such a sum is collected.

Since writing the foregoing three or four friends contributed the sum of £2 for the Jubilee Fund—in all £17. The people here in general do not understand it,—but this £2 is cheerfully contributed for that purpose.

Branches and Agents in the Country are particularly requested when they forward remittances to the Treasurer, in Halifax, to specify the amount to be returned in Bibles and Testaments; and to furnish lists of contributions for publication. This has been partially done; but not so generally as to be of service,—Also to provide conveyance for the Books, or direct how they may be sent without delay, to prevent disappointments, which have sometimes occurred.

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## Halifax Subscriptions and Donations.

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Allison, David Esq.	1 0 0	Brown, Mr. Thomas A.	5 0 0
Anderson, John H. Esq.	1 0 0	Billing, Edward Esq.	10 0 0
Avery, Dr. James F.	1 0 0	Barss, Mr. Simon	1 0 0
Albro, Mr. Edward	10 0 0	Beddingsfeld, Esq.	10 0 0
Allison, Mr. Charles	10 0 0	Barss, James Esq. (Liverpool)	10 0 0
Adams, Mr. James	5 0 0	Boreham, Mr. Samuel	5 0 0
Binney, Mrs. H. N.	10 0 0	Bent, Doctor (Digby)	5 0 0
Binney, Mr. Edward	10 0 0	Creighton, James G. Esq.	1 0 0
Binney, S. N. Esq.	1 0 0	Caldwell, William Esq.	10 0 0
Bayard, Mrs. S. (Wilmot)	10 0 0	Caldwell, Mr. Samuel	10 0 0
Black, Mr. M. G.	1 0 0	Clarke, Nepean Esq.	10 0 0
Black, Hon. W. A.	1 0 0	Creelman, Hon. Samuel	1 5 0
Bell, Hon. H.	1 0 0	Creighton, Mr. C. A.	5 0 0
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DR. MARTIN GAY BLACK, *Treasurer, on account with*

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Jan'y. 1.	To Balance	38	13	0
Feb. 15.	To Cash amount of Collection taken up at Annual Meeting	13	4	9
Dec. 31.	To Cash from Depository for Sales of the Scriptures	69	5	7
	To Cash from Ladies' Association	75	0	0
	To Cash from Ladies' Association connected with St. Matthew's Church for Colportage	12	0	0
	To Cash amount of Subscriptions and Donations	£78	2	6
	Less Commission paid collecting			
	£67 10s. of the same	3	7	6
	To Cash remitted by Branch Societies	158	5	0 $\frac{1}{2}$

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May 6.—By Cash paid the Travelling Agent half a year's Salary	62	10	0
June 23. By Cash paid for Bill of Exchange for £33 stg., at 12½ per cent. premium, remitted to the Parent Society,	41	5	0
July 26. By Cash paid for 1500 copies of Report	14	6	6
By Cash paid for 400 copies Ladies' Do.	2	1	3
Nov. 10. By Cash paid for Bills of Exchange £112 19s. 7d. stg., at 12½ per cent premium, remitted to Parent Society,	141	4	5
Dec. 20. By Cash paid Travelling Agent for extra services during the past half year, including Travelling expenses,	50	0	0
31. By Cash paid for Bill of Exchange for £40 stg., at 10½ per cent. premium, remitted to the Parent Society,	49	2	3
By Cash paid a years' Rent of Depository	20	0	0
By Cash paid Depository a year's Salary	10	0	0
By Cash paid for use of Temperance Hall for Annual Meeting	3	0	0
By Cash paid for packing Boxes, Stationary, Postages, Truckages and Advertising,	6	13	7
By Balance	36	0	4½
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Errors excepted.

Halifax, Dec. 31, 1853.

MARTIN GAY BLACK, Treasurer.

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## Bibles and Testaments on Sale at the Depository.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
<b>PEARL BIBLE, 24mo.</b>			<b>PICA BIBLE, 8vo.</b>		
roan em. gt. ed.	1	3	<i>Fine Paper</i> , morocco	15	0
<b>PEARL BIBLE, 8vo.—<i>Mar. Refs.</i></b>			coloured calf,	12	8
<i>Fine Paper</i> , coloured calf,	4	6	<b>PICA BIBLE, crown 4to<i>M. Refs.</i></b>		
morocco, gilt edges	5	0	<i>Fine Paper</i> , morocco, gt. ed.	21	6
roan, embossed do.	8	9	<b>ENGLISH BIBLE, imperial 4to.</b>		
<b>RUBY BIBLE, 24mo.</b>			<i>Marg. Refs.</i>		
<i>Fine Paper</i> , morocco	3	0	<i>Fine Paper</i> , morocco, gt. ed.	33	8
coloured calf	2	6	coloured calf	21	4
sheep	1	6	French	3	3
roan embossed	2	1½	Gaelic	9	0
<b>MINION BIBLE, 24mo. <i>Pocket.</i></b>			<b>DIAMOND TESTAMENT, 48mo.</b>		
<i>Fine Paper</i> , coloured calf,	3	8	roan, gilt edges,	0	6
morocco	4	6	sheep,	0	5
roan, gilt edges	3	2	<b>PEARL TESTAMENT, 32mo.</b>		
<b>DIAMOND BIBLE, 32mo.</b>			<i>Fine Paper</i> , coloured calf,	0	10
morocco, gt. ed. <i>Mar. Refs.</i>	3	0	Inf. do., roan, emb., gt. ed.	0	8½
coloured calf	2	4	<b>RUBY TESTAMENT, 24mo.</b>		
roan, embossed	1	10½	roan, emb., gilt edges,	0	10
<b>NONPAREIL BIBLE, 12mo.</b>			sheep, with Psalms,	1	1
<i>Fine Paper</i> , c'd. calf, <i>M. Refs.</i>	4	7	col'd. calf, with Psalms,	1	10½
coloured calf	3	4	<b>MINION TESTAMENT, 24mo.</b>		
sheep	1	2	roan, emb., gilt edges,	0	10
<b>MINION BIBLE, 24mo.</b>			coloured calf,	1	6
<i>Fine Paper</i> , morocco	4	6	<b>MINION TESTAMENT, 8vo.</b>		
coloured calf,	4	3	<i>Marg. Refs.</i>		
roan,	3	2	<i>Fine Paper</i> , coloured calf,	3	6
<b>BREVIER BIBLE, 8vo.</b>			sheep,	2	7
<i>Fine Paper</i> , coloured calf	5	8	<b>BREVIER TESTAMENT, 12mo.</b>		
sheep	4	3	<i>Fine Paper</i> , Demy, col'd calf	2	4
coloured calf, <i>M. Refs.</i>	8	6	<i>Inferior</i> , sheep	0	6
sheep	7	0	<b>PICA TESTAMENT, 8vo.</b>		
<b>LONG PRIMER BIBLE, 8vo.</b>			coloured calf,	6	0
<i>Fine Paper</i> , coloured calf	7	0	sheep,	2	3
sheep	5	8	<b>ENGLISH TESTAMENT, 8vo.</b>		
<b>SMALL PICA BIBLE, 8vo.</b>			coloured calf,	4	3
<i>Fine Paper</i> , coloured calf	7	0	sheep,	2	8
sheep	5	8	<b>MINION, sheep</b>	1	1
<i>Marg. Refs.</i> , coloured calf	10	6	calf,	1	9
sheep	8	6	French,	1	6
			Gaelic,	2	0