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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

British and Foreign Bible Society.

- I. THE designation of the Society shall be THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, of which the main object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment; the only copies in the Language of the United Kingdom, to be circulated by the Society, shall be the Authorized Version.
- II. This Society shall add its endeavors to those employed by other Societies, for circulating the Scriptures through the British Dominion; and shall also, according to its ability, extend its influence to other countries, whether Christian, Mohammedan 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 presented.

XII. The President, Vice-President, 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 at meetings of the Committee, the President, or in his absence the Vice-President first upon the list then present; and in the absence of the Vice-President the Treasurer; and in his absence, such member as shall be voted for the purpose, shall preside at the meeting.

XVI. The Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday 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 Meeting 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 recognized as excluding the circulation of the Apocrypha.

II. That in conformity to the foregoing 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, be made to the Society, the books issued be bound, and on the express condition that they shall be distributed without alteration or addition.

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

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Nova Scotia Bible Society.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

INSTITUTED NOVEMBER 24, 1813.

OFFICERS:

ELECTED 17TH DECEMBER, 1878.

PRESIDENT	HON. S. L. SHANNON.
	WILLIAM PRYOR, Esq.
VICE-PRESIDENTS.....	HON. JUDGE MARSHALL.
	HON. SIR WILLIAM YOUNG Kt., Chief Justice.
TREASURER	S. H. BLACK, Esq.
SECRETARY.....	JAMES FARQUHAR.
AGENT.....	JOHN TOLAND.
COLLECTOR.....	SAMUEL BORHAM.

COMMITTEE:

REV. CANON COCHRAN, D.D. " P. G. MCGREGOR, D.D. " G. W. HILL, D.C.L. " JOHN FORREST, " R. MURRAY, " E. M. SAUNDERS, " J. UNIACKE, " ALLAN SIMPSON, " C. B. PITBLADO, " PROF. CURRIE, " A. W. NICHOLSON, " J. F. AVERY, " J. W. ANCIENT, " R. F. BURNS, D.D. " W. B. HEARTZ, " S. S. HUESTES, " A. L. WYLLIE, " THOMAS DUNCAN, " J. W. MANNING, " J. M. LOWDEN,	REV. ROBERT LAING, " G. O. TROOP. HON. JUDGE RITCHIE, JAMES F. AVERY, Esq., M.D. S. SELDEN, Esq., T. A. BROWN, Esq., W. C. SILVER, Esq., JAS. THOMPSON, Esq., C. ROBSON, Esq., P. LYNCH, Esq., HON. P. C. HILL, GEORGE H. STARR, Esq., NEPEAN CLARK, Esq., JOHN STARR, Esq., W. S. STIRLING, Esq., M. H. RICHEY, Esq., M.P. J. B. MORROW, Esq., JOHN S. MACLEAN, Esq., T. B. AKINS, Esq., D.C.L. JOHN GRIERSON, Esq.
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LIFE MEMBERS:

By Donations of Ten Pounds and upwards, at and since the formation of the Society, or executors paying £50 or upwards.

HON. SAMUEL CREELMAN, S. H. BLACK, Esq., HON. JUDGE
 MARSHALL, HON. P. C. HILL, JAMES R. LITHGOW, Esq.,
 REV. P. G. MCGREGOR, D. D., CHAS. ROBSON, Esq.

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SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society.

HELD IN CHALMERS CHURCH,

On Tuesday, 17th December, 1878.

THE Chair was taken by HON. S. L. SHANNON,
President, at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

THE REV. MR. PITBLADO gave out Psalm lxxxv. v.
15, to be sung. Read 1 Peter i. chapter, and engaged
in prayer.

THE PRESIDENT addressed the meeting.

An abstract of the Annual Report was read by the
Secretary, MR. JAMES FARQUHAR.

REV. A. W. NICOLSON moved :—

That the Report, an abstract of which has now been
read, be published with the usual appendix, and circulated
under the direction of the Committee.

In doing so he suggested the propriety of the meeting
resolving itself into a committee of enquiry in reference

to the smallness of the attendance at the anniversary of the Society, to see if anything could be done to remedy the matter.

MR. W. C. SILVER, in a few earnest remarks, seconded the resolution, which then passed.

DR. ALLISON, Superintendent of Education, moved the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this meeting desires to express its thankfulness to Almighty God for the success which has attended the Parent Society during the past year, and trusts that its efforts in the great work of circulating the Scriptures will be more beneficial in the future by spreading abroad that knowledge which "maketh wise unto salvation" and is the only safeguard of the nations.

The mover spoke to the resolution at some length. He pointed out the advantages of reading the Bible, contrasting those who did read it with those who did not. He said all should rejoice on this occasion at hearing of the increased circulation of the Bible. He spoke very encouragingly of the future of the Society. He pointed out the increased hold the Word of God had on mankind compared with what it had some years ago. He could not believe that this could be and the world not improving.

REV. J. M. LOWDEN seconded the resolution. He expressed his pleasure in having listened to the previous speakers. He believed that the extension of the knowledge of God's Word was the result of prayer. The more God's blessings were prayed for the more would they be showered down upon mankind.

The resolution passed.

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REV. MR. CLARKE moved the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this meeting desires gratefully to recognize the efficiency and energy of the Ladies' Associations and Branch Societies throughout the Province; and from their hearty co-operation, as well as the growing extent of the field entrusted to us, would draw fresh motives for continued and increased exertions.

The mover expressed regret at the small attendance, but it showed at least that the public had full confidence in the Society. He feelingly referred to the thankfulness of thousands to whom the work of the Bible Society had proved a blessing. He related a touching incident illustrative of this. He concluded by speaking words of warm encouragement to the Society's workers.

MR. THOMAS BROWN seconded the resolution, which passed.

REV. JOHN FORREST moved that the following Officers be elected for the ensuing year :—

President—Hon. S. L. Shannon.

Vice-Presidents—Win. Pryor, Esq., Hon. Judge Marshall, Sir William Young, Kt., Chief Justice.

Treasurer—S. H. Black, Esq.

Secretary—James Farquhar.

Agent—John Toland.

Collector—Mr. Borham.

Committee—Revs. Canon Cochran, D.D., P. G. McGregor, D. D., G. W. Hill, D. C. L., John Forrest, R. Murray, E. M. Saunders, J. Uniacke, Allan Simpson, C. B. Pitblado, Thomas Duncan, R. F. Burrs, D. D., W. H. Hartz, A. L. Wylie, J. W. Manning, R. Laing, G. O. Troop, J. M. Lowden, Professor Currie, A. W. Nicolson, J. F. Avery, J. W. Ancient, Hon. Judge Ritchie, Messrs. James F. Avery, M. D., S. Selden, T. A. Brown, W. C. Silver, Jas. Thomson,

C. Robson, P. Lynch, Hon. P. C. Hill, George H. Starr, Nepean Clarke, John Starr, W. S. Stirling, M. H. Richey, J. B. Morrow, John S. Maclean, T. B. Akins and J. Grierson.

The mover suggested that in future those members who did not attend be marked off. He was glad to feel that God's Word was being disseminated by others than the Society. Speaking of the audience he said he had made a calculation and found that if all the churches in the city were as well represented as his own, the meeting would be three times larger than it was.

MR. E. LLOYD seconded the motion, which passed.

After a few remarks by MR. FARQUHAR, the Secretary, the collection was taken up, and after the Doxology had been sung, and the Benediction pronounced by the REV. MR. DUNN, the meeting dispersed.

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REPORT.

ANOTHER year has passed since the Committee of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society had the pleasure of meeting their friends and patrons at the Annual Meeting. They have no striking incidents to record. One by one of the members of the Committee are every year reported missing, it being said of them as was written of the Patriarchs of old, "and he died." Such is the record we have this year to make of the departure from among us of the late Edward Binney, Esq., who for twelve years filled a place in the Committee, and whose loss has been felt by every benevolent institution in the city, and some of the prominent educational institutions throughout the Province. We shall refer to him when noticing the local affairs of the Auxiliary. And as usual in such reports, give an outline of the proceedings of the parent Society, being a copy of the Abstract of the Society's Seventy-fourth Annual Report.

FRANCE.—The past year has been a very eventful one in the history of France, not indeed on account of any actual outbreak of violence such as has characterised many previous periods, but because men's minds have been kept for months together in a state of constant tension, not knowing what a day might bring forth, or to what extent contending parties might push their determination to maintain the position which they respectively occupied.

Your Agent, speaking from the standpoint of actual experience, says that scarcely ever has excitement prevailed to a similar extent, or the opposition of opinion been so violent.

Under such circumstances it could hardly be expected that men would give heed to the interests of their immortal souls, or listen to the voice which invited them to search those Scriptures which testify of Christ.

Mr. Monod expresses his conviction that better times are now in store, and that what he calls the 'outbursts of fancy,' which have lately taken place, will be succeeded by something more rational and stable. He thinks that the crisis through which France has been passing this year will have convinced many of the dangers to which a country is exposed that submits to Romish despotism, and not a few are already considering whether the Protestant faith is not after all the only refuge to which liberal and religious minds can resort. Of one thing he feels certain, which is that at no previous period has the work of the Bible Society in France been more necessary than now. The people need to be taught that superstition and Christianity have no affinity for each other, and that the way of salvation must be sought, not under the guidance of the Romish priesthood, but through the simple teaching of the Word of God.

Fifty-one departments have, during the past year been visited by 59 colporteurs; while 61 depôts are scattered over the whole of France.

The issues from the central depôt have reached a total of 92,259 copies.

Mention was made in last year's Report of the purchase of a plot of ground in the Avenue Rapp, close to the entrance of the International Exhibition. The object was to erect on it a depôt, where visitors to the Exhibition from all countries might purchase the Word of God in their own tongue. This has been accomplished, and every effort is being made to render it attractive, not only to the native population, but to strangers from many lands.

Numerous grants have been made by the Committee to various workers in the French field. Amongst others to Miss Beamish, for distribution to shepherds in the Pyrenees; to Pastor Devaine, of Saumur, for the inmates of a prison at Thouars; to Madame Merle d'Aubigné, for schools depen-

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dent upon her for support; to the Geneva Evangelical Society, for distribution by post among the schoolmasters of France; to Miss de Broen, for work among the Communists of Paris, as well as for schools and medical missions; and to Miss Leigh, for use in homes of young Englishwomen.

The Rev. F. D. Thompson, one of the Society's district secretaries, visited the usual places of English resort on the Continent, and in several of them was much encouraged by the interest excited and the liberality displayed. His route, which occupied more than a month, embraced the following cities and towns:—Paris, Cannes, Nice, Mentone, San Remo, Rome, Pau, Biarritz, Bordeaux, Arcachon, and Tours.

BELGIUM is a country in which so many contending feelings, both political and religious, are at work, that it is very difficult to secure the attention of those engaged in the maintenance of their respective theories to the claims of Divine Truth. There is, however, an oasis of grace to be found in every desert, and the renewing influences of the Holy Spirit have not been withheld from Belgium. The movement which was reported last year as having taken place at Sars Dame Aveline, when a whole congregation seceded from the Romish Church and embraced a purer faith, has spread throughout the neighbourhood, and been hailed as the forerunner of a similar awakening elsewhere. In other localities, also, the ear has been unstopped for the hearing of the Gospel, and the heart inclined for its reception; and that which renders these movements so interesting to the supporters of the Bible Society is that in most cases that institution has been the pioneer of the work. The Bible read in secret under the teaching of the Holy Spirit has brought the proud rebel or the cold formalist to the feet of Jesus, and led them to cry out with trembling, "What must I do to be saved?"

Though circumstances have not been very favourable to Scripture distribution during the past year, Mr. Kirkpatrick has been able to maintain his ground fairly well, and his colporteurs have even been more successful than last year.

The sales have amounted to 18,569 copies, whilst 23,330 have been sent to other agencies. Six colporteurs have been employed during the year, and one for six months.

HOLLAND.—Mr. Reesse, who has worked most zealously and efficiently in the Society's service since he became its representative in Holland, gives a very satisfactory account of the state of his district, and of the gradual increase which he has noted in the sale of the Scriptures during several years.

The best proof of this may be found in the fact that the issues of this year exceed those of the previous one by nearly 3,000 copies, and those of 1874 by nearly 10,000.

The sales in Holland alone have reached a total of 37,863.

Besides these, 7,378 copies have been sent to other countries. Six colporteurs have succeeded in selling 19,619 copies.

GERMANY.—The Rev. G. P. Davies, to whose efficient superintendence the German Agency is so largely indebted for the development to which it has attained, gives a sad account of the condition of the country to which he has for many years devoted his energies.

He writes:—In the upper ranks there are unrest and indecision, in the middle classes depression of trade, commerce, and manufacture, and in the lower ranks bitter suffering. The conflict with scepticism, more or less refined, is also severe, and at times there are outbursts of avowed Atheism, which are truly mournful. These are startling facts, but if the moral and social surroundings of your work have been such as would naturally cause dismay, they, at the same time, furnish a loud call to renewed activity and a strong incentive to patient perseverance. There is but One who can still the rising storm and speak peace to the angry waves. Those Scriptures which testify of Christ, and bid men learn of Him, are the only balm for the many bleeding wounds of a distracted land.

The total issues within the Agency amount to 332,165 copies, showing a decrease of 6,874 compared with the issues of 1876, but an increase of 1,214 copies in Bibles.

The circulation among the military, through the instrumentality of Major Westphal, and towards which his Majesty the German Emperor has again contributed £45, independently of his annual donation of £24, has reached a total of

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10,266 copies, consisting of 2,334 Bibles, 7,917 Testaments, and 15 Portions. The receipts from sales have amounted to £11,265. 10s., and from donations to £293. 19s/9d.

The lists of colporteurs in the respective districts of Berlin, Cologne, and Frankfort, comprise a total of 74, of whom 7 had from various causes relinquished their occupation, and 67 remain in the service of the Society.

Mr. Davies thinks that their own journals will best shew the nature of their work, and hence he contents himself this year with furnishing various extracts.

One anecdote, which has reference to priestly confession, sounds an alarm of solemn warning so suited to the present day, and reveals so clearly the demoralising nature of that fearful system, that it is given as recorded, and left to speak for itself. But that this monster of iniquity has invaded English homes, such a detestable thing might well be left in the darkness to which it belongs. The story is thus told:—

I entered a dwelling, and was received by a young married woman. I offered my books. "My husband is not at home," was her reply; "books are my husband's business, not mine. Besides, we are Catholics, and do not read the Bible." "Why not?" "Our priests forbid it." "But God enjoins it, and I should think this is a case where God must be obeyed rather than men." She became very thoughtful, and then told me the sad story of what had cast a blight on her own religious life and that of her husband:—

"Seven years ago," she related, "we were married. The wedding day was fixed, and, as it is usual before marriage, my husband and I went to confession. The old parish priest confessed him in one vestry, his young curate me in another. I took the matter very earnestly, and confessed minutely and sincerely and penitently, as before God. But the young priest began to press me in such language and with such questions as I had never been pressed with before, and which filled me with shame and indignation to the very depths of my soul. I wept bitterly. I of course could not follow him in this terrible path, and he refused me absolution. I was in utter despair. I went, weeping convulsively, into the other vestry, told the old priest what had occurred, and he at once received my confession, absolved me, and we were married. But that terrible day I shall never, never forget; and since our wedding day neither I nor my husband have ever set foot within the walls of a church again."

Many extracts are given from the journals of the colporteurs which show that they are simple-minded, faithful, and laborious. Their field is as wide as their Master's love. In the palaces of the great and in the hovels of the poor, by the bed of the sufferer and the couch of the dying, in the lonely hut or the crowded market, in the haunts of vice or the homes of virtue, they are found sowing the good seed of the kingdom and bearing the reproach of Christ, and God sustains their courage, and maintains their faith, and prospers their work.

During the summer and autumn of the past year Mr. Davies made a tour of inspection through the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. Five colporteurs occupy this field of labour, over which is scattered a population of 1,500,000 souls, of whom only 270,000 are Protestants.

SWITZERLAND.—The population of Switzerland is reputed to consist of 2,669,147 souls, of whom about 1,600,000 are Protestants, and the rest, with the exception of 7,000 Jews, are Roman Catholics. Within this area 50,425 copies of the Scriptures have been distributed, consisting of 15,598 Bibles, 20,870 Testaments, and 4,957 Portions.

AUSTRIA.—There is at the present moment, a special interest connected with this agency because it is from this centre to a large extent God's Truth has been diffused among ten thousands of soldiers, who would otherwise have remained strangers to His great Salvation. It was from Vienna that Mr. Millard was able to direct the operations of the colporteurs, who succeeded almost beyond expectation in arresting the attention of those to whom they addressed themselves, and inducing them in the midst of war's fearful din to listen to the Gospel's joyful sound.

The circulation within the Agency has reached a total of 233,136 copies, consisting of 24,124 Bibles, 107,072 Testaments, 101,940 Portions.

Speaking of the work of the colporteurs in general, your Agent observes that they have still to encounter fierce opposition on the part of the priests, and that superstition, unbelief, and scepticism prevail among the people to a large extent.

Bohemia.—The impediments thrown in the way of the colporteurs in this part of the Austrian dominions continue

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very great. Professions of religious freedom are fair enough, but the Word of God, so far as the powers that be can affect the restraint, is still bound.

Notwithstanding, however, the strictness with which the colporteurs are watched by the guardians of the law, and the difficulties which they meet with in their work, they have faith, and strength to persevere, and a fair amount of encouragement has been vouchsafed to them.

In not a few instances the bread cast upon the waters has been found after many days.

POLAND.—A larger circulation than usual has taken place from the Warsaw Depôt, which is attributable in a great measure to the sales at reduced prices amongst the military. Mr. Kantor states that the Scriptures were everywhere received by them with joy and gratitude, and that tears often glistened in the eyes of the men as they obtained possession of the precious Book. Even the Jew seemed at times to forget his enmity to the Messiah, and one poor Turk, who at first refused all consolation, was at length induced to receive a Gospel. Whether he embraced its offer of reconciliation through the atoning sacrifice of Christ may never be known on earth; but some days after he began to read, the nurse who attended him expressed her astonishment at the wondrous change which had taken place in his whole deportment. He who had been fierce and sullen and rebellious had become calm and cheerful and contented. It was very touching sometimes to see how the remembrance of home, and of those dear to them there, lingered in the breasts of these hardy warriors. The Truth, which was now so sweet to them, they wished to share with the wife who was far off, and not unfrequently they bought a Testament to send her as the pledge of a love which, if it centered in Christ, was stronger than death.

SERVIA AND ROUMANIA.—Under this head Mr. Millard devotes some pages of his report to the interesting and important work in which he has been engaged among the soldiers.

When the Russian army crossed the Pruth and entered Roumania steps were at once taken to supply its wants, and 128,707 copies of the Word of God were distributed among

the men. Of these 70,996 were distributed gratuitously to the sick and wounded and prisoners; the remainder were sold at very reduced prices.

ITALY.—During the past year 50,671 copies of the Word of God, either in whole or in part, have been distributed in Italy. This shows an increase upon the circulation of the previous year of more than 6,000 copies, a circumstance which is the more gratifying inasmuch as Italy has not escaped the general depression in trade which has affected other countries. Your Agent, Mr. Bruce, under whose watchful superintendence this gradual development of your work has taken place, expresses a hope that the liberty of action which has been enjoyed under the constitutional government of Victor Emmanuel will be continued under his successor, who has accepted a Family Bible at the hands of the Italian Bible Society.

There are three colporteurs usually employed in Rome during the winter, and two in the summer. The sales have on the whole been satisfactory.

The issues from the depôt at Milan have amounted to 13,908 volumes.

Mr. Bruce has spared one of his colporteurs to visit the island of Corsica during the past year, and he succeeded in selling 209 Bibles, 333 New Testaments, and 400 Portions.

MALTA AND NORTH AFRICA.—The island of Malta is still, from a spiritual point of view, "a dry and barren land, where no water is." Scriptures have been sold there during the year to the extent of 67 copies.

Tunis, Algiers, and Oran are centres of the Society's operations in North Africa.

SPAIN.—Nearly ten years have now passed away since it pleased God by His overruling providence to open a wider entrance for His Word into Spain. Nor has evidence been wanting that the entrance of God's Word giveth light; and though now, as ever, the cunning of Satan and the enmity of Antichrist are alike directed against the Word of God, it has found its way to so many hearts that it is hard to believe that that Book can ever again be banished from the land.

Fortunately Mr. Corfield, who superintends the Society's work in Spain, is not easily daunted. He depends for guid-

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ance and protection upon a wisdom which is infinite and a faithfulness which can never fail. And He who sitteth above the waterfloods has so directed the course of events that your Agent is able to show a considerable increase in his issues, which have reached a total of 67,261, against 49,158 in the previous year.

Mr. Corfield's printing operations have also been on a large scale, including 5,500 Spanish Bibles, imp. 8vo. M. R.; 48,000 Gospels, 32mo.; 15,000 Gospels, 8vo.; and 5,000 Psalms, 16mo.

The list of colporteurs employed contains 22 names, but several of these have left for various reasons, and 16 only remain, as against 14 in 1876.

After referring to work at 9 different centres, Mr. Corfield closes his report by a reference to the "Prayer Union," which 150 Spaniards, in various parts of the country, have been induced to join.

PORTUGAL.—The Rev. R. Stewart, who, during the last year, has had charge of the Society's work in Portugal, speaks of it as a year of progress and deepening interest in the things of God. The number of colporteurs employed has amounted to 11.

Twice during the year Mr. Stewart has visited them and received from them a statement of work done, of difficulties encountered, and encouragement received. He has also visited the island of Madeira, a spot to which the attention of the Committee has for some time been directed. A depôt has been opened, and a colporteur engaged, who seems specially fitted for his post.

The issues for 10 months have reached a total of 9,652 volumes, consisting of 1,711 Bibles, 5,314 Testaments, and 2,627 Portions.

DENMARK.—Mr. Plenge commences his report for the present year with congratulations at the success which has attended the operations of the Society in Denmark. The circulation has exceeded that of any previous year, the issues having reached a total of 35,778 copies. The large Family Bible, royal 8 vo., has now been completed, and already 500 copies have been sold.

The chief difficulty consists in finding suitable men for colportage, whose Christian character will be in harmony

with the work in which they are engaged. The number employed during the past year was 24, but many of these worked only for a limited time.

ICELAND.—The population of Iceland is so small, and the labours of Bishop Pjetursson in supplying its inhabitants with Bibles have been so successful, that but little remains to be done beyond ministering to the wants of the rising generation. Sales to the value of £5. 11s. 2d. have been effected during the past year.

NORWAY.—The warmest thanks of the Committee are due to Capt. H. M. Jones, who has succeeded Sir J. R. Crowe in the office of Consul at Christiania, for the cordial manner in which he accepted their invitation to superintend their work, and expressed his willingness to further the end which they have in view by every means in his power.

The circulation of the Scriptures in Norway during the past year has not maintained the same buoyancy that was recorded in the previous Report. It has amounted to 80,188 copies.

Both the Psalms and the Gospels have in the course of the summer been published in a separate form, and have met with a rapid sale.

Leave has been given by the Committee to supply a small Bible and Testament to schools at half-price.

SWEDEN.—A great depression in trade has occurred in this country, and money is reported to be very scarce, still there is an increase in the issues of the present year over those of the preceding of upwards of 12,000 copies, the total being 97,569. The Agency have during the year supplied with Bibles the Homes of Scandinavian sailors at Havre and Antwerp. They have it in view also to employ a colporteur in the northern part of Sweden as soon as a suitable person can be found. Two new editions of the Scriptures are passing through the press: one a Swedish School Bible, the other the Gospel of St. Matthew in Lapponese, for the Swedish Laplanders.

NORTH RUSSIA.—The pressure upon the staff of the North Russian Agency during the past year has been very severe, and great energy and activity have been required not only to meet the wants of other Agencies which drew

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their Scriptures from this centre, but to supply the sick and the wounded as they returned from the war, as well as the prisoners who were distributed throughout the various towns of the empire. Some idea may be formed of this from the fact that the issues of the year have exceeded those of the previous one by 28,012 copies, and have reached a total of 226,113, whilst the issues of other Agencies have been in excess of the same period by 176,880.

Gratifying, however, as are the results thus indicated, it is but right to observe that they have reference chiefly to Central and European Russia, and that there are yet whole provinces of this vast empire which are destitute of the Scriptures.

At Moscow two colporteurs have worked in the Government of Saratoff among the numerous German colonists on the Volga, whose sales have amounted to 7,976 copies.

In the Grand Duchy of Finland the past year has been signalised by the opening of a depôt in Helsingfors, from which 11,724 copies have been sold.

In Asiatic Russia or Siberia two depôts have been established, one at Jakaterineburg and another in Tomsk. Some few Scriptures have been circulated from each.

SOUTH RUSSIA.—Mr. James Watt has continued his work in South Russia with the same ability and zeal that has hitherto characterised his labours. He gave much time to the care of the sick and wounded who returned within the limits of his Agency from the seat of war, and to the wants of those troops that were engaged in Asia Minor. The work has been of a most encouraging kind. His circulation has reached a total of 230,322 copies.

As almost the whole strength of the Agency was devoted during the year to the supply of the military with the Word of God, there is but little of importance to record concerning the action of the Society in the various centres in which its principal depôts are situated.

The depôt of Charkoff, whence upwards of 15,000 copies have been sold, proved most useful as a centre of supply for Russ Scriptures, as the blockade of the Black Sea ports rendered Odessa almost useless in that respect.

Mr. Watt closes a very interesting report with the following observations:—"Our efforts have not been in vain;

many thousands of soldiers marching to certain death received from our hands and read that Book which is the guide to life eternal, and at this moment thousands lying on beds of suffering are blessing the Bible Society in their hearts for its precious gift to them of the Word of God."

PERSIA.—Persia is a country which as yet has been but little explored for Christian purposes. The Society's Agent for South Russia, Mr. Watt, who during the earlier part of the year visited Tiflis, has it in view to make a tour in Persia in the course of the autumn should circumstances permit.

The Committee have been in correspondence with the Rev. J. Bassett, one of the American missionaries at Teheran, to whom they have sent a large supply of Scriptures for sale or distribution.

TURKEY.—The Agency of which Dr. Thomson administers the affairs has during the past year suffered from a twofold calamity. Not only has a great portion of it been ravaged by war, but his own health broke down. The Committee are thankful to be able to report that the means employed have been blessed of God to his recovery, and that he has now returned to the scene of his labours.

The colporteurs, as a necessary consequence of the circumstances in which they have been placed, have had to endure great hardships, and, though amidst many dangers they worked with much courage and perseverance, it was found impossible for them in many cases to remain at their posts.

There were, however, some portions of Dr. Thomson's district in which the operations of the Society, though greatly affected, were not discontinued. In Macedonia and Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine, Egypt and the Kingdom of Greece, as well as in most of the islands of the *Ægean*, the Scriptures had a fair circulation, and the issues which Dr. Thomson reports are in excess of those of the previous year by 4,028 copies, having reached a total of 32,580 copies.

The efforts of Mr. Sellar, the Society's depository at Constantinople, made to reach the Russian prisoners in order to distribute among them the Word of God, and the means which he adopted for the supply of their temporal wants when he discovered their miserable condition, are worthy of all praise, and were crowned of God with entire success.

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One happy result of the opportune relief which he was able to convey to these prisoners is that they connect it with the Bible Society, and do not cease to bless the Bible as the Good Angel which visited them in their time of deep distress.

GREECE.—The sales from the depôt and by the other agencies employed have reached a total of 5,999 copies. These are the more encouraging when it is remembered that both Church and State have combined to denounce the Bible as a pernicious book, and when it is hoped the people will be induced to read it and judge for themselves.

One hopeful symptom is to be found in the demand for reference Bibles, indicating in some quarters at least a careful study of the Word of God. To meet this demand, a portable edition of 6,000 copies of the reference Bible in Modern Greek is about to issue from the press.

SYRIA AND PALESTINE.—The sales in Syria have reached a total of 1,057 copies. Besides these, free grants of 460 copies were made to various schools, and about 500 were used in an effort to supply the soldiers who embarked at Beyrout for the seat of war.

The sales at Jerusalem have amounted to 360 copies, at Bethlehem to 113, and at Nazareth to 290, giving a total of 763. The depôt at Jerusalem is now under the care of the Rev. Theodore F. Wolters, formerly of Smyrna. Scarcely any depôt has experienced more hostility than that at Bethlehem, under the superintendence of the Rev. S. Müller, and yet its issues have been doubled. In Nazareth the depôt and colporteur are superintended by Dr. Vartan, of the Edinburgh Medical Mission.

EGYPT.—This important dependency of the Turkish Empire has not escaped the calamities inseparable from war. Nevertheless, the sale of Scriptures has been maintained nearly at the same level as during the previous year. It has reached a total of 2,612 copies. Mr. Kirby, who superintends very efficiently the Society's work in Egypt, has furnished ample details of its operations. He derives great hope from the general use which is being made of the Bible in Mission and other schools.

ABYSSINIA.—The intelligence received during the past year in connection with this country has been both in-

teresting and encouraging, inasmuch as progress has been made in printing the diglot edition of the New Testament in Ethiopic and Amharic, and greater facilities exist for the circulation of the Word of God. The Psalms, and the Gospels and Acts, have already been issued in this form. A large supply of Scriptures has been sent *via* Aden to Anko-bar, which, after some delay and great expense, have reached their destination.

EAST AFRICA.—The Committee have but little to record from this interesting field of labour. A grant of Arabic Scriptures was made to Bishop Steere in September last when he was in London. His heart seems set upon the translation of the Scriptures in the Kiswaheli language, and he expresses a hope that he will not only be able to continue the work himself, but to raise up a school of East African missionary linguists, who will render aid in perfecting what he has begun.

SOUTH AFRICA.—*Cape Town.*—The thirty-first annual meeting of this Auxiliary was held on the 7th of December, 1877, under the presidency of Sir David Tennant. The issues of the year have amounted to 9,266 copies. The sum of £702. 8s. has been remitted on P. A., and £500 as a F. C.* The Cape Town Ladies' Association is most energetic and successful in its operations.

Port Elizabeth.—The Hon. J. Geard has remitted F. C. £100, and P. A. £116. 16s. 5d.

Graham's Town.—A remittance of £57. 16s. 10d. has been placed to the credit of this Auxiliary on the P. A. A new edition of the Kaffir Bible is passing through the press in this country, under the editorial supervision of the Rev. W. J. Davis.

King William's Town.—From this Auxiliary the sum of £75 has been received in payment for Scriptures.

D'Urban.—The Rev. A. S. Rhodes has remitted £40 in payment for Scriptures, and £40 for general purposes.

Basutoland.—The Rev. A. Mabile has furnished a most interesting account of the progress of Bible translation in the Sesuto language.

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Kuruman.—The Rev. W. Ashton has remitted the sum of £16. 0s. 8d., the balance of invoice on consignment of Scriptures. He also forwards a request for a further supply of Bibles and Testaments, which has been complied with.

WEST AFRICA.—*Lagos.*—A remittance has been received from this Auxiliary, through the Rev. J. B. Wood, of £40, as a F. C., and £59. 15s. 9d. on the P. A.

Accra.—The Rev. C. Buhl has returned to his station at Christiansborg, and gives a favourable account of the missionary work there. He remits £12 realized by the sale of the Scriptures.

Sierra Leone.—The meeting of this Auxiliary has been held a month later than usual, and hence the remittance of F. C. £56 7s., and P. A. £100 6s. 9d.

Liberia.—A further remittance of £11 8s. 7d. has been made by Messrs. Clinton & Sons, of Grand Bassa. A consignment of Scriptures to the value of £5 has been sent to Mr. T. D. Campbell, of Monrobia, in compliance with his request.

The Gold Coast.—The Rev. F. M. Zahn has applied, on behalf of the Bremen Missionary Society, for assistance in printing the entire New Testament in the Ewe language.

MADAGASCAR.—Missionary work in this island has for so many years been connected with so much that is interesting and instructive that the Committee deeply regret that they have no information to give on the subject. They can only express a hope that the large stock of Scriptures which have been sent to the Island are being distributed in a way which may tend to the glory of God, and that some accounts of receipts and expenditures is being kept which they will receive in process of time.

MAURITIUS.—During the year the colporteurs have disposed of 5,182 volumes, in ten different languages, whilst 168 have been sold at the depôt. The number of colporteurs at the beginning of the year was 12, but through deficiency of funds it has been reduced to eight.

INDIA.—*Calcutta.*—Translations of the Gospel by St. Luke and St. John in Santali have been issued during the past year, and the Acts of the Apostles are in course of translation. It is one of the peculiarities of the Mussulmani

Bengali language that all the books printed in it by the natives are in verse. An attempt has been made to meet this taste by translating the Gospel by St. Matthew in the same form. The issues of the year have amounted to 44,157 copies. There have been thirty-three colporteurs employed, who have sold on an average 2,110 copies per month, making a total of 25,320.

Allahabad.—The report of this Auxiliary contains a review of its operations for the period that its present efficient secretary has had the management of its affairs. Thirty-five colporteurs have been employed during the year, who have worked in twenty-nine different stations. Their sales have amounted to 13,962 copies.

The Punjab.—The tenth report of this Auxiliary has been received. The issues are nearly as large as, and the subscriptions are larger than, those of the preceding year. They have reached a total respectively of 9,998 copies, and 1,191 rupees. Two of the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and several of the Epistles in Persian, Urdu, and Punjabi, and numerous Portions in those languages and in the Roman Urdu, are passing through the press. Thirteen colporteurs have been employed within the year, independently of which the Scriptures have been sold from nine branch depôts.

Bombay.—The issues by this Auxiliary have been larger this year than for several years past, a result which may be attributed either to an increased desire to possess the Scriptures or to increased efforts to promote their circulation. They have amounted to 12,510 copies. A new scheme of colportage has been employed, but only for limited periods. This has resulted in the sale of 1,593 copies.

Madras.—This Auxiliary, which last year reported an increase both in its income and issues, has experienced this year a falling off in both. Famine has prevailed to a fearful extent throughout the Presidency, and as many as 20,000,000 of the population have been subjected to its effects.

Bangalore.—This Society has been constituted a separate Auxiliary. The depôt, towards the enlargement of which the Parent Society contributed £50, has been completed, and is in the joint occupation of the Bible Society and the Religious Tract Society. An edition of a portable Canarese Bible has recently issued from the press.

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CEYLON.—*Jaffna.*—The sales by colportage, towards which the Committee have made a grant of £75, have reached a total of 374 copies.

Colombo.—The correspondence with this Auxiliary during the past year has been limited to an order for Scriptures, and a remittance of £120 on P. A.

MALAYSIA.—*Sumatra.*—Information was given in last year's Report to the effect that the Gospel of St. Matthew had been printed in the Batta language. A fresh application has now been made by the Rhenish Missionary Society for aid to print the Scriptures in the southern dialect of the island—the Mandabeeling.

CHINA.—Failing eyesight has compelled Mr. Wyllie, who has proved himself a most faithful and efficient agent of the Society, to relinquish his work, at least for a time, and it is still doubtful whether he will be able to resume it. Mr. S. Dyer, who has been recommended to the Committee, has been temporarily appointed to occupy Mr. Wyllie's post.

From Shanghai, Hankow, Foochow, and Amoy, the issues have amounted to 34,103 copies.

A few letters have been received in London direct from China. The Rev. Dr. Eitel writes from Hongkong to say that he is no longer able to give to the Society's work that time which the importance of its affairs demands, and that he is about to transfer the care of the stock, as well as the offices of secretary and treasurer, to other hands. The Rev. J. Sadler, of Amoy, furnishes a most interesting account of the progress of the work at Amoy. He says:—"I have never felt so grateful as during this year, both for the Scriptures provided by the Bible Society, and especially for the colporteurs, who, in still greater strength than before, have been pressing on their work into new regions, which would otherwise be without a single ray of light.

The Rev. R. Gordon, writing from the same place, gives a most cheering account of the progress of Divine Truth in a district which he visited. He says:—"I was much cheered by what I saw of the Lord's doing. During my visit I had the privilege of baptising seven new converts at one place and two at another, and since then a good many others have been received."

The Rev. W. Muirhead, of Shanghai, also refers to the colportage work of the Society as of the utmost importance: "I am thankful that these Bible distributors are not only engaged in circulating the Holy Scriptures, but in doing so are helping on the missionary cause, by direct conversation with the natives, in places which are seldom or never touched in any other way.

JAPAN.—It was announced last year that a corresponding committee had been formed in Tokyo in connection with this Society, and during the year communications have been received from two of its members, the Rev. J. Piper and the Rev. W. B. Wright, the latter of whom, in his capacity as secretary, has furnished an interesting report of the committee's proceedings.

AUSTRALIA.—The Committee regret to announce the death of the Rev. Benjamin Backhouse, who has for some years been working with zeal and energy as the Society's representative in Australia and New Zealand. The Rev. J. T. Evans has been appointed to succeed him, and entered upon the discharge of his duties early in the present year.

New South Wales. Sydney.—This Auxiliary has remitted F. C. £500, P. A. £500. The sale of Scriptures has been transferred from the Bible Hall to another depôt, a plan which has worked well, for the expenses have been reduced one-half, and the sales considerably increased.

Bathurst.—F. C. £50. A report is promised, but has not yet arrived.

Grafton.—The third annual report of the Clarence Auxiliary has been received. The issues from the depôt have amounted to 199 copies. F. C. £100, P. A. £14 6s. 1d. The Rev. J. Mackay reports the continuance of unabated interest in the work of the Society.

Goulburn.—It is now two years since any contribution has been forwarded from Goulburn. Mr. Busby writes to say that he has obtained collectors for eight new districts, and that steps for the establishment of two new branches have been taken.

West Maitland.—The last report which has been received of this Auxiliary is the eighteenth, and has reference to transactions which occurred in the year 1876. F. C. £200, P. A. £30.

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Newcastle.—The Ladies' Association has paid in a larger sum than had been collected in any previous year. The subscriptions of Raymond Terrace Branch have already considerably increased.

Singleton.—This Auxiliary has been growing in strength from year to year. F. C. £40.

Queensland. Brisbane.—The report of this Auxiliary takes a favourable review of the position which the Society occupies. The local subscriptions were £97 1s. 6d.; F. C. £85; P. A. £154 16s. 7d.

Ipswich.—The Rev. F. N. Browne, under date Dec. 4, sends an account of the meeting which had been recently held in connection with this Auxiliary. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Brisbane took the chair. F. C. £40; P. A. £50.

Victoria. Melbourne.—The Report of this Auxiliary has been forwarded by the Rev. Canon Becher. Through the kindness of local friends, many of the branch societies have been enabled to hold their meetings. P. A. £484 15s. 5d.; F. C. £118 1s.

Ballarat.—The Committee are much indebted to Mr. Birtchnell for carrying on the work of the Society under circumstances of great difficulty and depression. P. A. £151 5s. 9d.

Sandhurst.—A brief letter from Mr. S. P. Webber encloses a remittance of £20 P. A.

Castlemaine.—Mr. H. O. Roberts has been appointed secretary of this Auxiliary. P. A. £37 19s. 7d.; F. C. £20.

Geelong.—A Bible Society Sunday has become an institution here, and furnishes an example well worthy of imitation elsewhere. F. C. £100; P. A. £60.

Portland.—Mr. J. Hill has remitted £25 F. C. and £3 14s. 6d. P. A.

Hamilton.—The sum of £15 has been sent through Mr. G. Tillyear, as F. C.

South Australia. Adelaide.—The thirty-second annual meeting of this Auxiliary has been held, and the report which was then read gave an encouraging account of the progress of the work. The issues of the year had amounted to 6,517 copies. F. C. £600; P. A. £400.

Mount Barker.—F. C. £50.

Western Australia.—The interest which Miss E. K. Clifton takes in the work of the Society remains unabated F. C. £10; P. A. £10.

Tasmania. Hobart Town.—Several letters have been received during the year from the Rev. R. E. Dear. The issues have amounted to 1,241 copies. F. C. £500; P. A. £100.

Launceston.—The Cornwall Auxiliary held its forty-fifth annual meeting and reports its issues as having amounted to 1,924 copies.

NEW ZEALAND.—*Auckland.*—The issues of the Auxiliary have amounted to 3,748 copies, being more than 600 volumes in excess of those of the previous year. The receipts also from subscriptions and sales are each £30 in advance. F. C. £50; P. A. £221 15s. 6d. The sum of £67 14s. has been sent by the friends at Waipu, formerly connected with the congregation of the late Rev. Norman McLeod. The congregation of the Rev. W. Macrae have also remitted a donation of £11 5s.

Christchurch.—The Rev. J. Aldred has remitted £250 P. A. and £200 F. C. from the Canterbury Auxiliary.

Nelson.—£5 in payment for books.

Wellington.—A remittance of £50 P. A.

Wanganui.—A depôt has been opened here, and several sub-depôts in neighbouring towns. The Maories evince returning interest in the Word of God. F. C. £35; P. A. £53 19s. 10d.

SOUTH SEAS.—*Georgian Group. Tahiti.*—Several letters have been received during the year from the Rev. J. L. Green, all bearing testimony to the eagerness with which the Scriptures are still purchased by the natives of these islands. Some idea may be formed of the value in which the Scriptures are held by the fact that the sum of £180 has been remitted during the past year as the proceeds of sales in Tahiti, Raratonga, and other islands.

Harvey Islands. Raratonga.—The Rev. W. W. Gill has remitted £50, and in November advised a further sum of similar amount, the proceeds of sales in these islands.

Mangaia.—The Rev. G. A. Harris acknowledges the receipt of three cases of Bibles.

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Navigators' Islands. Samoa.—The Rev. Dr. Turner has asked for a grant of 500 English Testaments, which it was proposed to sell to the students of the Missionary Institution and others.

Loyalty Islands. Maré.—The Rev. J. Jones has remitted £20, the proceeds of Scriptures sold in this island,

Uvea.—The Rev. S. Ella expresses great pleasure at the prospect of the New Testament in Iaian being completed.

New Hebrides. Tanna.—The Rev. W. Watt has remitted the sum of £24 9s. 6d. F. C. from the New Hebrides Auxiliary.

SOUTH AMERICA.—The Rev. F. N. Lett, the Society's representative at Buenos Ayres, has furnished very frequent details of the work carried on by his colporteurs during the past year. The zeal and fidelity with which they have laboured and borne the difficulties which they have encountered, and the reproach to which in not a few cases they have been exposed, have been beyond all praise. One of them named José Mongiardino, whom Mr. Lett describes as devoted, tried, and faithful, had made a most successful tour in the Republic of Bolivia, when he was assassinated at a place called Santiago Cotagaita.

For a period of three months a large portion of the Province of Buenos Ayres was inundated, so as to cause large losses of cattle, and when the floods subsided, locusts made their appearance, filling all hearts with despair as to the prospects of harvest. The circulation has reached a total of 6,239 copies.

Brazil.—Mr. Carvalho, the agent of the Society in this district, has intimated to the Committee his intention of giving up the work. The sickness of his wife and children has at length forced upon him the resolution to return to Portugal. Under these circumstances, the Committee have requested Mr. Lett to repair to Rio Janeiro, with a view of making such arrangements as may be found necessary to set Mr. Carvalho at liberty. There have been five colporteurs employed during the whole year, and one for a period of six months. The sales have consisted of 904 Bibles, 2,313 Testaments, and 2,467 Portions, making a total of 5,684 copies. The issues, including grants, have amounted to 5,854 copies.

Chili.—The Society has no direct agency in Chili, but it has made a grant to the Valparaiso Bible Society, which enables it to maintain its work. During the past year a circulation of 3,638 volumes has been effected.

Berbice.—Mr. H. K. Davson has remitted £15 P. A. and £10 F. C.

Demerara.—The Rev. J. Foreman has remitted the sum of £6 14s. 5d. in payment for Scriptures.

Blue Fields, Mosquito Coast.—The Rev. J. E. Lundberg has remitted £8 P. A.

WEST INDIES.—*Trinidad.*—Mr. Horsford has remitted £30 in payment for Scriptures.

Tobago.—P. A. £8 13s. 6d.

Barbadoes.—It is pleasant to find that the political troubles which prevailed here have passed away. Dr. Thomas, the President of the Auxiliary, has been succeeded in that office by Chief Justice Packer. F. C. £51 8s. 4d.; P. A. £100.

Dominica.—P. A. £8 14s. 11d.; F. C. £9 4s. 10d.

St. Kitt's.—F. C. £7 1s. 1d.; P. A. £5 18s. 6d.

St. Croix.—P. A. £3.

St. Thomas.—P. A. £8 16s.

Jamaica. Kingston.—The sum of £170 has been remitted on behalf of this Auxiliary, on the P. A.

Manchester.—P. A. £9 5s. 7d.

St. Ann's Bay.—P. A. £40.

St. Elizabeth.—A sum of £12 10s. as a Free Contribution, and £20 8s. on the purchase account, have been remitted from this Auxilliary by the Rev. F. Ilgner. He describes a remarkable movement which has been taking place on an extensive scale, in consequence of the testimony of an evangelist from England, who has witnessed against one of the prevailing sins of the island, and has induced a large number of people to be married who hitherto had despised that ordinance.

Falmouth.—The sum of £105 has been received from the Trelawney Auxiliary.

Westmoreland Mountains.—P. A. £13 8s. 4d.; F. C. £6 11s. 10d.

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The Bahamas. Nassau.—The Rev. J. Davey has remitted £56 15s. on behalf of this Auxiliary, for the General purposes of the Society.

Bermuda.—P. A. £8 7s. 4d. ; F. C. 12s.

The Directors of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have again shown great consideration in conveying consignments of Scriptures to the West Indies free of charge, for which the Committee tender them their grateful thanks.

MEXICO.—There are few portions of the vast field which the Society is engaged in cultivating of which the soil is so barren and the produce so small as that to which attention has now to be called. Christian work, however, must not be judged too hastily.

In September last Mr. Pascoe had been in charge of his Agency for 12 months, and by comparing his issues at the end of each quarter he found that they had advanced in the following ratio:—41, 387, 525, 1,136, giving a total for the year of 2,089 copies. If these results are less than in former years, the system of distribution has at the same time been less expensive and more satisfactory. It is satisfactory to find that Mr. Pascoe can speak so highly as he does of the Society's edition of Valera. He says that it is the best, the purest, and the most free from error that he has yet seen.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.—*Upper Canada. Toronto.*—After expressing regret at the loss of some valued friends, the Committee of this Auxiliary state that their issues for the year have amounted to 38,769 copies, being 595 in excess of those of the preceding year. The receipts from ordinary sources have also been somewhat larger. The branches now connected with it are 362 in number. One permanent and 27 provisional agents have been employed, and the colporteurs have done good service by the sale of 6,051 copies. P. A. £2,000, F. C. £1,832 15s. 3d., including £100 from the Hamilton Branch.

Perth.—A contribution of £10 has again been received from this Auxiliary through the Rev. W. Burns.

Ottawa.—Extracts have been furnished by the Rev. W. Armstrong from the report of the Ottawa Auxiliary, from which it appears that satisfactory progress has been made during the past year. There are now 61 Branch Societies. Seven colporteurs have been employed, who have visited 40

townships, as well as 134 lumber shanties, and disposed of 3,933 volumes. The issues have amounted to 6,664 copies. F. C. £200.

Lower Canada. Montreal.—This important Auxiliary has now been in existence for fifty-seven years, and continues its work with unabated vigour. Its issues during the past year have amounted to 17,510 copies. F. C. £100; P. A. £700.

Quebec.—The issues are reported as improving, but there was a falling off in the funds. P. A. £62 17s. 8d.

New Brunswick. St. John.—The past year has been one of great trial to this Auxiliary, in consequence of the destructive fire which took place. Its liberal Free Contribution has been temporarily suspended. P. A. £512 11s. 5d.

Fredericton.—F. C. £100.

Chatham.—F. C. £50.

Dalhousie.—A donation of £10 has been received from the Restigouche Auxiliary.

Nova Scotia. Halifax.—The issues have amounted to 2,615. F. C. £200; P. A. £167 6s.

New Glasgow.—F. C. £113 5s. 3d., but this amount probably includes the subscriptions of two years.

Pictou.—P. A. £14 10s. 2d.; F. C. £44 17s. 6d.

Yarmouth (Ladies' Association).—F. C. £28 12s. 4d.

Prince Edward's Island. Charlottetown.—Dr. McNeill reports good progress, and the formation of several new Branches. F. C. £100; P. A. £41 10s. 5d.

Newfoundland. St. John's.—The colporteur employed by this Auxiliary has visited 94 settlements and sold 1,008 copies. His labours extend along a coast of 2000 miles in extent, and are bestowed upon a fishing population who are reached by no other agency. F. C. £60; P. A. £115.

FUNDS.—God has again been pleased to incline the hearts of many to give liberally of their substance for the maintenance of the world-wide work in which the Society is engaged, and if no extraordinary calls had been made upon its funds the receipts would have been equal to the expenditure. But the war has necessitated an outlay which could not have been foreseen, and has raised the expenditure more than £15,000 above the receipts.

The Free income of the Society has amounted to £107,386 11s. 6d., being nearly £3,000 more than last year, whilst the sum received for Scriptures sold both at home and abroad has risen to £104,141 16s. 7d., which again is nearly £2,000 in advance of the previous year. These two items, with £135 received on account of the fund for Indian colportage and £640 7s. 6d. towards the Paris Exhibition Fund, make a total of £212,303 15s. 7d. The Expenditure has amounted to £227,865 18s. 1d.

The Financial engagements of the Society at the close of the year involved an expenditure of £89,439 18s. 2d.

The Issues of the year have again been very encouraging, having exceeded those of the previous year by 272,855 copies. They are classified in the following table:—

1.—From the depôt in Queen Victoria Street :		
Bibles.....	643,834	
Integral Parts of Old Testament.....	81,071	
New Testaments.....	431,479	
New Testaments with Psalms.....	28,397	
Integral Parts of New Testament.....	267,828	
		1,452,609
2.—From depôts abroad :		
Bibles.....	185,065	
Integral Parts of Old Testament.....	173,927	
New Testament and Testament with Psalms.....	675,551	
Integral Parts of New Testament.....	456,445	
		1,490,988
	Total.....	2,943,597

The total Issues of the Society now amount to 82,047,062.

CONCLUSION.—“The Lord hath need of him !”. Such was the answer which the disciples were instructed to give to those who challenged their right to loose the colt for which Jesus had sent them. And similar is the motive by which your Committee would seek to win the co-operation of all who bear the name of Christ in the great work in which they are engaged. The Lord hath need of you. The most casual observer cannot mark the signs of the times without becoming convinced that there are forces at work, antagonistic to the cause of God, which are as powerful as they are subtle. Minds are being corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ; and whilst superstition is gathering its thousands,

infidelity is marshalling its tens of thousands for that mighty struggle between light and darkness, the issues of which are not uncertain, though the conflict may yet be severe. And where, amidst the clashing of opposing hosts, shall the children of God secure a rallying point for their forces? Where shall they find a touchstone wherewith to distinguish the true from the false?—a crucible in which all schools of thought may be cast so as to sever the precious from the vile, if it be not in the Word of God? Here, at least, there is nothing uncertain; nothing deceptive; nothing false. We can send it forth on its mission of mercy without fear, resting assured that it shall accomplish that which God pleases, and rejoicing in the hope that it will guide the souls of many through a land of darkness and of death to a home of immortality and light. What a contrast does it afford to the noise of contending parties, to the clamour of those who strive for the mastery! Here is a ministry of silence which, like the perfume that sweetens the atmosphere through which it floats unseen and unheard, softly diffuses the fragrance of Him whose Name is as ointment poured forth, and breathes the healing balm of pardon and of peace on souls hitherto dead in trespasses and in sins. Who would not wish God speed to such a work as this? Who would not press toward this noble mark of leavening the world with Truth? Truth which grows not old, nor fades, nor knows decay, but in vindication of its Divine ancestry, is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

Once more the call is sounded to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Once more the wants of a world perishing in its ungodliness claim the faith and hope and love of all who would be true to their Master's cause. The currents of unbelief are strong and bearing many a bark towards a rock-bound shore; will you not hoist the only Signal by which the haven can be reached? The darkness of iniquity deepens, will you not bear aloft that Torch which alone can dispel it, and enable the wanderer to discern the way of holiness and peace? Earth's soil is still to a large extent dry and barren; will you not pray for showers of Divine grace to yield moisture and fertility, and thus hasten the harvest of a waiting world, when they that sow in tears shall reap in joy, and 'they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever' in the kingdom of God?

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Referring again to the work of this Auxiliary the Committee have much pleasure in noticing the favour by which the work continues to be viewed, in the city and Province, particularly the latter. Mr. Toland, the Agent's reports, are herewith submitted, he has visited the branches with unabated zeal and perseverance, and the results of his labours are, notwithstanding the commercial depression of the times, very encouraging. One marked feature in regard to the Society's hold upon the affection of so many people is shown in the legacies so often left to its funds by persons in different parts of the Province. This feature has been brought out in almost every Annual Report. In the year's account we have J. W. Walker's (of Halifax) bequest, and Israel Smith, of Newport, noticed in our last year's Report, and this year we have Charles Roach, One Hundred Dollars, with the collection of a sum which has been some time bequeathed, but the condition of the estate did not permit its payment till this year, when £198 3s. 3d. sterling, was paid over and duly remitted to the Parent Society, the legacy of Mrs. Eliza J. Van Buskirk, late of Aylesford.

Such contributions are cheering marks of the confidence reposed in the Society by persons who feel their obligations to the Bible, and the obligations resting upon *them* to send it where it is not. And we would again repeat that many thousands of dollars might thus be disposed of, and the heirs and residuary legatees have sufficient left to ruin their prospects, and destroy their self-reliance, in the times to come as in so many instances has been the case in the past.

Reference has already been made to the loss the Committee, and indeed the Auxiliary, has suffered by the death of the late Edward Binney, Esq. Mr. Binney must have connected himself with the Auxiliary as a subscriber as early as 1842, at which time his name appears on a subscription list. On the 13th November, 1866, he was elected a member of the General Committee, whose meetings after his retirement from public duties, he attended with great punctuality. This unexpected removal is deeply felt by the members of Committee, who tender to Mrs. Binney their Christian sympathy. Mrs. Binney was for many years associated with him in works of faith and labours of love, she having filled the office of President of the Ladies' Bible Association in Halifax for many years.

The circulation during the year is rather below the average, but when the Committee notice the various facilities for supplying God's word throughout the Province as an article of commerce, they cannot expect an annual increase, as it is to be hoped Bibles are not purchased to be consumed, but to be used. The Depositories throughout the Province are supposed to be supplied with copies of the Scriptures at lowest prices, and all Protestant families are expected to have at least a family Bible. The day and Sabbath-schools are supposed to have their compliment. We can scarcely expect an annual increase in circulation of the Scriptures. But the ultimate end of our efforts should be to secure that every young person entering upon the active duties of life should possess a copy of the Scrip-

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The circulation of 1877 was as follows :—

	Bibles.	Testaments.
Number sold at Depository.....	520	356
Number supplied to Branches.....	118	72
Number supplied to Colporteurs.....	391	223
Wesleyan Book Room.....	526	193
Free distribution to Public Institutions.....	130	34
	1685	878

This exhibits a decrease in Bibles of 149 copies, and an increase of Testaments of 119 copies, as compared with the previous year.

The stock in the Depository is large, and Branches can be supplied for their depots as required, on application. But the Colporteurs of the British American Book Society visit so continuously, and penetrate into every nook and corner of the Province with the Bible, among the other treasures of knowledge in their possession, visiting every house where there would be the slightest prospect of disposing of the Word, and hence the Society have so little to do.

The Parent Society's report contains the following credits :—

	F. C.	Purchase acct.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nova Scotia, at Halifax.....	200 0 0	167 6 0
New Glasgow.....	113 5 3	...
Pictou.....	44 17 6	14 10 2
Yarmouth Ladies' acct.....	28 12 4	...
	386 15 1	181 16 2

The financial state of accounts may be classified as follows :—

Legacies, J. M. Walker.....	\$400 00	
“ J. Gorham, (2 years).....	194 66	
“ Israel Smith, Newport.....	30 00	
		\$ 644 66
Branch Societies, per Treasurer.....	\$224 69	
“ “ Agent.....	548 70	
“ “ Secretary.....	538 69	
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Halifax Subscriptions.....	\$277 18	
“ Ladies' Association.....	254 01	
		531 19
Cash sales at Depository.....	\$351 95	
American Book and Tract Depository.....	142 09	
		494 04
Collection at Annual Meeting.....	\$ 16 66	
Yarmouth Ladies' Association.....	138 00	
		154 66
Total.....		\$3235 63

This shows a decrease from the previous year, but the decrease is too plainly accounted for by the present and past year's financial condition of the Province, which is painfully experienced in all our religious Societies.

Your Committee cannot better close this Report, than by giving their Agent's abstract of Report prepared for this meeting :

A full report of my labours as Agent of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary for the present year will, D. V., be forwarded to the Secretary in due time, and, as usual, printed in the Appendix to the Annual Report. In the meantime, as I shall not have an opportunity of addressing the Annual Meeting personally this year, I would venture to hope that a few facts committed to writing will not be unacceptable.

Two things I found, during my journeyings, unfavorable, for a time, to large meetings. These were the

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Industrial Exhibitions and the General Elections. On the whole, however, the meetings were better attended than last year, and I am happy to be able to testify that I have observed no abatement of interest in the cause of the Society, but in many instances I have noticed with great pleasure evidences of increasing sympathy with its object, approbation of its principles, and practical recognition of its claims; and although as a general rule it is undoubtedly true that the amount of pecuniary contributors is a fair criterion of the estimate in which the Society is held, still I think that this test cannot fairly be applied in the present depressed state of every department of industrial enterprise, not only in Nova Scotia and the Dominion of Canada, but throughout the whole civilized world.

In those districts of the country where the whole dependence of the inhabitants is on the produce of their farms, it is difficult to realize the actual scarcity of money at the present time. Everything that the farmer has to sell is now at so low a price that it is little more than sufficient to defray the expenses of bringing it to market.

It will not, therefore, be surprising if the amount of contributions from country Branches this year should be, as I anticipate, smaller than usual. At the same time I think that the number of contributors is rather on the increase. In some places, as Lunenburg, Bridgewater, &c., I found it necessary to return to the old method of collecting. As was mentioned in my last Report, collectors had been appointed at these and other places, as an improvement on the old way, but I found that these collectors had done little or nothing, so this year I was obliged to revert to the old plan of going round myself, and I think there were only two instances in which I was refused a subscription.

I spent part of four days in Yarmouth, and with the aid of Mr. T. Lewis, gathered up considerably more than

last year. Through the exertions of the officers of the Branch, I obtained permission to address a Temperance Meeting in Ryerson's Hall on the relation of the Bible to Temperance work. My remarks were well received, and had the effect, I hope, of making the Bible Society better known in Yarmouth.

Some of the meetings held during the year were peculiarly encouraging. I may mention as instances Bridgetown, Windsor, Avondale, Antigonish, Sherbrooke, Goldenville, Sydney and Lower Steviacke. At all these and other places there were not only large gatherings, but the most unremitting attention was given and the warmest interest manifested throughout the whole proceedings.

I may further observe that through the kindness of friends in giving me free entertainment, and in driving me from place to place, my travelling expenses have been reduced to a minimum, being less than last year by \$25.

In conclusion, I can confidently say from my own observation, that there is no other institution in existence that has a firmer hold on the affections of the people of this Province than the Bible Society. The dead and the living of all ranks, and all denominations, have supported it with their contributions, their services and their prayers. In prosperity and adversity, in commercial panics, and amid prostrate industries, the Bible Society has maintained, and still maintains, its throne in the hearts of the Christian people of Nova Scotia as the Queen of the religious institutions of the world.

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MR. TOLAND'S REPORT.

To the Committee of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary
Bible Society.

GENTLEMEN,—

The labours of the year 1878 began in Annapolis County. On the evening of Thursday, 2nd May, a very few assembled in the Court House, Annapolis. I am sorry to say that very few manifest any interest in the work of the Bible Society in that town. The officers of the Branch, who were all present, promised that an effort would be made to collect something, if anyone could be found willing to undertake the office. On the following evening a very interesting meeting was held in the vestry of the Methodist Church, Bridgetown. The Rev. C. Parker presided, and rendered much assistance. I obtained here some \$22, and a promise of more. On Sabbath, 5th May, I addressed a small gathering in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Wilmot, and obtained a collection of \$8. The same day went to Nictaux Falls, and at 7½ o'clock, P. M., the Methodist Church was crowded. Rev. R. Stewart rendered efficient aid at both these meetings. A very heavy rain prevented all but a few from assembling in the Methodist Church, Lawrencetown, on Monday evening, but there was an excellent meeting in the Hall, Somerset, where I obtained \$18.05. Went on the next day to Kentville, and had a fair meeting in the Baptist Church,—indeed the President, H. B. Webster,

Esq., spoke of it as the best Bible Meeting that he had been in Kentville for many years. Proceeded next day to Canning. The gathering in the Baptist Church was very good. Several collectors were appointed for this Branch. In Union Hall, Church Street, addressed a very small meeting, and next day I obtained a few dollars from the friends of the Society before I left. On Sabbath, 12th May, held two meetings, one in Lower Horton in the morning, and the other in Union Church, Avonport, in the evening. The next day we had a most interesting meeting in the Vestry of the Methodist Church, Horton. A collection of some \$13 was handed to me.

The turnout in Windsor the next evening, though very good, was not so large as it was last year. There were six Ministers present, and two of them, the Rev. Messrs. Brecken and Kierstead, addressed the meeting. Windsor Branch was very successful in collecting last year. The contributions amounted to nearly \$100. It is confidently hoped that even more than this will be realized this year. As usual, there was a large gathering in Avondale on Wednesday evening. This Branch, though small, has always contributed liberally. At St. Croix, in the Presbyterian Church, there was an interesting meeting on Thursday, 16th. This Branch is very weak, and the people generally poor, still the ladies who collected so little last year gave me their promise that they will make an effort this year again. Went on to Brooklyn, and had an opportunity of advocating the claims of the Society before a very fair audience in the new Methodist Church. The President, Mr. Cochran, occupied the Chair. The meeting was addressed briefly by the Rev. Messrs. Moore and McNab, and collectors were appointed for the surrounding districts.

Proceeded to Burlington on Saturday 18th, and next day held three good meetings, viz., Burlington at 11

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o'clock, A. M., Summerville at 3 P. M., and at Cheverie at 7½ P. M., all well attended, and small contributions were received at each of them.

In Walton, on Monday 20th, there was a very interesting meeting in the Baptist Church. Two Ministers were present, and both took part in the exercises. A small contribution was obtained, and something more will be collected. The gathering in Noel the next evening was very good. Much interest in the Society's work was manifested, and a handsome contribution was paid over to me. Six collectors were appointed to visit the friends who were not present at the meeting, and gather up their subscriptions.

Two wet evenings in succession caused the meetings in Maitland and Nine Mile River to be smaller than usual. The Rev. Mr. McNeil presided at the former meeting, and the several arrangements were made for gathering up the subscriptions of this spirited Branch. I mentioned in my last Report that I did not expect any contribution from Maitland last year, but the excellent President and Secretary, by an extra effort, though late in the season, contrived to remit to the Treasurer \$50. I was quite content to have my predictions falsified in this manner.

Went on to Folliegh Village and had the pleasure of addressing an excellent meeting in the Presbyterian Church. The Chair was occupied by Mr. Morrison, and the opening exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. Sinclair. This Branch did well last year, and from the interest evinced at the meeting, I hope there will be no falling away this year.

The turnout in Great Village next evening was fair. Mr. Kent presided, and the former collectors volunteered to act again. This Branch contributed \$25 last year.

On Sabbath, 26th May, held three large meetings at Portapique, Bass River, and Economy. At Bass River,

though there is no Branch there, Mr. Fulton reported some \$25 already collected, which it is hoped will be increased before he remits to Halifax.

Proceeded from Economy to Five Islands, and was much encouraged by an excellent meeting. Mr. Boyd conducted devotional exercises in a very impressive manner, and led the way by an earnest and eloquent speech, in vindication of the Society's claims to the sympathy and active support of all Christians. A collection of \$7.56 was handed to me.

The last effort on this tour was made at Parrsboro. I did not attempt to address the few that assembled. From Mr. Fullerton's family and Mrs. Dickerson I obtained \$6.22, and returned next day to New Brunswick.

Returned from New Brunswick on the 24th of June, and set out by stage from Halifax for Chester on Tuesday morning, June 25th. Dr. DeWitt presided at the meeting in Masonic Hall the same evening. I obtained a small collection as the earnest of a good contribution. Several ladies volunteered to collect.

Addressed a very interesting audience next evening at Chester Basin. It was chiefly composed of young persons. The greatest order prevailed, and unremitting attention was given to my address.

The next effort was made at Mahone Bay. The gathering in the Presbyterian Church was not large, but as the Presbyterians there have lately got a very excellent Minister, I hope that something will be contributed to the funds of the Society. The Lutherans, Baptists, and Episcopalians evince no interest in my work. Whatever is contributed at Mahone Bay must come from Methodists and Presbyterians.

Held a small but very lively meeting in the town of Lunenburg next evening. Rev. Mr. Owen occupied the Chair and conducted the opening exercises. Next day Stephen Finck, Esq., kindly went round with me

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as usual. We met with not a single refusal from any one to whom we applied. We obtained some \$50, and subscriptions for something like \$30 more, which will be secured and forwarded by Mr. Finck.

The next day addressed two large gatherings at Lower and Middle LaHave. Collectors will go round as usual in September.

Found every department of business very dull in Bridgewater. My friend Mr. Fraser left his work and gave me his aid the greater part of a day collecting. Contributions in general were smaller than usual, still no one refused to give. We got some \$25, which was far below the usual amount from Bridgewater. Still it was cheerfully given, with many expressions of regret that the people were not able to give more.

In Milton the following day had the pleasure of meeting and addressing the friends of the Society in the Congregational Church. Next morning Rev. E. Barker assisted me in collecting. Notwithstanding the hard times we collected \$3.50 more than last year.

On the evening of the 4th July there was a very small meeting in Liverpool. The President, Sheriff Freeman, presided and addressed the meeting.

Set off next day at 2 p. m. for Shelburne, a distance of 45 miles. The stage is always late in getting in, and when I reached the Methodist Church I found about a dozen persons assembled. I did not attempt to address them. A consultation, as to the best method of raising funds, was held; and some valuable suggestions offered with a view to secure a larger meeting on a future occasion. Collectors will be appointed in due time.

Held two meetings, both large, in Barrington, obtained good collections at both, and the promise of more. Went on to Yarmouth, and had two opportunities of pleading the claims of the Society. The

first, on Tuesday evening, in Ryerson's Hall, when I was permitted to address the largest assembly I have ever seen in Nova Scotia; and the second in the Tabernacle, on Wednesday evening, July 10th. Spent part of four days in Yarmouth, and by the assistance of that indefatigable friend of the Bible Society, T. M. Lewis, Esq, succeeded in collecting the sum of \$156.25, of which \$136.00 was paid, and the remainder, with some additional contributions, will be secured and forwarded by Mr. Lewis.

On Wednesday, 14th August, set out for Guysboro' County, and on Thursday and Friday evenings held two small meetings in Upper and Lower Caledonia. The friends of the Society here complained much of their inability to contribute to the funds as their desires dictated. Though in the good Providence of God there was no want of the necessaries of life, the scarcity of money was deeply felt. I obtained \$9.60 at both places, and went on to Melrose. There was a crowded meeting of the St. Mary's Ladies Branch on Saturday evening, 17th August. I made my visit earlier than usual this year, and in consequence of this the collectors had not gone round, and I did not therefore receive the contributions of this excellent Branch. I am confident the officers will have the matter attended to in due time.

On Sabbath morning, 18th August, addressed the Sherbrooke Branch in the Presbyterian Church. The attendance was good, and the attention unfaltering, but the collection which was made at the close was not so large as that last year, and it was remarked by a gentleman at the time that the deficiency was exactly equal to the contribution of the Hon. H. McDonald, who had been called away by death since my last visit.

Went out to Goldenville the same day at 3 P. M., and had a fine opportunity of presenting the claims of the Society to one of the most attentive audiences I

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ever saw. The collection was good and would have been much larger had proper notice been given. One of the most prominent gentlemen of the place stated to me that he had never heard of the meeting at all, and he immediately ran to his house and brought me \$5. I have often to complain of this indifference on the part of Ministers; after all my entreaties they will not even take the trouble to publish the notice of meeting.

Next day, Monday 19th, it rained all day, and rendered the journey to Antigonish very uncomfortable indeed. In the evening the gathering in the Presbyterian Church was very fair. Rev. P. Goodfellow presided, and at the close of my address collectors were appointed. I felt deeply grieved to learn that my good old friend and the President of the Branch in Antigonish, died since my last visit. J. McDonald, Esq., was a simple, earnest, devoted Christian, so far as human judgment can extend, and the Bible Society has lost, in his decease, a faithful friend. W. Beck, Esq., was elected President, and J. F. Robb, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting in the Hall, Guysboro, on Wednesday evening, 21st August, was as usual, small. The President of the Ladies Branch was absent, I did not therefore obtain her contribution, but it has since been forwarded to the Treasurer in Halifax. Mr. Buckley, the Secretary, handed me \$25 from the gentlemen's Branch.

The next effort was made in South Sydney, C. B., on Friday 23rd. Next day D. McLennan, Esq., as usual, assisted me in collecting, entertained me like a prince at his residence, and was in every way extremely kind. We obtained \$35.70. This was eight dollars more than last year, and considering the complete stagnation in the coal trade, was a very fair contribution.

At 7½ P. M. the same day had the very great privilege of addressing a fine audience in the beautiful new

Presbyterian Church, North Sydney. I received the most unremitting attention throughout. The collection was scarcely equal to that of last year, being only \$29.63 against \$32.43 the previous year. I was very sorry to hear that Hon. T. D. Archibald was confined to his house by illness; this had the effect of reducing the contribution from North Sydney at least \$6.

Arriving at Baddeck on Monday, I found that the prospects of a meeting were very poor, and as an opportunity offered for going through to Margaree at a reduced fare, I hastily called on two good friends and obtained \$8.50, and went on to North East Margaree. Here we had the usual crowded meeting in the Baptist Church. The same collectors appointed last year will serve again this year.

There was a very fine gathering in Mabou the following evening. Rev. Mr. Thompson presided and rendered efficient aid. The contribution from this Branch last year was too late to appear in the Report. I hope this will not occur again; I have reason to hope that the officers will in future remit in good time.

For two years past I tried meetings in Port Hood, but did not obtain a single cent. I thought it useless to spend time there, so I went on to Hawkesbury. The meeting in the Methodist Church was very small. There was a political meeting in the neighbourhood at the same hour. I obtained the assurance of two Ministers who were present that something will be done to collect during the month of September.

Set out from New Brunswick for Brookfield, Colchester County, on Monday, 23rd September. Same evening had a fair audience in the Presbyterian Church. The scarcity of money was much complained of among many expressions of good will to the Bible Society. Obtained a very small collection and proceeded next day to Middle Stewiacke, where we had as usual a good

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meeting. I regretted to find that the President and Secretary, both good friends of the Bible Society, were unavoidably absent attending a Presbyterial visitation which had been appointed before I sent forward my notice. I obtained, however, a small collection, and seven collectors who were appointed at the meeting will go round immediately.

Went on to Springside and addressed a small gathering at 2 P. M., on Wednesday, September 25th. On this occasion the Hon. S. Creelman occupied the Chair. The meeting was, though not large, a very interesting one. Some of the collectors had made returns, and \$21.40 was handed to me. The congregation comprising this Branch is now without a pastor, a deficiency which I hope, for their sakes, as well as for the sake of the Bible Society, will soon be supplied.

The same evening at 7 P. M. took part in an excellent Bible Meeting in Rev. E. Grant's Church in Stewiacke Village. The President took the Chair and opened the proceedings. My address was heard with marked attention, due far more to the kindness of the people than to its merits, and at the close I obtained \$36.81.

The following day I drove to South Branch, Stewiacke, and at 2 P. M. had a small audience in the Presbyterian Church. Scarcity of money was very sensibly felt here, though there was no want of interest in the good cause. "Where there is a will there is a way" does not always hold true. I have been often told this year if I could take anything else but cash they would try and make a good contribution, but money they could not get.

Through the kindness of Mr. Diarmid, who drove me through to Middle Musquodoboit, as Mr. Steele had sent me from Stewiacke Village to South Branch, I was able to get on the same evening to Rev. I.

Simpson's congregation. A very interesting meeting, chiefly of young men and women, assembled in the Kirk. The President, Mr. Simpson, was in the Chair, and a good staff of collectors was appointed. This Branch was very successful last year, the collectors having shown very commendable diligence in going their rounds.

Took Mr. Tays' stage next morning for Middle Musquodoboit. It rained heavy all the way. It cleared off however, towards evening, and we had a very fair turnout in Temperance Hall. Rev. Mr. Lane, Methodist Minister, presided, in the absence of the President, Dr. Sedgewick, whose wife was then very low, and died on Saturday morning. The loss of friends was her gain. She has only gone on a little before her husband. They will soon be re-united in a better world.

Through the kindness of Francis Layton, Esq., got on next day to Gay's River, and found the people just assembling for worship, preparatory to the dispensation of the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath. At the close of the services I got leave to address the people twenty minutes on the work of the Bible Society, and went on the same evening to Milford, and thence by train to Shubenacadie.

Next day, Sabbath 29th September, I addressed a large gathering in Mr. Henry's Church, Shubenacadie, at 2 P. M., and a much larger one the same evening in the Presbyterian Church, Lower Stewiacke. Here I obtained, hard as times are, nearly three times as much as last year. As the Provincial Exhibition opened in Truro on Monday, 30th September, I returned to New Brunswick, knowing that it would be useless to attempt meetings in Nova Scotia during the time the Exhibition is open.

Three of the Branches, viz., Oxford, Wallace, and Dartmouth, have not been visited by me during the

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year. It was my intention to visit them at the time of the annual meeting in Halifax ; but as I was not required to attend that meeting, the above-named Branches have been omitted.

Our Auxiliary has lost, by death, several devoted friends during the past year : among these the names of Rev. William Sommerville, A. M., Cornwallis, and Henry B. Webster, Esq., Kentville, are conspicuous. Both those gentlemen manifested the deepest interest in the Bible Society, and were ever ready to recommend its object, to advocate its claims, and to contribute to its funds. The blanks left by their death will not soon be filled in Somerset and Kentville.

I would again tender my sincere thanks to the numerous friends throughout the Province who have aided and encouraged me during the arduous labours of another year. May the " Lord recompense their work and a full reward be given them of the Lord God of Israel."

JOHN TOLAND.

Passekeag, N. B., 1st February, 1879.

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Nova Scotia Bible Auxiliary Society

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Feb. 17.	To remitted Free Contributions.....	£400 00	
	Purchase Account.....	200 00	
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Dec. 6.	For Yarmouth Ladies		138 00
Nov. 10.	Goreham Legacy.....		194 66
	Paid Com. on Collections and Subscript'ns		13 85
	Agent.....		400 63
	Advertizing		3 50
	Rent of Committee Room		1 00
	Duty on Bibles.....		100 95
	Printing Reports.....		116 94
	" Ladies' Report.....		48 00
	Insurance.....		5 50
	Rent of Depository.....		80 00
	Wharfage.....		1 20
	Secretary's Salary.....		40 00
	Grant to Blind Asylm, per Bibles		30 00
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20.	" Israel Smith, Newport.....	50 00
26.	Collection Annual Meeting.....	16 66
Dec. 6.	Yarmouth Ladies' Branch.....	138 00
	Halifax Ladies' Society.....	234 94
	Subscriptions.....	277 18
	Branch Societies.....	224 69
	" " Per Agent.....	548 70
	" " Secretary.....	538 69
	Sales at Depository.....	351 95
	Donation—E. R.....	10 00
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Do. North..	J D Clarke.....	G H Dobson.
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SUWS RECEIVED THROUGH AGENT AND OTHERS, FROM
BRANCHES, &c., IN 1878.

	<i>Free.</i>	<i>Purchase.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Amherst.....	\$ 23 55		\$ 23 55
Annapolis	2 00		2 00
Antigonish	40 15		40 15
Avondale	26 11		26 11
Avonport.....	1 83		1 83
Baddeck	8 50		8 50
Barrington	6 83	\$ 5 18	12 01
Bridgetown	18 35		18 35
Bridgewater	15 25	5 00	20 25
Brookfield	3 65		3 65
Burlington ...	12 68		12 68
Bass River	26 05		26 05
Caledonia ...	9 60		9 60
Canning.....	1 18		1 18
Chester	4 98		4 98
Chester Basin	61		61
Church Street, Cornwallis.....	4 62		4 62
Clifton.....	16 95		16 95
Dartmouth... ..	96 02		96 02
Goldenville	12 27		12 27
Guysboro'	17 30	3 85	21 15
Guysboro' Ladies'	19 70		19 70
Hastings ...	2 40		2 40
Hawkesbury	9 71		9 71
Horton	13 07		13 07
Kentville	14 54	4 00	18 54
La Have	13 20		13 20
Lawrencetown ...	1 00		1 00
Liverpool ...	52 25		52 25
Lunenburg	54 75		54 75
Maitland ...	48 21		48 21
Mabou... ..	12 60		12 60
Margaree ...	11 85		11 85
Melrose	2 00		2 00
Milton	14 80	75	15 55
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Oxford	3 50		3 50
Parrsboro'	3 37	\$ 2 85	6 22
Shelburne ...	14 00		14 00
Sherbrooke	19 25		19 25
Springside ...	21 40		21 40
Shubenacadie.....	15 75		15 75
St. Croix.....	1 01		1 01
Somerset	17 45		17 45
Stewiacke. Lower.....	12 72		12 72
" South	3 25		3 25
Summerville	3 14		3 14
Sydney, South ...	35 80		35 80
" North	29 63		29 63
Truro ...	104 02		104 02
Walton	3 46		3 46
Wilmot	8 06		8 06
Windsor.....	76 71		76 71
Five Islands	7 56		7 56
Yarmouth.....	111 75	25 50	137 25

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Amherst.

Col. by Mrs. A. B. Black.

Rev T. Tallach	\$ 1 00
Judge Morse	1 00
Joshua Black	1 00
Mrs Ingham Sutcliffe	1 00	
" Elderkin	....	1 00
Gilbert Pugsley	..	1 00
James Morse	....	1 00
Asher Black	....	75
Capt Lowerison	....	50
C. H. Chapman	..	50
Hiram Black	....	50
Mrs H. O. Black	....	50
Miss McKinnon	....	50
Mrs H. Arthur	....	30
" Mills	....	25
" Knight	....	25
" Joseph Black	....	25
Joshua Black, jr.	....	25
John Black	....	25
Wm. Freeman	....	25
Mrs. Amos Pugsley	....	50

*Col. by Mrs. W. F. Donkin
and Miss Kinder.*

M. A. Logan	....	50
E. A. Smith	....	25
M. Anderson	....	25
E. C. Ratchford	....	25
W. J. Moran	....	25
J. T. Smith	....	50
A. H. Parker	....	25
W. H. Davis	....	25

Fred. Fowler	....	\$ 25
W. M. Read	....	25
Mrs. A. Robb	....	1 50
T. Dunlop	....	50
C. A. Black	....	50
Robert Hutchinson	....	25
Rev D. A. Steele	....	1 00
A. Davison	....	25
Hon R. B. Dickey	....	4 00

Annapolis.

Rev Mr Ritchie	....	1 00
C. H. Forbes	....	1 00

Antigonish.

Wm. J. Beck	....	5 00
Jas. F. Robb	....	5 00
J. McMillan & Co.	....	5 00
Harrington Bros.	....	4 00
H. H. McCurdy	....	4 00
Geo. N. Pushee	....	2 00
Rev P. Goodfellow	....	2 00
A. M. Cunningham	....	2 00
Adam Kirk	..	2 00
J. B. Gass	....	1 00
W. E. Cunningham	....	1 00
A. McInnes	....	1 00
J. D. Copeland	....	1 00
C. N. Harrington	..	1 00
Mrs. W. Randal	60
F. H. McPhee	50
W. J. Randall	50
James Willie	50
Mrs R. Henry	25
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Avondale.

Mrs Nelson Mosher....\$	50
" James Mosher	50
" Dan. Mosher	50
" Wm. Mosher	25
" J. W. Campbell..	25
" Wm. Mounice	50
" J. B. Miller	25
" Jos. I. Mosher	35
" Fred'k Curry	1 00
" Major Greeno	20
Capt Fred'k Curry....	4 00
Mrs D. Mosher ..	50
Andrew Weir	25
Mrs J. H. Armstrong	50
" J. R. Fraser	25
" McDonald ..	25
" J. Harvie	25
" Geo. C. Harvie	50
Miss Alice Chambers..	50
Dr Fred'k Bert....	50
Mrs Geo. Mounice....	50
" John Mosher	25
" Foley	25
" Roberts	25
" Lewis Salter ...	25
" Wm. Simpson	25
" Young	25
" Chute	25
" E. Allison	10
John A. Harvie ..	5 00
Mrs Nelson Mosher ..	50
Silas Armstrong ..	25
Mrs W. H. Mosher....	1 00
Capt E. Lockhart..	25
Mrs Sharp	25
J. W. Allison	1 35
Miss Kate Mumford ..	25
Miss Matilda Mosher	1 00
Collection	2 11

Avonport.

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Baddeck.

Joseph Hart...	\$ 6 00
A. Cameron	2 50

Barrington.

Purchase	5 18
Collection (Head)..	6 01
" (Passage) ..	2 50
A. W. Doane	1 00
Mrs E. Kendrick	1 00
Robert Hogg	1 00
P. C. Crowell	50

Bridgetown.

Col. by Miss Quirk.

Mrs Gordon	1 75
" Blair	50
W. Chesley	50
Mrs W. Chipman	50
Dr DeBlois	50
L. S. Morse	25
John Lockett	50
Geo. Murdock	50
D. Palfrey	25
Enoch Dodge	50
E. S. Davis	1 00
Mrs E. Fraser	25
Helen Quirk	50
Margaret Quirk	35
M. Tupper	2 00
R. Randolph..	1 00
Rev C. Parker....	1 00
Joseph Wheelock	2 00
Miner Tupper ...	2 00
Miss S. Wheelock	50
Mrs C. Parker....	1 00
" D. Morse	1 00

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Jennie Fu
Almon Fu
Edward Fu
R. Thomps
Daniel Fu
James H. F
Vennie Fu
James E. F
J. M. Munn
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J. L. Fult
Rosie Fult

Burlington.

Capt Jas. Mann	\$ 2 00
J. W. Baxter	1 00
J. Sanders	1 00
J. S. Sandford	.....	50
N. W. Salter	.....	50
M. B. Salter	.....	50
Sarah A. Card	.....	50
Mrs G. Salter	.....	50
" J. Hayward	.....	50
John Vaughn	.....	50
Mrs C. Haywood	.....	1 00
George Harvie	.....	50
Mrs Jas. L. Card	.....	25
Capt John Mann	.....	2 00
A. Sanford	.....	30
Collection	.....	1 13

Col. by Miss Mary J. Johnson.

M. J. Johnson	.....	\$ 25
John B. Fulton	.....	25
Lucilla Fulton	.....	25
Janie Fulton	.....	25
Henry Rippard	.....	25
Mrs Jas. Johnson	.....	25
Sarah J. Johnson	.....	25
John H. Fulton	.....	50
Mary E. Fulton	.....	25
Elizabeth Fulton	.....	25
J. W. Fulton	.....	75
Mrs J. W. Fulton	.....	50
Lela Wilson	.....	25
Renforth Fulton	.....	25
Thomas B. Fulton	.....	75

Bas River, Col.

Col. by Miss Rosa Fulton.

George Fulton	.....	1 00
Mrs George Fulton	.....	25
Thos. W. Fulton	.....	25
James Fulton	.....	25
Agnes T. Dickie	.....	50
Samuel G. Dickie	.....	25
Janie S. Dickie	.....	25
S. B. Fulton	.....	25
Jennie Fulton	.....	25
Almon Fulton	.....	25
Edward Fulton	.....	50
R. Thompson	.....	50
Daniel Fulton	.....	25
James H. Fulton	.....	50
Vennie Fulton	.....	25
James E. Frederick	.....	25
J. M. Munn	.....	25
Friend	.....	10
John A. Cook	.....	25
J. L. Fulton	.....	50
Rosie Fulton	.....	25

Col. by Miss E. D. Creelman.

Samuel Creelman	.....	50
Mrs S. Creelman	.....	50
Rupert D. Fulton	.....	1 00
James R. Fulton	.....	50
Amos Fulton	.....	50
Bella Fulton	.....	50
Levi Davidson	.....	50
James C. Fulton	.....	50
Mrs James C. Fulton	.....	50
Alfred Fulton	.....	50

Col. by Miss Mary Vance.

Joseph Vance	.....	50
Mrs Joseph Vance	.....	25
Mary E. Vance	.....	25
Mrs James Young	.....	50
Roxanna Rutherford	.....	50
Mrs Geo. S. Rutherford	.....	50
William R. Fulton	.....	25
James W. Davison	.....	50
Mrs Jas. W. Davison	.....	50
Rupert Creelman	.....	50
Jotham Creelman	.....	50
Mrs R. Creelman	.....	50
Eddy Creelman	.....	50
Mrs E. Creelman	.....	50

Thaddew Davison	\$ 25
Selden Lewis	10
William C. Lewis	25
Maggie Lewis	25
Henry Vance	10
Woodbury Fulton	50
Reuben Starrett	50

Caledonia, (Upper).

Allen Chisholm ..	1 00
Daniel Hattie	1 00
Neil McQuarrie ..	50
Angus McDonald	1 00
J. Hattie	50
Campbell Hattie	10
Jane McDonald ..	25
Maggie Chisholm	20
Angus Hattie	35
Flora Hattie ..	20
Mary B. McQuarrie ..	10
Cassie Chisholm	20
Alex. McDonald ..	25
Joseph Hattie	35
William Hattie	25
Mr Cameron ..	35

Caledonia, (Lower).

John Hattie	1 00
Jas. C. McDonald	40
Friend ..	50
Angus Sutherland	50
Daniel Sutherland	25
Angus Hattie	10
Friend ..	25

Canning.

Collection	1 18
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Chester Town.

Collection	1 27
Dr. DeWitt ..	2 00
Joseph Parker	60
Miss Church ..	50

Chester Basin.

Collection	\$ 61
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Clifton.

Per Mr Atkins, Truro ..	16 95
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Church Street, Cornwallis.

Collection	1 27
Leander Witman ..	35
Edwin Chase	1 00
William Chase	1 00
Mrs Chase	1 00

Dartmouth.

Col. by Mrs. Weeks and Miss Wisdom.

Mrs Kelly	1 00
" William Angwin ..	1 00
" H. Waddell	1 00
" Cameron	5
" T. Austin	50
" F. C. Elliott	1 00
" T. Hyde	25
" W. Elliott ..	25
" Moseley	50
" Payne ..	50
" Allan ..	50
" G. C. Claney	48
" G. B. Elliott ..	50
" W. L. Evans	25
" Meagher	10
" T. Jago ..	1 00
" Swoffer	30
" A. Gates	50
" Donally	25
" Gentle, Jr	50
" Gentle, Sr	15
" Friend ..	60

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" Jas.
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Miss Inn
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" A. I
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Mrs Weel
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Col. by Miss Johnstone and Miss McLeag.

Ward 1.

Judge James\$ 5 00
Dr Parker 2 00
Mrs Troop 3 00
" Passow	..... 2 00
" W. Allison	..... 1 00
" T. T	..... 1 00
" Murphy	..... 05
" Pawley	..... 10
" Dodson	..... 30
" Wisdom	..... 50
" Wisdom	..... 50
" Gascoigne	..... 25
" Allen	..... 50
" Simmons	..... 25
" W. Foster	..... 25
Mr Wisdom	..... 25
" McNab	..... 20
" Newcomb	..... 50
Friend	..... 25
Miss Murphy	..... 05
Mr Wentzell	..... 10
" Lloy	..... 25
" Black	..... 25
" Lawlor	..... 50
" B. Weston	..... 50
Dr Cogswell	..... 1 00
Mrs Howe	..... 25
" Jas. Lawlor	..... 50
Hospital	..... 1 64
Mrs Gorman	..... 25
Miss Innis	..... 25
Mrs Lump	..... 25
" A. Lawlor	..... 25
Judge Johnston	..... 2 00
Mrs Waddell	..... 1 00
Mr Dustan	..... 1 00
Mrs Weeks	..... 50
Friend	..... 30

Col. by Mrs. James and Miss Russell.

Mrs Robertson	.....\$ 20
" Holiday	..... 50
W. Keeler	..... 1 00
Rev J. Angwin	..... 1 00
" P. Morrison	..... 2 00
Mrs Fraser	..... 1 00
Professor Ross	..... 2 00
Mrs Mumford	..... 25
" Webber	..... 10
" S. A. Chesley	..... 1 00
B. Russell	..... 1 00
Mrs. A. W. McKay	..... 75

Col. by Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Dart.

Ward 2.

Rev G. Shore	..... 2 00
Mrs Williamson	..... 2 00
C. Robson	..... 2 00
Mrs H. Y. Mott	..... 1 00
Thos. Stevens	..... 1 00
Mrs McArthur	..... 1 00
" O. Evans	..... 1 00
H. K. Neal	..... 1 00
Mr Chittick	..... 1 00
J. H. Thom	..... 1 00
Mrs T. Bauer	..... 1 00
" R. Motton	..... 1 00
" Morrison	..... 1 00
" Cutler	..... 1 00
Mr Thom, Sr	..... 1 00
Mrs H. Parker	..... 1 00
E. M. Walker	..... 1 00
A. Shiels	..... 1 00
J. Austin	..... 1 00
Mrs J. B. Coleman	..... 1 00
E. Thom	..... 75
P. Creighton	..... 1 00
Mrs Whitman	..... 50
" Adams	..... 50
J. Ritchie	..... 50
Mrs Jas. Reeves	..... 50
H. Walker	..... 50

Guysboro' (Ladies).

Purchase	\$ 2 80
Mrs Joseph Hart	1 00
" Wm. Hart	1 00
" Moir	1 00
" G. Scott	1 00
" C. Jost	1 00
" Gaetz	1 00
" Tweedy	2 00
" B. Jost	1 00
" W. F. Des Barres	1 00
" J. H. Buckley	1 00
" E. J. Cunningham	1 00
" Allison	50
" F. Scott	40
Miss Jost	3 00
" Maria Hart	1 00

Port Hastings, C. B.

Rev Mr Forbes	1 00
H. A. Forbes	1 00
P. Campbell	40

Hawkesbury, C. B.

Col. by Rev. Wm. McGregor.

A. Grant & Co	96
Rev J. A. Mosher	1 00
J. Anderson	1 00
D. W. Hennesy	1 00
Mrs D. W. Hennesy	1 00
" Walsh	50
Capt W. Murray	1 00
Mrs Thos. Heughen	50
W. P. Grant	25
H. F. Cohoon	25
F. Blanchard	25
Mrs F. Blanchard	25
Rev. W. McGregor	1 00
A. McDougall	50
A. C. Mills	25

Lower Horton.

Col. by Mrs. Trenholm.

Fred. Mitchell	\$ 50
Mrs W. Trenholm	1 00
Thos. L. Harvey	25
Fred. C. Harvey	05
Mary E. Harvey	10
Mrs Geo. Harvey	1 50
Friend	25
Murilla Davis	25
M. E. Buckhard	25
Mrs A. Brown	1 00
Frank Trenholm	25
I. L. Faulkner	1 00
A. McN. Patterson	1 00
F. Rathbun	1 00
J. B. Bowser & wife	1 00
Rev J. S. Coffin	1 00
William McDonald	50
James Simpson	50
Collection	1 57

Kentville.

H. B. Webster	2 00
J. P. Chipman	1 00
F. W. Chipman	1 00
H. B. Calkin	1 00
W. H. Marsden	1 00
W. Chipman	1 00
Rev. J. B. Logan	2 00
J. E. DeWolfe	1 00
G. A. Blanchard	2 00
James Neary	1 00
William Eaton	1 00
Daniel Moore	50
S. R. Thorpe	50
J. B. Blanchard	50
B. H. Dodge	50
G. A. Davidson	25
R. S. Marsters	25
Collection	2 04
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Lower La Have.*Col. by Mrs. M. McGregor.*

Rev. D. McMillan.	\$ 1 00
Murdoch McGregor ..	1 00
A. L. McGregor ..	1 00
Clement Heckman	50
Reuben Smith	50
John Creasar.	40
Mrs Sol. Smith	25
" Elias Oxner	25
" Joshua Oxner.	25
" Fred Oxner	25
Reuben Oxner.....	25
Mrs R. Oxner	25
Stephen Oxner ...	25
Reuben Silver	25
Capt Thos. Romkey ..	25
Wm. Mossman	25
John Morash	23
Sarah Oxner... ..	20
Joseph Smith	20
Wm. Smith ..	20
Sol. Romkey	20
Rufus Romkey	20
Reuben Romkey ..	20
Reuben Ritcey	20
Rufus Ritcey	20
Ben. Rynard... ..	17
Thos. Smith	15
Jacob Rynard	15
Josiah Moser	15
Mrs Levi Creaser	15
Thomas Creaser ..	10
Mrs Rufus Oxner	10
James Smith	10

Rose Bay, La Have.*Col. by Augusta Reiser.*

Joseph Zwick	25
Elkanah Cook	25
Emeline Cook	10

C. B. Creaser	\$ 50
Jas. Himmelman	25
Ben. Himmelman	25
Albert Himmelman	20
Solomon Conrod..	25
Simeon Conrod	10
Augusta Reiser.....	20
Jonas Misner	25
Solomon Wetzel ..	25
Jonas Reiser ..	25

Lawrencetown.

Mr Brown	1 00
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Liverpool, (Queens).*Col. by Mrs. W. Anderson.*

Mrs Wm. Anderson.....	4 00
J. N. Freeman.....	1 00
T. P. Calkin.. ..	5 00
S. S. Murray	1 00
Friend	60
M. J. Drew, Jr....	1 00
Mrs Jabesh Snow	1 00
Dr Farish	1 00
C. F. Wright	50
Mrs T. R. Patillo..	50
" B. O. De Wolfe ..	50
" Bartling	1 00
Rev. D. McGregor	1 00
John H. Freeman..	1 00
H. B. Hallett	50
Edwin C. Parker..	1 00
Robie S. Stearns	2 00
Mrs Chisholm	25
W. J. Mulhall	50
Miss Sterns	50
Mrs N. Freeman	1 00
A. L. West	1 00
Chas. Bill.....	1 00
John Edgar	1 00

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Bessie Allison	25
J. H. Dunlap	1 00
Mrs Beals	25
" S. Parker	50
" Starratt	25
C. D. E. Snow	50
J. E. De Wolfe	25
N. Kinney	50
Wm. Anderson	2 00
H. P. Mulhall	50
F. Collins	1 00
J. D. McLearn	50
Joseph Inness	50
A. Cowie & Sons	2 00
Anne Ford	25
Mrs Joseph Winters	25
Albert Melvin	75
Mrs Forbes	1 00
J. C. Hemmeon	1 00
W. Bryden	1 00
Mrs W. Kinney	50
" M. McNutt	25
S. T. R. Bill	2 00
Rev G. O. Gates	1 00
" Mr Forsythe	1 00

*Col. by Miss Jane Dexter,
 Bristol.*

Mrs Cobb	50
" T. R. Rees	25
" Lewis Sponagle	25
" Eldridge Day	25
Isaac Dexter	25
J. T. Nickerson	50
Mrs Leslie	15
" Buchanan	25
M. D. Hicks	25
Mrs Crook	25
" Wile	25
A. D. Gray	50
Libbie Campbell	75
Mrs Dean	50
Thomas Day	50

Lunenburg.

*Col. by Mr. Toland and Mr.
 Finck.*

R. Lindsay	2 00
J. Wier	1 00
A. Heckman	25
E. L. Nash	1 00
Mrs J. Blair	50
Miss E. Russell	1 50
Mrs H. L. Owen	50
Stephen Finck	10 00
Hon H. A. N. Kaulbach	1 50
J. H. Kaulbach, 2 y'rs	1 20
E. H. Solomon	1 00
James A. Hertle	50
Robert Scott	50
Alex. Fraser	80
D. Owen	1 00
J. McAulay	1 00
John Scott	1 00
A. Roncifell	25
John J. Bailey	1 00
Edward Dowling	1 00
James Machlan	1 00
G. D. Geldert	1 00
J. Creighton	1 00
James Rudolf	1 00
Lewis Anderson	3 00
W. N. Zwickler	1 00
W. L. Romkey	1 00
J. W. Lockhart	50
A. B. Caldwell	50
D. J. Rudolf	1 00
Miss Duff	3 00
Miss Fairbanks, (H'P'x)	1 00

Col. by Miss Sara Hirtle.

James Eisenhauer	5 00
Misses Knowles	2 00
D. M. Owen	1 00
Mrs Wm. Young	50
Bessie Begg	50
G. T. Solomon	1 00

Edwin Bailly	....	\$	50	Isaac Douglas	....	\$	50
Miss Annie Bailly			25	Capt Isaac Gould ..			50
James W. King	....	1	00	Miss D. A. Thomson ..			25
Miss Sara Hirtle..			50	William Fraser ..			25

Mabou, C. B.

T. B. McKeen	....		50	Charles Dickie....			25
John Hanley	....		50	William Currie	....		30
Hezekiah Murray	....	1	00	G. W. T. Irving ..			25
Mrs J. E. McFarlane			50	James Campbell	....		15
Allan McMillan	....		50	<i>Col. by Miss Jane Cox.</i>			
J. D. Cameron....			50	Miss Elizabeth Douglas	2	00	
William Murray	....		50	Adam Roy ..	2	00	
Lizzie Murray	....		50	John Roy	....		50
Skinner McDonald....			50	Alexander Roy	....		50
Duncan McDonald			50	James Douglas, Sr.			50
Alex. Hawley	....		25	Mrs T. S. Creelman ..			25
William Smith....			40	" David Campbell			25
James McKinnon	....		50	" Geo. Douglas	....		25
Alex. Smith	....		25	" F. Scotney ..			20
Mrs A. F. Thomson ..			50	" Putnam McDougall			25
" Lambert Smith			25	" McArthur	...		20
" Sarah Smith	....		25	" James Douglas, Jr			15
" D. F. Black..			25	" Israel McCollum..			10
" Hannah Smith ..			20	" Ambrose	....		15
Lewis McKeen....			50	" Hiram Grant	....		50
Mrs John Murray	....	1	25	<i>Col. by Kate Lawrence.</i>			
Walter McDonald		2	50	Mrs James Putnam	1	00	

Maitland, N. S.*Col. by David Eaton.*

David Frieze..	....		2	00	Mrs Alfred Putnam	1	00
George Frieze	....		2	00	" Wm. Lawrence ..	1	00
Nelson Murphy	....		1	00	" John G. Putnam		75
S. H. Murphy	....		1	00	" James Ellis	....	50
R. B. Eaton..	....		1	00	" Lockhart Lawrence		50
Rev. L. G. Macneill			1	00	Capt E. McDougal....		50
Charles Putnam	....		1	00	Miss Agnes McDougal		30
Fred Freize	....		75		" Alice McDougal..		25
Mrs A. McCollin	....		50	Mrs Fraser	....		25
Edward Lynch....			50	" J. Smith		25
				" Johnson		20
				" Ellis		10
				" Robert Patterson			25
				" Hutchinson		05

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Col. by Maggie Cox.

Capt Chas. Cox ..	\$ 1 00
Rupert Cox ..	25
Gordon Hill ..	25
Mrs Gordon ..	25
" Foley ..	25
Wilson Corbett ..	20
Mrs McCaskill....	10
Miss M. Densmore....	25
" Maggie McKiel	10
Wm Dalrymple ..	10

*Col. by Maggie Dickie.**

A. M. Cochran ..	1 00
Mrs John Hedler ..	25
" S. D. Brown..	25
" P. Hays ..	30
" Fred. McAmber	25
" S. H. Murphy....	25
Patrick Hay ..	20
William Simpson ..	05

Col. by Annie Monteith.

Joseph Monteith..	1 00
George Monteith ..	30
Robert Monteith..	25
John Monteith ..	20
Silas Fulmore ..	25
Henry Godall ..	25
George Cottle ..	21
James Madden ..	10

Col. by Miss Christy Frame.

Capt A. A. McDougal	4 00
Archibald Frame ..	50
Mrs D. Pratt ..	30
" John Allan ..	25
" Josiah Foley..	25
" Isaac Cox ..	20
" Charles White	10
" John Macneill....	25
Miss Christy Frame	25

Col. by Havelock McDougal.

Wm. McDougal	\$ 2 00
Mrs John Putnam ..	50
" Amelia Putnam ..	75
" Mary Ann Nelson ..	25
" Wm. McDougal..	25
A. Hobart ..	25
John Frazer..	25
Richard Scalen....	25
Mrs Wilson ..	25
" White ..	10

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N. E. Margaree.

Col. by Miss Alma Ross.

John Ethridge....	25
Mrs Joseph Burton....	09
Mark W. Crowdis	50
Wesley J. Ross ..	1 00
Mrs David Ethridge	20
Alma Ross ..	25
Mrs Sarah Ross ..	25
John A. Ross ..	25
James J. Ross ..	25
Mrs John R. Ross ..	10

Col. by Miss Maggie McDonald

Peter McDonald..	20
Matilda McDonald....	20
Maggie McDonald	25
Sarah McDonald ..	25
John W. McKinnon	25
Lauchlin McDonald ..	20
Mardoch McDonald	25

Col. by Miss Alice L. M. Crowdis.

John G. Crowdis	\$ 50
John S. Crowdis	25
John C. Munro	50
Hector McRay	25
Kenneth McLean	50
H. T. Frizzle	30
Friend	3 96

Milton, Queens Co.

Col. by the Agent.

Hon Mr. Tupper ..	4 00
W. H. Freeman	4 00
Rev E. Baker	1 00
A. Tupper	1 00
G. H. Bell	25
W. Ford	1 00
Joseph Ford	50
Mr Wyman ..	55
" Murray	25
Purchass	75
Collection	3 00

Melrose.

R. Cumminger	2 00
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Musquodobolt, (Upper).

Col. by Miss Bessie Hutchinson.

Mrs John Bennett.	10
" Mary Butcher	10
" Libbie Butcher	10
" Bessie Hutchinson	10
" Eveline Farrell	25
Chas. Fisher	16
Stephen Jennings	25
Ben. Hutchinson	20

Col. by Miss Mary Archibald.

John Irvine	\$ 25
Wm. Archibald, 3rd ..	25
Mrs M. Archibald, Sr	30
G. H. Parker, Sr	50
Mrs G. H. Parker	30
Wm. Archibald, 4th ..	25
Robert J. McLean	25
P. G. Archibald	35
Mrs M. Archibald	25
" S. S. M. Archibald	25
Miss M. A. Archibald	25
McKeen Archibald	25

Col. by Miss Georgia Fisher.

David Archibald ..	25
Miss Georgia Fisher ..	25
Wm. Kent	25
J. G. Reynolds	50
Lydia J. Horton ..	25
Laura Tate ..	10

Col. by Miss Mary Archibald.

Estate of A. Archibald	1 00
John Parker ..	50
Raymond Fisk	25
Mrs Chas. McGonigle.	25
James Henry	30
F. G. Creelman	50
Wm. Archibald	25
S. L. Henry	50
Edmund Henry	25
George Stewart	50
Wm. Pearson	30
Mrs F. W. Henry	30
Mary Henry	10
Annie Henry	10
Mary Archibald ..	20
Emma Archibald	20
Libbie Archibald ..	25
Mary Archibald	25

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Newport, N. S.

Col. by Miss Georgia McKay.

Mrs John Smiley..	\$ 25
" William Harvey..	25
" Peter Wilcox	25
Stephen Harvey	30
Andrew L. Harvey	15
Mrs Thomas G. Harvey	10
Friend ..	25
G. E. Parker..	25
Elizabeth Fish....	25
E. A. Dimock	25
Edgar Parker	25
Annie McKay	25
Mrs George McKay, Sr	25
Francis Parker.....	25
Charles Parker	25
Arthur McKay.....	25
Mrs James McKay....	25
" Lewis McKay	25

Col. by Miss Rackwell.

Emma Sterling	25
George Forest	50
David Rockwell	25
Mrs James Brown	20
" Hugh Brown	20

Col. by Miss Ettie Harvey and Miss Mary Smith.

Mrs John Chambers	50
" Nelson Woolaver.	10
" Edward Chambers	25
" Allison ..	25
" McLellan	10
" Robert Chambers.	25
" Johnson	25
" Langille	25
Mrs Northup	75
Miss Jane Cochran.....	25
Mrs Lockhart	25
" Mumford	25
" Lydia Mitchell	25

Mrs William Smith	\$ 20
Rev E. McNab.....	1 00
Miss Nellie Weeks	50
John Uhlman	50
Mrs Minard ..	50
" McDonald....	35
" Edward Smith....	50
Thomas A. Smith.	50
Mrs Brettle ..	1 00
" David Dill ..	25
Hiram Smith.	50
Barzillan Smith ..	50
Mrs Hiram Smith	25
Ella Smith	25
Lydia Smith.....	25
James F. Cochran.	1 00

Col. by Miss M. Mosher and C. Anthony.

Andrew Anthony	50
Ben. Anthony	30
Cinderella Anthony ...	25
Mrs John Anthony	25
" Noah Anthony ..	20
" Dan. Anthony ..	25
" James Anthony ..	20
Miss Ruth Wier ..	25
" Maggie Wier	20
Mrs D. Northup ..	15
Emily & Annie Northup	20
Wm. Murphy	50
Friend	15
Annie M. Smith ..	10
Mrs R. Salter	25
" H. Cochran ..	25
Chas. Cochran	50
Mrs H. Salter	20
Isaac Fish.....	10
M. B. Mosher	25
James Mosher	25
Lavinia Anthony.....	15
Jehu Mosher	25
Mrs W. Mosher ..	25
Luncinda Wier	25
Mrs H. Mosher....	15
" Geo. Mosher	15

Blanche Mosher ..	\$ 05
O. B. Mosher	20
A. W. Mosher	05
Mrs N. Mosher	15
" Joseph Mosher ..	20
" Joseph Mosher ..	25
" Joseph Mosher ..	20
" Gould Northup ..	25
Purchase	3 50

Miller's Brook.

James Ross ..	1 00
Mrs Lake	10
Miss Proctor	20
Mrs J. B. Miller ..	20
" James Miller	20
Miss Amy Fish	25
Geo. Fish, Sr	25
Geo. Fish, Jr	25
John Murphy	25
Miss Mosher	10
H. D. Chambers	50
Miss McLean	25
" W. A. Bennett ..	50
Mrs J. S. Bennett ..	50
" James Dill	25
" Wm. Miller	25
Miss M. A. Mosher	20
" M. Smith	25
Mrs H. Spratt	25
" Joseph Allison ..	20
John Spratt ..	50
George Ross	25
Alfaretta Miller	20
Friend ..	15
Mrs M. Ross ..	35
" A. N. Miller ..	25
" E. T. Dimock	25
James Chambers ..	40
Mrs John P. Miller	25
W. H. Allison	1 20

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Col. by the Agent.

(Old Subscriptions.)

Mrs Jacob O'Brien ..	\$ 1 00
Old list	3 87

(New Subscriptions.)

Rev S. Bernard ..	1 00
A. G. O'Brien	50
J. J. O'Brien	1 00
Augustus O'Brien	1 25
Osman O'Brien ..	1 00
Sarah O'Brien	2 00
James P. O'Brien ..	2 00
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