

THE  
TWELFTH REPORT  
OF THE  
NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE  
**Society.**

1832

## Nova-Scotia Bible Society.

THE General Meeting of the Nova-Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society took place at the Royal Acadian School, on Thursday the 22d ult. at 7 o'clock the evening; when a numerous and highly respectable audience were assembled to witness the proceedings of the evening.

The Honorable H. H. Cogswell, the Treasurer of the Society, presided on the occasion.—The Meeting having been opened with prayer the Rev. Mr. Morrison, the Report of the Committee was read, in the absence of the Secretary from indisposition, by the Rev. E. A. Crawley. Several Gentlemen who felt warmly interested in the prosperity of the Society, addressed the meeting, on moving the respective Resolutions; and a committee was nominated and chosen for the ensuing year. The audience appeared highly gratified with the proceedings of the evening; and the Meeting was closed with an appropriate prayer by the Rev. Mr. Scott.

The following is a brief statement of the observations made by some of the Gentlemen, who moved, or seconded the Resolutions.

The Rev. R. F. Uniacke on moving the First Resolution, addressed the meeting in substance as follows:—

I have been requested by the Committee of the Halifax Bible Society to move the first resolution this evening, which is—“That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Committee”—I have great pleasure in submitting this resolution for the consideration of the meeting, because I am happy in taking a part in every work whose object is so glorious, and whose means are so simple, as those of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and because it affords me an opportunity to assure this meeting of the interest I feel in the success of the Auxiliary Bible Society at Halifax.—I rise on the present occasion with some degree of reluctance and diffidence from the circumstance of my having lately joined this society, and feeling my inability to do justice to this sacred and important cause in which we are engaged. The ability however, with which the report is drawn up, anticipates, as it were, any remarks I might feel disposed to make, and enables me to congratulate the Committee, and Members of the Halifax Bible Society on the usefulness of that Institution. From the report which has just been read to us, our friends of the Society have much to be thankful for, and all who value the word of God are invited to increased zeal and earnestness in the dissemination of it. The object of the present meeting is to promote the most noble of all undertakings, the circulation of the inspired word of God, without note or comment, unadulterated by human prejudice, and free from party zeal and bigotry; of all religious and charitable Institutions the Bible Society is the most unexceptionable; whilst we differ on many points in our religious opinions, in this we are certainly all agreed,

that it is the incumbent duty of every christian to circulate, by every possible means in his power, that Heavenly Gift, the Bible, the knowledge of which is life eternal, and "which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," "which is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." This is a common cause, the cause of God and man, it speaks powerfully to the feelings of every christian's heart, and bids him cordially unite in this work of charity and love. Let it not be said, as has often been said, by those who are ignorant of the subject, that because the Bible has already so widely circulated there is no occasion for Bible Societies; experience and those acquainted with the subject know to the contrary; every year there is an increased demand for Bibles and Testaments, and even in this town, and in the remoté parts of this Province many are famishing for the Bread of Life—and when we contemplate the Heathen world, without Bibles, without any knowledge of the true God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, in darkness, ignorance, and sin, what a work yet remains unfulfilled, and what a solemn responsibility devolves on us.—Oh let us then in Christian love and fellowship, in the solemn remembrance of our responsibility at the throne of God, unite in the Bible cause; let us do what we can in extending the usefulness of a society whose benefits extend to future generations, beyond the limits of time into eternity; a work on which the blessing of God will surely rest, whilst its object is so holy, its means so glorious—for its object is the Glory of Almighty God, its means the Bible, and its end the temporal and eternal welfare of mankind.

In moving the Second Resolution, "That the rapid and progressive extension of education throughout this province, and the institution of Sabbath Schools for the dissemination of Religious Knowledge, whilst they increase the desire and furnish the ability for perusing the Sacred Scriptures to the humblest individual, require the continued and increased exertions of this Society,"—The Rev. *J. Martin* declared, that he felt great satisfaction in rising to support the claims of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society; it was an Institution that only required to be known that it might be approved and upheld by every enlightened and pious person; Established for the circulation of the Sacred Scriptures without note or comment, in every language spoken by man, the British and Foreign Bible Society to which this was an auxiliary, during its past existence had certainly received great encouragement, and been instrumental in doing much good. He contended that although much had already been accomplished, both by the parent society, and its numerous auxiliaries, the field was not yet entirely occupied and cultivated; in looking to heathen lands gross darkness still brooded over the minds of the ignorant and deluded population; a darkness which the light of divine truth, aided by the influence of the Holy Spirit could alone dispel. The want of the Sacred Scriptures was an evil which existed, not only in Foreign and barbarous countries, it prevailed thro' in a lesser degree among ourselves. In many parts of the British Dominions and in the numerous new settlements through-

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out these colonies there was a loud and urgent call for the Bread of Life; the demand he apprehended was continually increasing in consequence of the rapid and unprecedented advance of education in this and the neighbouring towns, during the past years. To prevent our youth from imbibing impure principles and contracting immoral habits, and to render them enlightend, virtuous and useful members of society, it was necessary to instruct them, not only in the rudiments of useful knowledge, but to make them acquainted with the revealed oracles. He was convinced that this society, persuaded of the great and paramount importance of sound scripture knowledge, would not only continue but extend and redouble their exertions, when such a large mass of human beings were springing up around them, capable of reading the scriptures, and many of them, eager to possess and peruse the sacred volume. Admitting the urgency of the case and convinced that our active and zealous co-operation was necessary in providing the poor with copies of the sacred volume—Mr. M. considered that the members of this society were bound in the first place, to contribute according to their ability to the funds of this institution; that they ought in the second place to seek new openings, and embrace the most favourable opportunities for the circulation of the sacred scriptures, in the different situations in which they were placed; and that they ought in the third place, to accompany their donations and exertions with fervent prayer for the Divine Blessing to rest upon themselves and their labours. Proceeding in this humble, diligent, and devout manner, in the discharge of their duty, they might expect to witness the happiest results. Ignorance banished, vice checked and suppressed, industry and integrity promoted, and piety every where abounding. In concluding, Mr. M. expressed his confidence, that this society would receive more and more support from the community, and felt highly gratified by the presence of such a numerous and respectable assemblage of persons on the occasion, who appeared all deeply interested in the welfare of the good cause.

*Mr. Hugh Bell* on seconding the resolution observed—“That it is our duty to support this Institution is so obvious that we can have but one opinion respecting it. The sacred Records with which we are intrusted is a talent committed to our care for which we are responsible, and if in the great day of account the charge be brought “I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat,” &c. shall not an equal weight of condemnation fall on us, if it be said I was an hungered for the bread of life and ye distributed it not. But, sir, I think that even a very superficial view of the subject will convince us, that it is our interest to do so. The dissemination of knowledge has a re-action that pays large interest for the benefit of society. It is sowing the seed that produces, thirty, sixty, or a hundred fold, according to the soil and culture. The intelligence, morality and industry of the inhabitants of any country, are its surest and most permanent sources of prosperity; and where can these be so well learned as from the sacred records. Let youth be trained up in its principles, and they become valuable members of society, happy in themselves, and useful in

the community to which they are united. The steady habits, the morality and industry for which the natives of the country of the Rev. Gentleman who moved this Resolution are so distinguished, may perhaps be traced, to their early acquaintance with the sacred volume; and history and observation will, I think, sir, bear me out in the assertion that the Political and Religious Liberty, and consequent prosperity of every country have been in proportion to their knowledge of, and free access to, the sacred records.

But, sir, Christian Philanthropy also, dictates that we should do all that we can in this good work. Its object is the happiness of man—can riches and honour give happiness?—this, sir, I will leave to those to decide who have a greater acquaintance with these things than myself; but with the poor I can claim some companionship—with these I have been more intimately associated, and I have seen them suffering the utmost rigours of adversity, and yet by the consolations received from this blessed book, triumphing in the prospect of being at last greater than the greatest, and happier than the happiest of mankind. Let us not say “what can our feeble efforts do?” Great things are made up of little things—the huge mountain is composed of atoms, and the mighty river that pours its impetuous torrent into the ocean, is formed by rills that trickle down the mountain side. Let us therefore use our endeavours and leave the event to Him who can give them success.

The Rev. *E. A. Crawley* in moving the third Resolution—“That this meeting offers its grateful thanks to the different Branch Societies, Associations, and other contributors to the funds of the Society, for their kind co-operation in its great objects and rely with confidence upon their continued assistance.”

After showing the duty of disseminating every where copies of the word of God to be among the highest social obligations, inquired whether it was proper to offer the thanks of this society to its various auxiliaries and friends who, in the assistance they rendered, had done no more than their duty. It is on this very account, Mr. Chairman, said he, that I would thank them. I find in this circumstance a special claim on my gratitude. For who that entertains the sentiments he ought towards his Heavenly Master can fail to regard himself as possessing a direct and personal interest in the services rendered to his Saviour. If we are to wait until men shall render some tribute to which they are called by no claim of duty,—some service that shall surmount all the demands of moral obligation before we return them the meed of our thanks, I fear we should seldom find an occasion for the expression of our gratitude.

I do heartily thank our friends, Sir, in every part of the country for the aid which in obedience to the demands of a high obligation they have afforded to the noble cause of the Bible, and trust that we shall continue to enjoy their hearty co-operation.

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It does appear to me Sir, in view of these powerful claims that every man should come to one of two conclusions; either, that, as already said, no social duty can exceed that of giving the bread of life to famishing millions; that it puts in its high claim for the utmost labour of exertion, the most diligent expenditure of time, the most munificent contributions of wealth that can possibly consist with other duties of life—or else, that the Bible is a falsehood.

On offering the Fourth Resolution, “That this Meeting is desirous to acknowledge with the deepest gratitude the gracious superintendence of Almighty God, in the various and increasing blessings which have followed the extensive operations of The British and Foreign Bible Society, and its numerous Auxiliaries and Branches, and humbly commit their efforts in this sacred cause, to his care and protection,”—The Rev. *M. Richey*, observed—Much as has been said in favour of the noble Institution to co-operate with which we have this evening assembled; there is an interest attached to it which no time can diminish, which not the most brilliant charms of novelty can equal, and which no monotony of iteration can render insipid. The highest effort of human power to display its transcendent excellence is like elevating a taper at noon-day to enable us to see the sun! The lofty benevolence of its motive, the holy instrument of its exertions, and the grandeur of the consummation to which its efforts are directed form its most eloquent eulogy.

On our *personal* regard, the Bible presents claims the most solemn and imperious. If there be any thing venerable in antiquity, estimable in the profoundest maxims of self-government, ennobling in sublimity of sentiment, or inspiring in the most exalted strains of poetry, in all these respects the Bible rivals the palm with the choicest specimens of classic literature. But it is the glowing characters of divinity in which this singular volume is arrayed, that give it an ascendant claim to our reverend and grateful consideration. On a conviction of its celestial inspiration as on its proper basis, The British and Foreign Bible Society is founded, and if this majestic column of christian benevolence, adorned as it is with the trophies of many a moral conquest, ever fall, the principles of decay will be found to have existed in the superstructure only, for ‘the foundation of God standeth sure.’

If from a survey of the imposing exterior of the temple of essential truth, we are induced to enter, the glory of the resident Shechinah bursts

upon our view. The Bible is full of God. It is a mirror reflecting continually the whole effulgence of his character. It is an oracle, the indubious responses of which, dispel the overwhelmings of conscious guilt, and guide the enquiring sinner into the way of peace. It is a light shining in a dark place, and shedding its radiance not only on the paths of the present life, but exhibiting in unshrouded manifestations the boundless regions of eternity.

Such is the book-sir, which infidelity would annihilate. And with what would it present us in exchange? Let the scenes where it was permitted to develop itself in the uncontrolled operation of its baleful principles furnish the monitory answer. Let France speak. There the monster infidelity was fostered, till attaining full maturity it went forth in all its hellish might on a mission of death. The christian era was contemptuously abolished, the sabbatical institute blotted from the week, the worship of the living God proscribed, and the sacred ashes of the dead insulted by the erection of a monument over the place of their sepulture, with the inscription "*Death an eternal sleep.*" Shall I tell the sequel? I cannot. It baffles description. Misrule, crime and bloodshed, such as have no parallel in history were the triumphs that graced the reign of Infidelity.

Where then is the temptation to give up the Bible, or to relax our zeal and exertions in promoting its extended circulation? With the heaven-erected monument of prophecy before us, still in fresh and splendid preservation, we cannot tolerate a doubt of the ultimate prevalence of truth throughout the earth. Already have results the most beneficent emanated from the diffusion of the scriptures by this Society. Its most recent reports attest that distinguished and progressive prosperity continues to mark its career. The mild but magnificent bow of the covenant still encircles it, the cheering pledge that its seed time and harvest shall not fail. It has been proved that it is one of the most imperative *duties* devolving upon us in our social relations, to disseminate the blessed word of God. And I ask is it not likewise one of the highest *honours* to be engaged in this holy enterprise? Were the loftiest seraph that bends before the throne of God commissioned to carry this volume to all the families of the earth, with what promptitude and celerity would he fulfil the mandate; and then returning to his native skies announce with unmeasurable joy "*the whole earth is full of the glory of God.*" And then the joy would expand—and then the triumph would swell, and then the organ of immortality would send forth its sweetest loudest sounds—earth would catch the rapture, and join in the song "till every creature which is in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, would cry,—Blessing, honour, glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever!"

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
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- I. This Society shall be called **THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA, AND ITS DEPENDENCIES**; the object of which shall be the same as that of the British and Foreign Bible Society, viz:—To encourage the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, and to furnish copies of Scriptures *gratis* to the indigent, and at reduced prices to those requiring them.
- II. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee.
- III. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, benefactions and subscriptions shall be solicited, and books opened for receiving the names of benefactors and subscribers.
- IV. Every person contributing annually One Pound, or at one time, a donation of Ten Pounds, shall be considered a Member of this Society.
- V. A general meeting of the Members of this Society shall be held every year, during the sitting of the Legislature, before which shall be laid the accounts and proceedings of the preceding year.
- VI. The whole of the subscriptions and donations, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be remitted annually, in aid of the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
- VII. Every Member of this Society shall be entitled to purchase, under the direction of the Committee, Bibles and Testaments at the reduced prices of the Society, which are as low as possible.
- VIII. The Committee shall be authorized to meet, for the purpose of conducting the business of the Society, as often as may be necessary.

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The Meeting was opened with prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Morrison.

The Hon. H. H. Cogswell, the Treasurer of the Society was called to the Chair.

The Report of the Committee having been read by the Rev. E. A. Crawley in the absence of the Secretary from indisposition, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, seconded by G. N. Russell, Esq. it was

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

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hugh Bell,

*Resolved*, That the rapid and progressive extension of Education throughout this Province and the Institution of Sabbath Schools for the dissemination of Religious Knowledge whilst they increase the desire and furnish the ability for perusing the Sacred Scriptures to the humblest individual require the continued and increased exertions of the Society.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Crawley, seconded by J. W. Johnston, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That this meeting offers its grateful thanks to the different Branch Societies, Associations, and other contributors to the funds of the Society for their kind co-operation in its great object, and rely with confidence upon their continued assistance.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Richey, seconded by James Barss, Esq.

*Resolved*, That this meeting is desirous to acknowledge with the deepest gratitude the gracious superintendance of Almighty God, in the various and increasing blessings which have followed the extensive operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society and its numerous Auxiliaries, and Branches, and humbly commit their efforts in this sacred cause to his care and protection.

The Meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Scott.

## Report.

THE COMMITTEE of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, after so long an interval, once more rejoice to meet the friends of the Institution, assembled on the present occasion, to listen to a detail of past proceedings, and evince the interest they still feel in the affairs of the Society.

Various causes, which need not at present be more than briefly adverted to, have prevented the customary Meetings of the Society. The long continued indisposition of some of its Officers, on whose efficiency, the operations of the Society in a great measure depended; and the small degree of interest in its concerns, manifested by some of its leading members, have been among the causes, that have in some measure weakened the hands, and impeded the progress of the Institution.

That such obstacles, altho' great, have not afforded fully adequate reasons for the discontinuance of the usual and proper means for supporting the Society, your Committee are free to acknowledge; for if its objects are of the real and paramount importance, which they believe them to be, the indifference or even opposition of others, ought only to brace the nerves, and rouse the energies of its real friends, and stimulate them to prosecute those objects with greater vigour, through evil as well as good report.

Your Committee observe with pleasure, that the zeal of many of the branch Societies and associations, continues undiminished; and altho they are not favoured by many of them, with so full information of their proceedings as might be desired; yet their contributions, and perseverance in the distribution of the Scriptures give evidence of their unabated good will to the cause.

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Your Committee are fully convinced that the regard for the word of life, and the best interests of man, is upon the increase throughout the Province; and that a large amount of public feeling, only requires to be awakened, and called into action, to unite numbers of all denominations in a sacred alliance, to contribute their means and efforts, to disseminate the Holy Scriptures, wherever the moral wants of their fellow men shall appeal to their best sympathies, either among ourselves, or in lands still covered with the darkness of Heathenism.

Altho' there is so much reason to regret the want of zeal that might be inferred, from the long discontinuance of the public meetings of the society, it will doubtless afford much satisfaction to their friends to find, that your Committee have not been idle in the more important business of distributing the word of God. There have been issued by the society since our last meeting, 1009 Bibles and 2179 Testaments, which have been disposed of as follows— 518 Bibles and 1005 Testaments to branch societies and associations; 151 Bibles and 171 Testaments, to the poor gratis; 376 Bibles and Testaments, to furnish Sunday Schools; and 316 Bibles and 627 Testaments, sold, chiefly at cost and charges.

The Committee have remitted to the Parent Society since the year 1829 the sum of 403*l.* 14 6 and there is now in hand for remittance the sum of 235*l.*

One very interesting portion of the distributions has been the supply of the Scriptures, from time to time, furnished by the Committee to Sunday Schools throughout the Province, and which they have been enabled to effect, from having received from the Parent Society, on the most liberal terms, large supplies of Bibles and Testaments printed for the express purpose.

The amount contributed by subscriptions and donations in Halifax towards the funds of the original society since the last report is 30*l.*

Shortly after the last meeting, a Branch Society was organized for the town of Halifax, which immediately

went into operation in the collection of funds, and in instituting an enquiry relative to the want of the Scriptures throughout the Community—your Committee have not yet been furnished with a report of their proceedings, but their contributions made in aid of this society amount to the sum of £12.

Your committee refer with much pleasure to the vigorous exertions of the Cape Breton Branch Society, which from its commencement has exhibited the most unremitting perseverance in the great work in which it is engaged—they have during the last three years remitted to the amount of 116*l.* 13 2 in aid of the society, and have received and distributed numerous copies of the Scriptures—The Committee will subjoin to the publication of their report, extracts from the correspondence of this and other societies, from which much satisfaction will be derived.

The Cumberland Branch Society has maintained the firm ground upon which it has so long stood, by keeping up its yearly meetings, and forwarding its reports; and although the want of the scriptures is much less felt in this District, than in many other parts of the Province, they have ever been among the most forward to contribute in supplying the wants of others—This society has remitted since the last report the sum of 67*l.* 6 2.

The Guysborough Ladies' Association has continued to manifest the same zeal and assiduity in the sacred labours of distributing the Word of God, which have ever characterized it. Its Reports will be read with real satisfaction by every friend of Truth and Holiness. There is doubtless something peculiarly calculated in the mode of collecting their funds, by weekly contributions, to awaken and keep alive the feelings of those who are engaged in it, to the spiritual wants of their fellow-creatures, and the obligations they are under of affording the only adequate relief. Their remittances for the last three years amount to 23*l.* 18 1.

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labours, which had been interrupted for some time past, with good effect, and appear to be actuated by motives, which induce your committee to rely on their effective co-operation hereafter. They have lately remitted the sum of 10*l*.

The Annapolis Society although suffering depression at times from various causes, still perseveres in its endeavours to sustain the interests of the Institution, and has made remittances since the last Report amounting to 49*l*. 2 3.

The Londonderry Society have also continued their remittances and evince a strong desire to co-operate to the extent of their abilities.

The Onslow Bible Society has remitted 6*l* 11. Several of the Offices of this Society having become vacant, their Meetings have been interrupted for some time past; but they hope hereafter to proceed with more vigour, in a cause in which they express themselves deeply interested.

The accounts received from the Horton Branch Society, although partaking of the general feelings of discouragement, that have so much paralyzed the late efforts of your committee, yet induce the hope, that the cause may again revive among them. This society has long been one of our most valued and useful fellow labourers, and your committee trust once more to have cause to rejoice in its prosperity—Their contributions and returns amount to 33*l*. 19 7.

From several other societies your committee have received remittances, which will appear in their published Report; and they sincerely trust, that the ensuing year will witness a renewal of a spirit of zeal and cheerful emulation among all the branches of our Institution, in affording their willing contribution towards furnishing the Blessing of that Gospel, which we ourselves so richly enjoy, to the distant and destitute places of the earth.

It is with great satisfaction that your committee state that most liberal contributions to the Bible cause have from time to time been made, by the congregation of

St. Matthew's Church in this town and that sums to the amount of 43*l.* 6 10 have been paid over to the Treasurer of the society,—and they sincerely hope that so excellent an example will be followed by other congregations.

Your committee would earnestly appeal to their fellow labourers in this sacred and glorious cause, not to yield to feelings of despondency, or suffer their exertions to relax—They would urge on them the pressing necessities and miseries of millions of the human family, who are living without hope and without God in the world, and to whom the supply of his word, must necessarily and assuredly bring the best alleviation both of their temporal and spiritual maladies.

It is with feelings of the most lively satisfaction, that your committee turn to the proceedings of the Parent Society, which amid the storms of obloquy and opposition that have so often threatened to overwhelm it, still goes on *conquering and to conquer*, and wages an unceasing and successful warfare with ignorance, superstition and sin: and have they not firm ground to believe and trust, that so long as its great and only object is the dissemination of the pure and unadulterated word of eternal life, among the perishing sons of Adam, so long will it deserve and enjoy the favour and blessing of that Great and benificent Being, whose glorious attributes of love and mercy it is humbly endeavouring to imitate.

During the year ending in March last its nett receipts amounted to upwards of 95000*l.* It had distributed nearly 500,000 copies of the scriptures, and numerous translations of the word of God were continuing to be made either directly or indirectly, through the means of the society, into almost every known language still untranslated.

Numerous have been the objections made to this noble Institution, which have proved futile and groundless. Many and heavy charges have been brought against it, which have turned out to be the unwarranted assumptions of ignorance or malice. It has so far with-

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stood the open or invidious attacks of its secret or avowed enemies, and no less dangerous attempts of its mistaken friends; and we fervently hope and pray, that the liberal and true Catholic basis on which it rests, may under the Divine Blessing, ensure it a lasting career of future usefulness.

Throughout a great part of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Islands of the Eastern and Southern Seas, it is extending its influence and scatterings its blessings--acting as a ready hand-maid to every effort of Christian benevolence to evangelize a sinful world, by placing an ample store of the Treasures of God's word, in the possession of the numerous missionaries whose active and ardent zeal for God and the salvation of souls, has sent them forth into the lands of darkness and the shadow of death: and distributing the volume of inspiration, with unbounded liberality, to its almost numberless auxiliaries, branches, and fellow workers throughout the earth.

It has been objected against this Venerable Parent of the Bible cause, that large sums have been heedlessly expended in the payment of its Officers and Agents, and for the various expenses which are incident to its operations.

Where, it may well be asked, was ever yet the Society, whose annual income, amounting to nearly 100,000*l.* has been distributed throughout the earth--whose operations have been in constant activity to seek out the abodes of sin and ignorance through a benighted world; and which for that purpose was under the necessity of employing numberless agents of more or less influence, that could carry on its extensive and complicated machinery, without a large and necessary expenditure? The existence of such a Society on such a footing is evidently impossible. This however may confidently be asserted without fear of refutation, that no existing association, be its income or extent more or less, has ever carried on its operations, at nearly so small an expenditure as the British and Foreign Bible Society; and your committee feel assured that to every candid mind

a considerate review of the reports and abstracts of the Society, will carry the conviction, that the expences incurred under the various circumstances therein stated, are a most moderate, and in many instances a very trifling compensation, for the sacrifice of time, labour and talents, that must necessarily be made, to carry on the operations of the Society.

But the British and Foreign Bible Society furnishes a brief and triumphant answer to all the cavils of its enemies, and all the fears and doubts of its uninformed friends, in the single fact resulting from the statements contained in the last Report, that during the *twenty seven* years of its existence, amid all its varied expences in translating or assisting to translate the Scriptures into *one hundred and fifty three* different languages; its employment of hundreds of agents in all regions of the globe: in its printing establishments, storage and transportation of Books, it has distributed upwards of *seven millions* of copies of the Scriptures including an immense number gratuitously bestowed upon the poor and destitute, among every nation, tongue and language under Heaven, at an average of little more than five shillings per volume.

This simple undisputed fact, needs neither *note nor comment*, and with this before us, it were needless to expend further arguments in support of an Institution, which for the liberality of its principles, the extent of its operations, and the sacred excellence of its objects, has no equal in present or former ages; and which we trust will long continue to manifest that the especial blessing of God rests upon it.

HALIFAX, MARCH 22d, 1832.

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## REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY

January 14th, 1829.

THE subscriptions and donations received at the last Anniversary and subsequently, amount to £12 6 3. This sum, with £3 1 5½ received for Bibles sold by your present Depository, has been remitted to the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, to be forwarded to the Parent Institution—one half to be returned in Bibles and Testaments.

In addition to the 39 Bibles and 66 Testaments reported in your Depository last year, 13 Bibles and 15 Testaments have been procured from Halifax, by which the number of the former has been increased to 52, and of the latter to 81. During the year there have been 35 Bibles and 23 Testaments sold, at cost or reduced prices, and 4 Bibles and 3 Testaments gratuitously distributed: these being deducted from the above stated numbers, leave 13 Bibles and 55 Testaments now in your Depository.

There has been received for Bibles and Testaments, since last Anniversary, £7 8 10½, and £1 19 3 remains due from sundry persons. Besides the sum of £3 1 5½ already remitted to Mr. Martin G. Black, and 1s. 9d. freight and postage, there is £4 5 8 now in the hands of your Depository, ready to be forwarded by the first conveyance.

It affords your Committee much pleasure to state, that in the course of the last summer, the Rev. John West, an accredited Agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, visited the principal Auxiliaries in these Provinces, and happily succeeded in promoting the interests of the Bible cause. By fairly meeting, and fully refuting, the charges unjustly alleged against the Parent Society, he silenced its enemies, and reanimated its friends. His lucid statements and impressive appeals, tended, by the Divine blessing, to awaken the zeal and excite the energies of many, for the extensive diffusion of the light of Divine Revelation.

Mr. West had in contemplation a visit to the Cumberland Branch Society: as this, however, was not in his power, he addressed a letter to your Secretary, from Halifax, under date of August 12th, 1828, in which he says, "Hitherto in my Mission, I have met with far greater success than I had anticipated. In fact, there appears to be a fresh impulse given through both Provinces, in favour of the British and Foreign Bible Society; the cause of which, I believe, we have truly and sincerely at heart—the cause of the best interests of our fellow men—the cause of God."

With the concluding remarks of our esteemed correspondent we close this brief Report: "There are probably *six hundred millions of our fellow men yet without a Bible*, and it is a pleasing sign of the times, that the

calls for the Scriptures are great, and increasing in all parts of the world, which call for increased exertion, more enlarged benevolence, and more earnest prayer for the success of our labours."

## REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY

January 13th, 1830.

THE subscriptions and donations of the last year amounted to £8 6 6. This sum, with £15 paid by your former Depository, and £8 14 5 by the present, (altogether amounting to £31 0 11) has been remitted to the Depository of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, to be forwarded to the Parent Institution, one half being required to be returned in Bibles and Testaments.

At the time of your last Anniversary, there were 13 Bibles and 55 Testaments on hand, 51 Bibles have been subsequently received, making the number of them 64. Of these, 20 Bibles and 26 Testaments, have been sold, and 4 Bibles and 2 Testaments have been gratuitously distributed. There remain, therefore, in the Depository, 40 Bibles and 27 Testaments.

Your Committee observe, with regret, that the amount of the subscriptions and donations of this Branch Society, is reduced to a low ebb. This may, perhaps, be traced, in some measure, to the want of zealous and persevering efforts to collect funds. It is probable, also, that some part of what was formerly contributed in aid of this Society, is now diverted into other channels. We admit that the claims of various other charitable and religious institutions are strong; and we sincerely rejoice in the success of every society that is engaged in promoting the cause of Christ. We are not aware, however, that there are any claims paramount to those of Bible Societies. The Scriptures are able to make men wise unto salvation; and their contents must be the basis of all sound religious instruction. Hence, the most able and zealous Missionaries are ardently desirous of the universal diffusion of the sacred oracles—sedulously apply themselves to the work of translation—and urgently press the necessity of increased efforts to give the Book of God a much more extensive circulation.

The direct and collateral benefits resulting from the formation and exertions of Bible Societies, are so great and so numerous, that we conceive their interests should by no means be neglected. We, therefore, earnestly solicit a general and active co-operation in the Bible cause.

It affords us pleasure to remark, in closing, that this good cause continues, in general, to prosper. The contributions to the Parent Society for the last year, exceeded those of the preceding by upwards of 7000.

May the blessing of God continue to rest on the labours of this venerable Institution, with its numerous Auxiliaries and Branches, till the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea!

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## REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY

March 2d, 1831.

THE prosperity which continues to attend the labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society, affords abundant matter of gratitude and joy. The prejudices that were excited, in consequence of the exclusion of the Apocrypha, are rapidly subsiding; and the canonical Books alone are now eagerly desired by many of the Continental Europeans. The maintaining of a broad distinction between these and all mere human compositions, is found to be productive of beneficial effects; as it tends to impart more correct views of the superior excellency and authority of the pure Word of God.

It is highly gratifying to observe, also, that considerable numbers of *the lost sheep of the house of Israel*, especially in Poland, now receive the New Testament with thankfulness, and read it with attention. In the Mediterranean, likewise, while the means and facilities for distributing the Sacred Scriptures are increasing, the desire to possess them is proportionally increased. A large stock has been speedily exhausted, and a fresh supply is urgently solicited. In the East Indies, also, particularly in Tinnevely and other southern districts, many of the natives, just emerging from the darkness of heathenism, are eagerly stretching forth their hands to receive the precious gift. Moreover, in the West Indies, and various other regions, *the Word of the Lord has free course*, and is *glorified*.

The Parent Institution, with its numerous Auxiliaries, has published, or aided in publishing, the Scriptures, or parts of them, in 146 different languages; and there have been issued on its account 6,553,287 copies of Bibles or Testaments.

We observe, also, with much pleasure, that the American Bible Society has almost achieved the noble enterprise of giving the Scriptures to every destitute family in the United States.

The part borne by this Branch Society, in its glorious work of disseminating the Word of God, is indeed humble; but your Committee rejoice that it continues to afford a little aid. The subscriptions last year amounted to £11 1 3, which, with the sum of £10 4 8 arising from the sale of Bibles (together £21 5 11) has been remitted to Mr. Martin G. Black, the Depository at Halifax, to be forwarded in aid of the Parent Society, one half being required to be returned in Bibles and Testaments.

At your last Anniversary, there remained on hand 40 Bibles and 27 Testaments. In addition to these, there have been obtained from the Depository at Halifax, 15 Bibles and 54 Testaments, making together 55 of the former and 81 of the latter, of these 33 Bibles and 37 Testaments have been sold at cost or reduced prices, and 7 Bibles and 4 Testaments have been gratuitously distributed; leaving 15 Bibles and 40 Testaments now in the hands of your Depository.

## REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY

January 18th, 1832.

It is painful to your Committee to state, that the subscriptions and donations for the past year have amounted to only £7 0 6. This small sum, with £7 18 10 arising from the sale of Bibles and Testaments, (making together £14 19 4) has been remitted to the Secretary of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, to be transmitted to the Treasury of the Parent Institution.

At the time of your last Annual Meeting, on the 2d of March, 1831, there were 15 Bibles and 40 Testaments in the hands of your Depository; and there have been 19 Bibles and 7 Testaments subsequently received; making 34 of the former, and 47 of the latter. Of these, 21 Bibles and 14 Testaments have been sold at cost or reduced prices, and 5 Bibles and 4 Testaments have been gratuitously distributed; leaving only 8 Bibles and 29 Testaments now on hand.

As a part of the money raised is devoted to the diffusion of the Scriptures abroad, and a moiety is returned to us in Bibles, every one that contributes for the furtherance of this good cause, may enjoy the satisfaction of aiding in the distribution of the bread of life among the destitute both in foreign lands and in these regions. It may be thought by some, that there is no need of efforts to furnish any persons around us with the Scriptures; but we are not of that opinion. We do not deny that, in general, those who have a due sense of the inestimable value of its sacred Oracles, will find means to supply themselves; but there are some seriously disposed people to whom it would be difficult to realize a sufficient sum of money, after supplying the imperative temporal wants of their families, even to pay the full price of a Bible. Besides, where the head of a family neglects to obtain the divine volume through ignorance or indifference, it is nevertheless highly desirable that the family should possess this invaluable treasure. Indeed, the Bible thus placed in his way, may prove the means, by the divine blessing, of arousing his attention, and conferring infinite benefit on himself as well as his family. Should we not, however, see the immediate effects desired, we may still rest assured, that the Lord's word *shall not return void*; but that *in due season we shall reap, if we faint not*.

Seeing, then, that there are such extensive and inviting fields, both at home and abroad, which require cultivation, we would affectionately and urgently invite the co-operation of our friends in the promotion of a work with which are so intimately connected, the declarative glory of God, and the present and eternal well-being of the children of men.

SIXTH REPORT OF THE GUYSBORO' LADIES BIBLE ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR 1829.

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this Association,—again the important duty of self-investigation and rendering an *account of their Stewardship*, devolves on your Committee. It is presumed *none* will doubt the propriety of Societies like this, supported by public contribution, laying their proceedings *before* the public. The benefits intended to result are—that they may not only see *how* their benevolence has been appropriated—know the *principle* on which such Societies proceed—but also being called to a *succinct* view of the important object proposed—and by the abundant blessings flowing from such instrumentality—be led to aid, and to continue their liberality with a cheerfulness and zeal, proportioned to the general benevolence. This association since the last annual meeting, have been enabled to remit to the Nova Scotia Bible Society, £12, and by a liberal donation of the Parent Institution (through the Rev. Mr. West visiting these provinces) having on hand a larger supply of the Sacred Scriptures in the German, French, and Gaelic languages, than were likely to meet a demand in this vicinity, a request was made, to have a certain number of them exchanged, for the same number in the *English* language. This request was kindly granted, by the Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, and this association received a box, containing 60 English Bibles and Testaments of various sizes. Of these, there have been disposed at prime cost, five bibles and eight testaments,—reduced prices, *seven* Testaments—gratuitously *four* English Bibles, *one* Gaelic do., and five Testaments—leaving on hand, fifty-six English, French, and Gaelic Bibles and Testaments. The amount of subscriptions, with the sale of Bibles and Testaments during the year, have been £12. Although your Committee have not the pleasure of stating, their borders have been greatly enlarged, but on the contrary, have to *regret* that their sphere of influence is not wider—(three members only having been added the past year), they would by no means suffer their hearts to be *discouraged* in the important object, *knowing* that it is of God, (for as much as it is His word they would unite to disseminate) and that according to the *sincerity* of their hearts—and purity of their *intention* in His sight, in dispensing this choicest gift to man! their imperfect services will be accepted. And here it may not be improper to remark, by an alteration in the rules of this association, the past year. It was resolved, (for the present) that *one half* of the subscriptions, should be appropriated to the relief of *temporal* want among the poor in this neighbourhood and its vicinity—the necessities of those who suffer adversity within our reach, making a larger appeal to the feelings of benevolencē, than the former plan of relief, by donation alone could supply—(bringing this association under the denomination of one, having other objects than that of dispensing the Holy Scriptures)—By thus dividing their little means, your Committee are aware, though mingling ultimately in the same *reservoir* of benefit to human kind—the *streams* that flow in either channel, being diminished, do of necessity become less abundantly re-

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to those who are so far distant!—why not expend our little all of means and influence, in doing good within our own neighbourhood!—*persuaded* that those within our own neighbourhood, assuredly *have* the first claim to our benevolence, and that it must be a *mistaken* charity, that would lead to neglect the *nearer* call of duty, under the plea of more *distant* benefit, your Committee have made *this* the centre of their little sphere of usefulness, and here they wish to be found moving with renewed cheerfulness and zeal, in alleviation of want, whether temporal or spiritual: “for if any love not his brother, whom he *hath* seen, how shall he love God whom he hath not seen!”—how shall he make any pretensions to that principle of divine love, which moves in tender compassion towards *all* the fallen race!—which claims affinity with *all* the human family—as the children of the *same* heavenly parent—and consequently bound by the same indissoluble bond of brotherhood—to *extend* the feelings of compassion in ministering to his necessities, true charity therefore, is a divine principle flowing from the heart—it knows no distinction: it breathes a free atmosphere; restrained only—by the want of *means*: and will invariably, where it exerts, diffuse its heaven-born influence, first at *home*—but equally true, is the assertion, thus springing from its pristine element. It *will* not—it *cannot* terminate there. It hath pleased God, in his gracious Providence, to fix the bounds of *our* habitation, in a land flowing with milk and honey—a *land* of milk, where we are not only supplied abundantly with these sacred records; but with the ministry of the word also—do we *value* our bibles? Is *this* the work of all others, with which we would not, we *could* not part?—the book held sacredly dear to us, from which we would not separate, though stripped of every *earthly* possession—but hold to our hearts, even to our *lives*’ end! Do we feel we esteem the Pastoral care of those who are appointed to watch over us, as those who shall give an account? Then let our hearts compassionate the destitute condition of those in heathen lands, some of whom, in the bitterness of conscious need, are exclaiming “Refuge faileth me—no man careth for my soul!” let this heart-rending lamentation pierce *our* hearts; and let us *exult* in the cheering thought of being made instrumental in putting a new song into their mouths—even a song of thanksgiving and praise, by sending them the *Bible*—of being made instrumental in the hand of Providence, in an accomplishment of that divine prediction, so emphatically embodied by the royal psalmist—“let the people *praise* thee, O Lord!—let *all* the people praise thee: that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among *all* nations.” Let us reflect for a few moments, what it *is* we impart to our fellow-mortals in sending them the *Bible*. It is nothing less than those exceeding great and precious promises, upon which our immortal souls rest, for a hope of eternal life! It is the promise of *pardon* to a rebel world! It is the declaration that Jesus Christ came into the world to *save* sinners—that He tasted death for *every* man—that He wills *all* men to be saved,

and come to the knowledge of the truth. It is the blessed book which can make life *supportable* under all the accumulated sorrows which mortality can be called to endure! The *unerring* guide, through all its thorny labyrinths.—It is the precious soul-animating portion which alone can sustain the fainting spirit in her final hour, when hovering on the verge of life.—It would *dread* to make the awful plunge into endless duration! It is *this* book, the promises of *these* sacred pages, which, like an angel of light descending to illumine the “dark valley of the shadow of death,” displays with meridian splendour! “the kingdom of heaven to *all* believers.” And is *this* the book, the gospel record, we have it in our power to assist in sending to those, who like ourselves, are children of mortality, destined but for a little space to sojourn here on earth, and then to flee away? Endowed with immortal souls, which will exist through eternity, in endless bliss or woe! and these souls (with reference to those in whose behalf we plead) in nature’s darkness, *victims* of the grossest idolatry, willing subjects of Satan, perpetrators of the most *horrid* barbarities of which the human mind can conceive—debased beneath the level of the beasts that perish—ignorant of the God who *made* them, or the Saviour who redeemed them. And is *this* the book also your Committee would further ask—are *these* the blessed promises through which *we* look for mercy in *that* day, when the nations shall be assembled?—upon which *our* everlasting all is pending, in that period of final exit from time into eternity, which assuredly awaits all living? that such is the case your Committee presume, the silent language of every heart will confirm. And can we with these acknowledgments, withhold this book from our fellow mortals?—refuse to *deny* ourselves something, in order that we may be enabled to assist in sending it to them?—God forbid! rather let us each resolve, under this impression, as *we* hope for mercy in that day, *through* these sacred pages, *stretch* forth our hand to extend those blessings to our less favoured brethren, of which *we* hope, through the infinite mercy of God, to be made partakers ourselves!

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#### SEVENTH REPORT OF THE GUYSBORO' LADIES BIBLE ASSOCIATION, 1830.

If there is any truth in the remark—“Without *employ*, the soul is on a rack, the rack of rest, to souls most adverse, *action* all their joy”—It is not to be wondered, that those whom the providence of God hath, in infinite condescension afforded even the *smallest* opening to do good—should be emulous of pursuing their way with a *ceaseless* activity. Or if found *pausing*—pausing only to a reinforcement of their energies, to obtain a closer and more comprehensive view of the way in which they should go—that by a concentration of their influence, they may the more successfully, (under the Divine blessing) anticipate the accomplishment

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of their desired object. It is *thus* the Committee of this Association, would fain be found on the present occasion, permitted in the providence of God to welcome their *Seventh* Anniversary. The close of a protracted period of time—demands a *pause*—the exit of another *year*, mingling with the years beyond the flood, has a silent but monitory voice!—its accents are solemn and impressive—it requires not only an account of their stewardship—asks *what* has been done?—Where is the *benefit* imparted?—But asks also if *all* the good that might have been, hath really been dispensed?—If *zeal* apportioned to the *object* vast, hath with unyielding nerve propelled to action. It seems also solemnly to admonish, “whatsoever thy hand findeth *yet* to do, *do it* with all thy might—for there is neither work nor device in the grave, whither we are all hastening.”—Feelings of sacred accountability to God, cannot fail to pervade the mind of your Committee—feelings of sorrow too, on the reflection that the humble path of duty, in which they have been permitted to walk the past year, bears so *faint* an impress—is so *highly* marked with benefit imparted by them, of blessings scattered—that so *small* have been the means in comparison of what their *hearts* would have desired—and so circumscribed their little sphere of influence. Yet as a gracious counterpoise to this weight of discouragement, a *ray* of gratitude and praise to God, is mercifully permitted (here and there) to *gild* the retrospective view—in the cheering persuasion that *some* little good has been effected through means of this Association—that the effort at least has been made, to disseminate the best of Blessings—to lessen the accumulated sum of human sorrow by stretching out the hand of relief as far as it *would* extend.

It affords pleasure to state that during the past year, there has been no reduction of members to this Association, on the contrary two have been added since the last remittance made to the Nova Scotia Bible Society of £13, this Association has received, agreeable to request, one dozen pocket Bibles, and one dozen Brevier Testaments, having at the same time on hand, various copies of the Sacred Scriptures, in English, German, French, and Gaelic. Ten English and Gaelic Bibles have been sold during the past year at prime cost and reduced prices. Seven English and Gaelic Bibles, with twelve Testaments, bestowed gratuitously; leaving in the hands of the depositary, 32 English, German, French, and Gaelic Bibles and Testaments; and here it affords peculiar pleasure to remark a very interesting field is opening for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures among the Scotch Settlers, on the new road to Antigonish; a class of people who have hitherto been, in a great measure, destitute of this blessed book. In one instance in particular, where a Bible was bestowed gratuitously by this Association, your Committee have had the heart-felt satisfaction to learn (through a gentleman in this place, kindly acting as your Society's agent), that the individual seems to have perused it with attention and delight; and that many of his neighbours also, are in the habit of coming to his house, that he may read it to them.

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Does not such a group, pictured to the mind's eye, poring over these sacred pages, or sitting in *silent* attention, listening in simplicity, gratitude and *wonder*, at the glorious declaration of Prophetic truth—the *fulfilment* of predicted mercy!—the invitation of Jesus Christ—receiving the glad tidings of Salvation,—afford a *feast* to the soul?—a *rich* repast—an *ample* recompence for every act of self-denial in *furnishing* this book?—we are persuaded every soul in the divine presence, which has been permitted, thus to devise *liberal* things, even in this sense, through liberal things shall be *satisfied*, that is, feel himself fully rewarded. But this is not a solitary instance, in which, during the past year, there is reason to believe, a divine blessing has accompanied the gift of a Bible. In another coming within our knowledge, it has been instrumental in the erection of the *family altar*, around which a numerous flock of little children are daily summoned to listen to its sacred precepts.

The amount of subscription, with the sale of Bibles and Testaments, during the past year, has been £10; although this is a smaller sum than we *have* had the pleasure of seeing, your Committee feel themselves justified in remarking that they consider it as originating in a *division* of the small means possessed, and its *direction* into different channels of benevolence, rather than in disaffection to the cause. For how could the thought be admitted, that any who have hitherto cast their mite into this divine treasury, *still* possessing the means, could withhold their hand? It is true, there are diversities of *opinion*, as to the immediate demand for the sacred Scriptures in this place; and it may be argued, *we* dwell in a christian land, live in the blaze of gospel light and knowledge, possess, and are accustomed to see, and peradventure, to handle the word of life from childhood—what need can there be of having an Association *here* for the supply of the Scriptures? But admitting these incontestable, these *blessed* truths, even on *this* ground, confining their view for a moment to the narrow limits of their own neighbourhood and its vicinity—your Committee *could* not yield to the suggestion, that there is *no need* of a Bible Association? It is true that a large majority are in possession of this inestimable treasure; and that many, having the means, can, if they will, furnish themselves therewith; but it is equally true, there are many who are *destitute* of the Scriptures. Some few, it is to be *lamented*, whose means, and whose inclinations to possess them are alike small. Others have *no* means, who would gladly perhaps *turn* to these sacred pages (had they them in possession), for *counsel*, for *comfort*, and *support*, under the accumulated sorrows of this life. But even allowing for a moment, as a ground of argument, what is contrary to fact, that all in this place and its vicinity, *were* supplied with the Scriptures—yet this, in the nature of things, could not long be the case—members of families, and the rising generation, would soon cause a further demand, superadded to the application springing from transient occurrences. Is it not then a matter of vast importance, (viewing the benefit

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of our own neighbourhood alone), to have a *fixed* source of supply—a public channel, through which these sacred waters may be found *constantly* flowing, of free access to all, to such as *wish* to purchase; and to the poor, “without money and without price?” does not the *virtue* of these Heavenly streams demand of us this effort (not to *stay* their course), but to retain their influence? does not the hallowed *fountain* from whence they flow, plead in our behalf on this occasion, that we *arrest*, as it were, the promises of the Gospel, and so secure to ourselves and our neighbourhood the heavenly benediction.

Further, we draw from a *pure* source, in deriving our supply from the Bible Society. It is a society of united charity and benevolence—an institution on which the divine blessing rests; from which *prayer* and *praise* as a Cloud of grateful Incense is constantly ascending to Heaven—a society in which the hearts of christians of every denomination are sweetly blended in mutual love. These are delightful reflections to your Committee, and would weigh with them in the desire of being *still* identified in its *blessings*, its *benevolence*, and its *interests*. The interests of the Bible Society are no *sordid* interests, neither are they selfish and confined: for though *encircled* by the habitable globe in its operations, *earth* does not bound them—No, like the sun in his diurnal course, while its rays scatter light and life to earth’s remotest verge; and its genial beams under the divine blessing are making even the desert to spring forth, and vegetate as the garden of the Lord. *Heaven* is its centre!—It *attracts* to this, it does not terminate *short* of it, and this, if your Committee may be allowed so to express themselves, gives it its most fascinating aspect. To disseminate the Bible, is to disseminate the Word of Life, to disseminate Heaven’s best gift to man!—That book which not only proclaims man immortal, but is the blessed *pledge* of his heavenly inheritance, points to the *philanthropy* of God; yea, is the declaration of Love itself, for as much as it testifies that “God so loved the *world*, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” We are persuaded it can only be for want of bringing *home* the matter to our own hearts—for want of more frequent *reflections* on the spiritual wants of our fellow creatures, contrasting them with our own abundant *supplies* of the gospel; that any should be found *indifferent*, that any should withhold from their less favoured brethren in distant lands, that good in the power of their hand to do them, the feeble sacrifice, the small means yearly requisite to aid in sending them the word of life; let the light of revelation be removed from *us*—let the blessing of the gospel be withholden—its consolations dried up—its hopes, its blessed anticipations cut off;—and *what* are we? *where* do we find ourselves? we are of all creatures most *miserable*! *degraded* beneath the beasts that perish;—possessed of powers commensurate with an eternal existence, yet unsanctified. Enveloped in murky darkness, without *motives* to good, without *restraints* from

evil, left to struggle with every surrounding enemy, or rather a *prey* to all our enemies within and without—*captives* of sin and sorrow, not only to our lives' end, but beyond the grave, to all eternity! and is this the state we are really to leave our fellow creatures in, as to any effort we will make? Do not our hearts exclaim, God forbid, that we should thus evince our want of *human* feeling, our want of gratitude to Thee for the blessings of revelation. It is true, agreeable to the alteration now made in the rules of this Association, expressed in the Report of the last year, which divides our subscription, between the spiritual and temporal wants of our fellows; that that portion which we give in aid of the Parent Institution becomes very small; yet, small as it is, let us rejoice to cast even *this* into the offering of God—let us be willing to deny ourselves something in order to do so—let us present it in *faith* and love, not *willing* that our efforts to do good should be confined within the narrow limits of our own circle. Let our hearts *overflow*, and this our humble sacrifice thus offered, through the acceptance of Him in whose sight, *motives* are seen, and actions are weighed; shall not only serve to ensure the divine blessing on the means *retained* to do good, to those who have the *first* claim on our benevolence, (those around us) but shall prove as a gracious savour, a *salt* to season the whole.

Let us then in obedience to that word be united to circulate, aim as far as our little means will extend, to do good unto *all* men, and not only to the souls of our fellow creatures, but to their bodies also. To "remember such as suffer adversity" (temporal need), is equally a divine injunction. And under the strongest conviction that the performance of *one* duty, is no plea for the neglect of another, but that each in its proper time and place, claiming its proportionate attention, is designed harmoniously to blend in one united sacrifice acceptable to God. Your Committee have continued to assemble themselves together, the first Monday of every month, in order to make clothing for the poor; and have had the pleasure, through the assistance of various donations, in suitable materials, superadded to other expenditure of their funds, of making, the past year, *one hundred garments*, sixty-six of which have been distributed.

Let none imagine or *ungenerously* conclude, the statements of this little Society originate in display—or are designed to sound *abroad* what is done. *Not so*—Societies, however insignificant, upheld by public contribution, are in duty bound, to make public statements of their expenditure—they are accountable to their subscribers; and where their proceedings, as in this case, are only an humble effort to meet the requisition of the gospel, surely there is no need of being *ashamed* to appear in them?—Could this little association drink the *full draught* of pleasure, springing from the luxury of doing good, it would have *nought* whereof to glory—how *much less* then, in this feeble effort!—*pride* might rather be abashed here, and *hide* its head at the discovery of so paltry a procedure!—But as the Sacred Scriptures admonish and encourage with

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reference to giving alms: Hast thou *little*? do thy diligence to *give* of that little. So would your Committee gladly act with reference to their *small* ability to be useful. They would be encouraged to do what they *can*—nor proudly shrink from the path of duty, because they cannot accomplish *great* things. They would rather rejoice in being permitted to do *any* thing in the cause of benevolence. And while they are of necessity seen in this humble tho' delightful path of duty, they would invite *all* around to share the pleasure with them: It has been justly remarked, "All mortal joys are less, than that *one* joy of doing kindnesses." Surely then each individual, *all* may participate in this exquisite delight: and on very *easy* conditions: at a very *cheap* rate: A small personal expense rescued, and consecrated to the needy. A trifling sacrifice of selfish gratification, one act of self-denial with reference (peradventure to some little *superfluity*) on the principle of christian obedience and love, will speedily put us in possession of the secret—will give us in our own bosom, not only this measure of hallowed enjoyment, pressed down and running over, but will ensure to us also the Heavenly benediction: The favour of Him "in whom we live, and move, and have our being"—Him who hath graciously condescended to declare—"If thou shall draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light break forth in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day."

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#### EIGHTH REPORT OF THE GUYSBORO' LADIES BIBLE ASSOCIATION, 1831.

Your Committee spared in the good Providence of God, gratefully to welcome the return of a *new* year, have *chosen* this, as the period of their Anniversary Meeting,—and would thus connect accountability to their fellow mortals, in the proceedings of their little Association the past year, with that period of *final* responsibility to God—of which this solemn and deeply interesting season is so strikingly admonitory. It seems to impose on each individual the silent and almost *involuntary* reflection—"the end of *all* things is at hand!"—*soon* will the allotted period of my mortal existence have come to its close: "When a *few* years have come, then shall I *experience* the Divine Mandate:—" *Time* with thee shall be no longer."—Then shall I prove for myself and not for another—the solemn declaration—"Every man shall give *account* of himself to God?" With these preliminary remarks your Committee, cannot but be prepared with *humility* and *self-abasement*, to call into review their feeble efforts for the past year, in the cause of the Bible; and so feeble indeed have they been, and *so small* does the good resulting *comparatively* appear, that to retrace them, at first view seems but to call into exercise feelings of sorrow. Yet, if this feeling alone be excited

in connexion with a confirmed view, of the *duty* and vast importance of the object, it may prove the sanctified means of more *zealous* exertion, and lively interest; more heartfelt and efficient effort in the year in which we are now permitted to enter.

Since the last Annual Meeting, *twelve* pounds have been forwarded by this Association, to the Nova Scotia Bible Society, and your Committee have received, agreeable to request, one dozen pocket Bibles. one dozen Brevier Testaments. Five English Bibles, and eight Testaments have been sold at prime cost—two French Bibles at reduced price, with three Gaelic; four English Bibles have been disposed of gratuitously, with three Testaments, leaving in the hands of the Depository—twelve Gaelic Bibles and Testaments. Amount of subscription, with sale of Bibles and Testaments, the past year, we regret to say, have only amounted to £5 : 12; but this we have reason to believe, is owing to the *diverse channels* of good in which the little means possessed is now flowing, rather than a disaffection to the cause.

It may not be improper, on this occasion, for our encouragement, to behold as in one view, one hundred and eighty Bibles and Testaments distributed in this place and its vicinity, by means of this Association, since its commencement; and we may be permitted to take a *further* pleasing view of more than the same number of copies of the sacred volume, as distributed among the *heathen* in distant lands—half our subscription only having been appropriated to our own benefit, and half in aid of the Foreign Associations of the Parent Institution. This, it is true, is but a *small* distribution of the Heavenly Treasure, in comparison of that vast diffusion of the word of life, through means of the Parent Institution. It is but as a *drop* in the ocean! yet let us rejoice if but *one* drop be added through our instrumentality, and permitted to mingle and swell the *ocean* of benevolence, which is now sacredly flowing through the British and Foreign Bible Society, “to earth’s remotest bound,” and wafting with each succeeding wave, the inestimable treasure of the gospel—revealing to man the *mystery* of himself, his *degradation* through sin; and destination to eternal life through faith in a Redeemer. But to allow our feelings to dilate in benevolent anticipation as well as *effort*, first to those round about us and those within our most immediate influence, may we not be permitted reasonably to hope, among the number of copies dispensed in our own neighbourhood, that on the perusal of *some* of these at least, the Lord has been pleased to grant His special blessing? may we not believe that *some* sorrowful soul, *sickened* with earthly things, and *chastened* by the rod of affliction, has turned to these sacred pages, and found consolation? That the penitential *tear* has fallen—that the prayer of *faith* has arisen: and indulge the further consoling persuasion, on scripture ground, that the hope of everlasting life has been made to spring up in some *contrite* hearts, by means of these *very* copies of the sacred Scriptures. Surely these are no *vain*, no che-

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merical anticipations: these are *some* of the blessed results *designed* to flow from the reception of the divine word.—His word “who came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly.”

Let such then as have contributed their aid the past year, be encouraged to do this. It may be the *last* in which we shall ever be permitted thus humbly to unite to honour God. Another year, and some one of our places which are filled this day, may be *vacated* by death. He who hath said “They that honour me, I will honour”—whose word admonishes to “do good and communicate”—may have commanded us to give an account of our stewardship, declaring we may be no longer steward. Then shall have ceased all opportunity of being rendered useful to our fellow creatures whether in soul or body. Let the uncertainty of having life then operate powerfully with us in urging us, “whatsoever our hand *findeth* to do, to do it with all our might.” Only let us be careful in this, “whatsoever we do to do as unto the Lord.” As to the hacknied and interested suggestion of being *moved*, in these efforts by a desire of the praise of man—such aspersion cannot but weigh lighter than the dust on the balance, to the soul conscious of its own integrity!—of its *final* accountability. All your Committee would further say on this subject is—*Had* the desire of the praise of man, been the moving spring of their efforts to do good in this place, they had never made but *one* attempt: for having personally failed in their expected reward, they would have become “weary in well doing,” and *turned* from the path of duty. But let us rejoice, while conscious of our danger, there is no fatal *necessity* of our using this influence. It *is* possible, through the grace of God to intend to please *Him* in these efforts: and with this *possibility* in view, let us in simplicity and godly sincerity, *unswayed* by the frowns and censures of others, as unmoved by their vain applause, look to *His* command, and seek to imitate His example, who, when on earth, “went about doing good.” As we have opportunities, “Let us do good unto *all* men,” is the admonition of that word we are united to circulate: here is an admonition *diffusive* in its command, and blessed in its influence. It originates in that divine source, which “maketh the sun to rise on the evil and on the good, sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” Let none suppose *they* cannot be influenced by this precept. They are too insignificant—there is nothing *they* can do; this is a sad mistake, an unbelieving view of the subject. The divine precept, with the word, a *power* conveys. Have we not so much as *one* mite to bestow?—one mite to cast into the sacred treasury? even this *may* be the case with some—yet have we *much* that we *can* do—yea, much that we can *give*. We can give our *hearts* to the cause—we can give our little influence, if it is our *all*—we can do more, we can *weep* over the feebleness of our offering! that our hand is forbid to extend, and our *heart* is the all we can give?—yet let us *present* this offering—let *this* be our situation if it be the will of God. But let us not be *unaffected*, let us not be uninterested in this cause. His service—His command, who, “though he was

rich, yet, for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich"—who hath shewed himself our pattern—left us an example when on earth, saying to his disciples, "If I, who am your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet." Teaching us, that we should condescend to minister even in the *humblest* services to our fellow creatures—that we should consider *no* means *beneath* our attention, or derogatory to our honour, which can in any wise add to the comfort or convenience of others. With this blessed example full in view, let us not be discouraged. Let us do His will, who will shortly come to be our judge; and who hath graciously left on record, the promise of *acceptance*, of these services, with the *right* performance of the duty, saying, "For as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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## APPENDIX.

*Sydney, August 3, 1829.*

MY DEAR SIR,—That this world is a “waste howling wilderness,” a “vale of tears,” is a truth asserted, in the revealed will of God—a truth which, perhaps, at some time or other, will be confirmed in the experience of every individual. It is also equally a truth, that God who is abundant in mercy, does sometimes cheer the path of his people through this wilderness; and when your Committee look back on the fifth year, just now closed, in which the Cape Breton Branch Bible Society has continued diffusing the bread of life, they are constrained to acknowledge that they have abundant cause to rejoice. Withering as their Branch has been, for the previous two years, under the influence of the indifference, as manifested by the people around them, with no accession to the number on the list of their subscribers—it could not but afford them feelings of a peculiarly gratifying nature, during the past year, to receive very many additions to that list; and they do feel thankful to the Lord who has thus cheered and encouraged them while in the path of duty.

Your Committee feel much pleasure in being able to state that their funds are at present in a more flourishing condition than at any previous period since the establishment of their Branch, which is chiefly to be attributed to the very great and strenuous efforts made by a settlement of Presbyterians, residing at St. Ann's, near Sydney, where the Rev. Norman McLeod officiates as pastor, and to whose instrumentality we are much indebted for the recent augmentation of our funds.

During the past year your Committee have had many applications for the sacred Scriptures, and had disposed of all the English copies in their possession, when the last seasonable supply, as per Invoice, dated 30th May last, came to hand. Many copies of both English and Gaelic have been disposed of gratuitously to the poor emigrants lately arrived in this country, and who were equally destitute as well of the bread that perisheth as that which endureth for ever. In addition to the supply alluded to above, our Committee desire to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of the sacred Scriptures, forwarded by the Rev. J. West; as the early departure of that gentleman, after the receipt of his letter, prevented any reply being made to him, our Committee beg, through you to offer their thanks to the parent Society, for this kind remembrance of them.

The publication of the Nova Scotia Bible Society Report, having been suspended for a season, to the grief of many well-wishers to Zion—our Committee hail, with the liveliest emotions of pleasure, its re-appearance, and beg to assure you that in so far as their feeble efforts and co-operation can revive and give efficacy to the exertions of your auxiliary, they will be readily and cheerfully given. The tide of truth in its resistless course, has rolled towards us, tinged with the blood of its earliest pro-

fessors, and let us, my dear Sirs, by not being weary in well-doing, see that it sweeps not by us without also bearing some marks of our attachment to the same cause. In a little while he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry; may we therefore be found working while it is called to-day, lest the night of death should overtake us while slothful in labours of love. I enclose a draft, at thirty days, for £35 currency, as the amount of subscriptions and books sold since the remittance in last year, out of which, the sum of £21 : 12 : 5 has been subscribed by the settlement at St. Ann's.

I remain, Dear Sir, yours truly,  
 JOS. NOAD,  
 Sec'y C. B. B. B. S.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq. Sec'y.  
 N. S. Bible Society.

Sydney, Oct. 15, 1830.

MY DEAR SIR,—By the mercy and goodness of God I am once more enabled to inform you, that our Branch Bible Society during the past year, has been actively employed in disseminating that Blessed Book which is emphatically styled the "word of Life." The last supply we received has been disposed of, with the exception of a very few copies—some were sold at the Society prices,—others at a price still further reduced; but the greater part have been gratuitously distributed. The population of our county increases more rapidly than perhaps any other county in the province, from the tide of emigration which sets so strongly towards us, and as the majority of such settlers are very poor, hence arises the frequent and undiminished calls for the sacred scriptures which our society experiences, and accounts for the large proportion of books gratuitously disposed of. In supplying the demands thus made, our society feels the highest pleasure in reflecting that it is proclaimed with all the sacredness of truth "My word shall not return to me void, but shall accomplish that whereto I sent it." With this declaration in view, our society passes onward from year to year placing in the hands of the necessitous, the transcript of the mind and will of God, without money and without price; and offering it up an easy purchase to those who can afford to pay.

In doing so our society in common with every other that seeks to be instrumental in dispelling that spiritual gloom which overspreads the earth passes through a variegated scene, sometimes encountering discouragements, and again finding our hands strengthened in the work of the Lord. And it is with no slight degree of pleasure I inform you, that our funds, notwithstanding the pressure of some local and peculiar difficulties, are increasing; from the neighbouring settlements of St. Ann's, we continue to receive a support which reflects on its inhabitants the highest credit, enlarging by their contributions the sphere of our usefulness and coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The subscriptions and donations from them since I last addressed you amount to £17 16 9; other settlements are beginning to follow this example, and I am happy to state that the settlement at Middle River has lately expressed their intention of forwarding subscriptions and donations to the amount of about £12. Although these facts are but as the drop of a bucket when compared to that amount of Religious Intelligence which is brought before the public, they yet form a part of it however small, and as such call for our gratitude and thankfulness—we are anticipating with much pleasure the publication of your customary Annual Report, as we regard with much in-

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rest the proceedings of your auxiliary and its Branches, and we trust that each succeeding year will find you more heartily engaged in the best of causes, being indeed the cause of God. £32 : 11 : 7 is the amount of subscriptions and donations, &c., since our last remittances.—The half of this amount you will please to return to us in *English* Bibles and Testaments of the cheapest kind. A large proportion of the latter would suit us best.—

I remain, &c.

JOS. NOAD,  
Sec'y. C. B. B. B. S.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq. Sec'y.  
N. S. Bible Society.

*Annapolis, 13th Jan. 1830.*

DEAR SIR,—A considerable time having elapsed since our last report was made (as auxiliary to the Nova Scotia Bible Society) owing to obstacles inexpedient to state; it now belongs to me to address you respecting the interests of our society of the county of Annapolis. I have much satisfaction in stating to you, that, although its operations had ceased for some time, it has been revived under an impression of deeper moment than heretofore; it is to be hoped that many who have not felt their minds engaged in this holy cause will deem it a high privilege to cast in their mite into the Treasury of the Lord; at our Anniversary Meeting in October next we look forward, under the divine blessing, to fairer prospects. The collections for the last year amount to £37 17 5; which either has or will be remitted by our Treasurer J. Johnston Esq. to the Treasurer of your society.

Herewith I inclose the subscription list with the names and sums subscribed for insertion in your next Report.—

I remain, &c.

SAMUEL V. BAYARD.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq.

*Wilmot 20th January, 1832.*

DEAR SIR,—In consequence of the receipt of your letter of the 22d. Nov. last, it was rendered expedient to call a meeting of the Annapolis County Bible Society at an earlier period than was otherwise intended, the day fixed on was the 18th of this month; I am sorry to add but few of its members were present, consequently the subscriptions amounted to a trifle. I lament that so much apathy and indifference manifests itself, but I hope it will not always be the case; a few continue steadfast to their first purpose, and through their zeal under the divine blessing we hope again to call up the attention of members.

The sum paid by our Treasurer J. Johnston Esq. for the year 1831 and what has been lately collected will amount to £13 1 4½.

I am much concerned to inform you of the death of our late worthy President. the Reverend Mr. Ansley; that appointment is now filled by the Reverend Mr. Elder, through whose zeal and influence, we cannot but indulge the hope that the interests of the Society will be greatly revived.

I remain with great regard,

Dear Sir, yours &c.

SAMUEL BAYARD.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq. Sec'y.  
N. S. Bible Society.

Truro, 9th Dec. 1831.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 22d November last came to hand the 9th instant. Our Bible Society did not meet since 1829, when the Rev. W. West was here until the 5th November last; when a subscription was entered into, and nearly ten pounds signed in favour of the Society; which I will remit to you as soon as collected—probably about the beginning of the year.

The officers are the Rev. John Waddel, President and Treasurer, George Dill, Secretary; Committee of Managers, Alexander Miller, sen. Alexander Kent, Hugh Johnson, E. S. Blanchard and Andrew Christie. Another meeting of the Society or Committee will shortly take place, and if any thing worthy of remark takes place, I will immediately inform you of it.

I am, dear Sir, with much esteem,

your most obedient Servant,

GEORGE DILL,  
Sec'y. N. S. Bible Society.

Stewiack, 20th December, 1831.

DEAR SIR,—I received your letter, requesting an account of the present state of our Bible Society. There is a number of very zealous and devoted friends to the Bible cause in this place; so that, I hope, we shall always be enabled to keep the Society, not only alive, but in a considerable state of activity. For my own part, I have such a high idea of the parent Society, as an instrument in the hand of God, for evangelizing the world,—the scale of its operations is so vast and so grand, and the good done so immense, that, as a christian, and a subject of the divine government, I could not feel myself safe in being separated from such a cause; and when I say so, I believe I express the feeling of a good many in Stewiack. Great things, however, cannot be expected from us. There are none of us very wealthy; and, comparatively speaking, there is but a small share of circulating cash amongst us. From the smallness of our collections, and the urgency of other claims, that have accidentally come on us, we are at present obliged to suspend our usual returns, and divert them into another channel. In this settlement, we follow the Scotch mode of worship, and so very much require Bibles bound up with the Scotch Psalms, that can be easily carried to the church and used there in the time of divine worship—a practice, far too little attended to, both in this country, and also in England. Now, to obtain these Bibles, we are obliged to import them from Scotland; and for this purpose, we intend to appropriate, for the present, at least, what money we can collect. After this object is accomplished, you shall hear from us again, and have our returns regularly made.

On the 14th May, 1829, we remitted to Mr. Cogswell, the sum of £5, and on the 20th March, 1830, the sum of £6 : 6 : 3. We have at present, a claim on you for Bibles to the half of the latter sum. I believe, there is but little due here at present for Bibles; but whatever sums are so from the sale of Bibles, we shall consider due to the Society (parent.) We have never seen those sums accounted for. We hope to be favoured with some of your Reports, after you get them printed.

Our Society is not in such a good condition at present as I expect it will afterwards become. The number of our officers is not complete. I should like to see, however, some alteration made in the notice of our Society as it stands at present in the London Report. In the mean-

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time, therefore, you had better substitute my name, for my respected predecessor's, and insert Robert Gammels's, as treasurer.

I am, Dear Sir, with every sentiment of esteem and christian affection,

Yours very truly,

JAMES SMITH.

*Antigonish, January 12th, 1832.*

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 22d of November, and in reply, observe, our Society is very small, consisting only of three members; and we are surrounded with a poor ignorant population, who, if they were sensible of their state, would feel much the want of the word of life, we often meet with objects whom we feel for, and are induced to impart to them gratis, rather than be deprived of the hope of furthering the cause of God in this way, so that our funds are still on the decrease, as we find comparatively few to purchase at full price—the amount of our present fund is £5 : 16 : 6 only, and we feel so poor that could we be indulged, would gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity in the spring, of getting the amount in suitable Scripture, for further circulation—we have on hand, six English Bibles, sixteen Testaments; seven Gaelic Bibles, which we sell for 5s. each; five Gaelic Testaments, which we sell at 1s. 6d., or give gratuitously; likewise 1 dozen French Bibles which were given by the parent Society, and we cannot find any person in this place who can read them. We have to thank Mr. Black for his kind attention to us, and remain respectfully, yours,

HARRIET WHIDDEN, Sec'y.

*Onslow, January 19th, 1832.*

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 22d December last, was duly received, requesting information relative to the present state of our Society, and should have been sooner answered; but it was put off until a meeting was previously held, which only took place a few days past, and was principally for the purpose of electing a President and Vice-President, those situations being vacant. This being attended to, I now have the honour to inform you that the Onslow Branch Bible Society was constituted in 1816, that it has remitted the Nova Scotia Bible Society at Halifax, since its formation, about Eighty Pounds currency. There has not been any meeting for the last two or three years, except the late one, nor has there been any subscription during that period, although it has many professing friends, and hopes are entertained of its reviving, as one of the Resolutions of our last meeting, was to the effect of holding an annual meeting in June next, when the Committee purpose making increased exertions in aid of its funds, which at present consist of only £6 : 11, which will be paid over next week by the treasurer.

Our present office-bearers are as follow—

Rev. James Munro, President;

Mr. James M'Curdy, Vice-President;

Robert Dickson, Secretary;

Mr. Isaac Logan, Treasurer—and a Committee of Seven, chosen annually.

Your most obedient Servant,

ROBERT DICKSON, Sec'y.

Onslow B. B. Society.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq. Sec'y.  
N. S. Bible Society.

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Sales of Bibles & Testaments	22 14 5	- -	7 18 10	- -	32 12 5
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GUYSBORO' LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. THOMAS CUTLER, President;  
 Mrs. HARTSHORNE, Treasurer;  
 Miss NEWTON, Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR 1829, 1830 & 1831.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Mrs. Thomas Cutler, President	5	4 4	5	14 4
Mrs. Hartshorne, Treasurer	4 4	4 4	4 4	13 0
Mrs. Robert Cutler	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Miss Ballaine	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Mrs. Taylor	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Miss Taylor	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Moir	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. Wylde	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Mrs. Desbarres	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. Jamison	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Mrs. Heffernan	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Lee Hart	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Simpson	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. Isaac Lawson	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Randle	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. Francis Cook	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Mrs. Elias Cook	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. M'Pherson	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Fitzgerald	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. M'Gregor	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. M'Coll	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. Abraham Whitman	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. D' Whitman	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. Lanagan	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. Publicover	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Miss Hannah Whitman	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Miss L. Whitman	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Miss S. Whitman	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Miss Newton, Secretary	5 0	4 4	4 4	13
Mrs. Hamilton	4 4	4 4	4 4	13 8
Mrs. Newton	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Jas Randle	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs Jost	4 4	4 4	4 4	13
Miss Hart	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Mrs. Anderson	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Henderson	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Dobson	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Mrs. Broady	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Miss Smith	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Miss Whitman	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8
Mrs. Spinney Whitman	4 4	4 4	4 4	8 8

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Mrs. Smith		4 4	4 4
Mrs. Will. Hart		4 4	4 4
DONATIONS.			
Mr. Stephen M'Gregor	2 6		2 6
Mr. Charles Deniock	5		5
Wentworth Taylor, Esq.	5	5	10
Robert Hartshorne, Esq.	5	5	10
Mr. William Hiffernan	5	5	10
Mr. Christopher Jost (in paper)	6	6	17
			£9 11 10

CAPE BRETON BIBLE SOCIETY.

JUDGE MARSHALL, President.  
 PETER H. CLARKE, Esq. Vice President.  
 JOSEPH NOAD, Esq. Secretary.  
 Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, &c. FOR THE YEAR 1829.

Capt Thomas Crawley R N	£1 0 0	Donald Mattheson	5 0
Judge Marshall	10 0	Duncan M'Leod	5 0
Martha Stout 2 years	1 0 0	J M'Innis Kye	5 0
Mrs. Geo. W Bown 2 years	1 0 0	John M'Leod Argyles son	5 0
Jos. Noad 2 years	1 0 0	Angus M'Leod	5 0
<i>N. B. The undermentioned persons</i>		Donald M'Kenzie Big Harb.	5 0
<i>are residents at St. Anns.</i>		John M'Lean L Harb	5 0
Rev Norman M'Leod	10 0	Malcolm M'Gregor	5 0
Capt Donald M'Leod	10 0	Donald Angus, Fow	5 0
John Munro	10 0	Roderick M' Donald	5 0
Alexander M'Leod	10 0	William M' Donald	5 0
Alexander Munro	10 0	Murdoch M' Gregor	5 0
James Fraser	10 0	Donald M'Mullen N. Gut	5 0
Donald Munro	10 0	Donald Smith Weaver	2 6
The women of StAnns donation	7 2 6½	John M'Donald, Slismore	2 6
John Fraser	10 0	Malcolm Nicholson S B	2 6
Malcolm M' Donald, river	10 0	John Richie B S	2 6
John M'Leod Donald's son	10 0	Angus Matheson	2 6
Peter Fraser	10 0	Donald Campbell	2 6
Murdoch Mattheson	10 0	Alex M'Donald Normans son	5 0
Murdoch M'Donald Malc.son	10 0	Donald Campbell	2 6
Kenneth Mattheson	10 0	Donald Smith	5 0
Donald Ross	10 0	John M'Leod Carpenter	5 0
Simon M' Kenzie	10 0	Hugh Matheson	5 0
John M'Leod sen	5 0	Amt. rec. for Bibles and	} 4 4 11½
Alexander M'Leod B	5 0	Testaments sold &c.	
John M'Leod mason	10 0	A Friend Donation	5 0 0
			£35 0 0

SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, &c. FOR THE YEAR 1830.

John G. Marshall	Sydney	0 10 0
Martha Stout	do	0 10 0
Mrs. G. Bown	do	0 10 0
Mrs. H. Crawley	do	0 10 0
J. Noad	do	0 10 0

Andrew Sellon Junr.	Sydney	0 10 0	
Mrs Lorway	do		0 5 0
Revd. Norman M'Leod } being for sundry persons } subscriptions	St. Anns	10 12 3	
Alexander Munro	do	0 10 0	
Donald M'Leod (Captain) } for 2 years	do	1 0 0	
John M'Kenzie	do	0 10 0	
John Munro	do	0 10 0	
Andrew M'Intosh	do	0 10 0	
John Mattheson	do	0 10 0	
James Fraser	do	0 10 0	
Revd. Norman M'Leod	do	0 10 0	
Robert Mitchell	Lingan		0 10 0
Norman M'Leod	St. Anns	0 10 0	
Murdoch M'Leod	do	0 2 6	
Murdoch M'Leod	do	0 2 6	
John M'Leod	do	0 2 6	
John M'Gregor John's Son	do	0 5 0	
John M'Leod	do	0 5 0	
Alexander Mattheson	do	0 5 0	
Niel M'Leod	do	0 5 0	
Donald M'Lean	do	0 5 0	
John M'Iver	do	0 3 0	
Murdoch M'Kay	do	0 2 6	
Donation	do		0 2 6
Augus M'Kay	Middle River	0 5 0	
John M'Leod Carpenter	St. Anns	0 5 0	
Captain Crawley	Sydney	1 0 0	
Donation from a Friend	do		5 0 0
Donald M'Donald	St. Anns	0 2 6	

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Amount of Subscriptions since last remittance carried out		£22 2 9
Do. Donations	do do	5 17 6
Do. Books Sold	do do	4 11 4
Total of contributions to 15th. October 1830.		£32 11 7

SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, &c.  
FROM OCTOBER 1830, TO OCTOBER 1831.

Miss Gibbons	Sydney	for the year 1830	£ 10 0
John M'Leod mason	St Anns	do	5 0
Donald M' Mullen	do	do	5 0
Hector Sutherland	do	do	5 0
Donald M'Leod jun	do	do	5 0
Choan Stewart	Big Bras d'or	do	2 6
Peter Fraser	St Anns	do	10 0
David Corbit	Boulardarie	do	2 6
Donald Smith	St Anns	do	5 0
John M'Leod weaver	do	do	5 0
Malcolm M' Donald sen	do	do	5 0

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Donald M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie	Big Harbour	for the year 1830	5 0
Donald M <sup>c</sup> Gregor sen	St Anns	do	10 0
Duncan M <sup>c</sup> Leod	do	do	5 0
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Donald	do	do	5 0
Malcolm M <sup>c</sup> Gregor	do	do	5 0
Donald Campbell jun	do	do	5 0
Arthur Campbell	do	do	5 0
John M <sup>c</sup> Donald Slismore	do	do	5 0
Donald Smith jun	do	do	2 6
Donald M <sup>c</sup> Gregor jun	do	do	2 6
John M <sup>c</sup> Leod Donld's son	do	do	3 0
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie	do	do	10 0
Donation from the women of St. Anns collected by Mrs M <sup>c</sup> Leod	do	do	5 0
Alexander Marin	do	do	7 14 1
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Leod mason	do	do	10 0
John M <sup>c</sup> Leod Murdoch's son	do	do	10 0
Simon M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie	do	do	2 6
Donald Munro	do	do	5 0
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie jun	do	do	5 0
Donald M <sup>c</sup> Donald	do	do	5 0
John M <sup>c</sup> Leod John's son	do	do	5 0
Andrew M <sup>c</sup> Intosh	do	do	5 0
John Fraser	do	do	10 0
Niel M <sup>c</sup> Leod	do	do	10 0
Alexander Campbell	Boulardarie	do	5 0
Kenneth M <sup>c</sup> Leod	Middle River	do	5 0
Angus Campbell	do	do	12 6
Peter Campbell	do	do	5 0
Kenneth Campbell	do	do	5 0
Hector Campbell	do	do	2 6
Angus M <sup>c</sup> Kay	do	do	2 6
John Campbell	do	do	7 6
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie sen	St Anns	do	5 0
Murdoch M <sup>c</sup> Donald	do	do	3 0
John M <sup>c</sup> Kenzie	do	do	5 0
Angus M <sup>c</sup> Iver	do	do	5 0
John Finlayson	do	do	5 0
Murdoch Kerr	do	do	4 0
Jno M <sup>c</sup> Donald Malcolm's son	do	do	5 0
Donald M <sup>c</sup> Rea	Middle River	do	5 0
John M <sup>c</sup> Gregor	St Anns	do	10 0
Alexander Corbet	Boulardarie	do	2 6
John Munro	St Anns	do	5 0
Ronald Ross	do	do	10 0
Roderick Fraser	do	do	10 0
Finlay M <sup>c</sup> Grath	Middle River	for the year 1831	10 0
Martha Stout	Sydney	do	5 0
Mrs G W Bown	do	do	10 0
Murdoch M <sup>c</sup> Leod	do	do	10 0
Andrew M <sup>c</sup> Intosh	St Anns	do	2 6
Donald M <sup>c</sup> Mullan	do	do	10 0
J Mathewson schoolmaster	do	do	5 0
John M <sup>c</sup> Rea	do	do	10 0
M M <sup>c</sup> Leod Murdoch's son	do	do	5 0
William & Donald Ross	do	do	2 6
Donald Mathewson	do	do	5 0
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John M <sup>c</sup> Donald	do	do	5 0
Donald Smith	do	do	2 6
Jno M <sup>c</sup> Leod Donald's son	do	do	2 6
Duncan Finlayson	Grand River	do	10 0
Angus Shaw	do	do	2 6
Ronald Ross	St Anns	do	5 0
Malcolm M <sup>c</sup> Donald	do	do	10 0
Malcolm M <sup>c</sup> Gregor	do	do	10 0
Donation from the women of St. Anns collected by Mrs M <sup>c</sup> Leod	do	do	5 0 10 10 0
Arthur Campbell	do	do	5 0
Alexander Matthewson	do	do	5 0
Kenneth M <sup>c</sup> Leod jun	Middle River	do	12 6
John M <sup>c</sup> Leod	do	do	2 6
Capt Crawley	Sydney	do	1 0 0
Judge Marshall	do	do	10 0
J Noad	do	do	10 0
A Friend	do	do	5 0 0
Rev Norman M <sup>c</sup> Leod	St Anns	do	10 0

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ANNAPOLIS COUNTY BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1829.

REV. WILLIAM ELDER, President;  
JOHN JOHNSTON, Esq. Treasurer;  
Secretary.

William Ruffee	£0 5 0	Jane Whitman	0 2 6
A. Fowler	0 5 0	Charlotte Whitman	0 2 6
Esther Longley	0 5 0	Sarah Bancraft	0 2 6
John Bath	0 5 0	C. Fitz. Randolph	0 2 6
Bridget Sturmay	0 1 7½	Tabeth Evans	0 2 6
Abigail Beals	0 1 3	Willis Foster	0 5 0
Rev. Wm. Hunter	1 0 0	Ezekiel Foster	0 2 0
Phebe Randolph	0 2 6	Ezekiel Foster (2nd)	0 5 0
Mrs. Tupper	0 2 6	Henry Foster	0 2 0
James D. Spur	0 2 6	Charles Randall	0 1 3
William Spur	1 0 0	Mary Ann Foster	0 5 0
William Bent	0 10 0	Thomas Foster	0 2 6
Thomas Crosskill	0 2 6	Zebulon Nely	0 2 6
Dr. Piper	0 2 6	Bayard Foster	0 2 6
Joseph Bent	0 10 0	John Foster	0 5 0
George Troop	0 5 0	George Foster	0 1 3
Alexander Troop	0 2 6	Lavinia McNeil	0 2 0
Col. Bayard	1 0 0	William Miller	0 1 3
Peter Johnson	0 5 0	Peter Carruthurs	0 5 0
Thomas Spur, junr	0 5 0	Benjamin W. Jacques	0 2 6
Aaron Eaton	0 5 0	Samuel M. Masters	0 2 6
Thomas Spur, senr.	1 0 0	Donations	0 7 6
Major Chipman	0 10 0	Ladies Subscriptions by Mrs. Sarah Whitman	2 11 6
Mrs. Wm. Longley on acct. of Ladies subscription	1 10 7½	Thos. Sinclair M. D.	1 3 4
Mrs Amelia Spur on account of Ladies subscription	0 2 6	Rev A Desbrisay	0 10 0
Mary Spur	0 2 6	William Longly	0 10 0
Sarah Lovett	0 2 6	John Turner	0 5 0
Nancy Chipman	0 2 6	Joseph Foster	0 15 0
		Charles Berteau	0 5 0

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Rufus Banks	0 5 0	John Whitman	0 5 0
Ezekiel Banks	0 5 0	William Randall	0 7 6
Samuel Wheelock	0 5 0	Catherine Huks	0 5 0
Arthur Gibbon	0 7 6	Elias Woodworth	0 5 0
Joshua Beals	0 5 0	John Johnston	1 3 4
Rachael Robinson	0 5 0	Mrs J Johnston for ladies	
Henry Summerfield	0 2 6	Subscriptions	3 18 7½
Stephen Tailor	0 10 0	Henry Goldsmith	0 10 0
James Hall	0 10 0	Ezra Foster	0 1 3
John Dodge	0 7 6	George Troop	0 5 0
John Slocomb	0 10 0	Samuel Chesley	0 5 0
James Parker	0 10 0	David Dill	0 2 6
Henry Pearce	0 2 6	Elizabeth Foster	0 2 6
Mary Parker	0 2 6	Thomas H Troop	0 2 6
Silas Gates	0 5 6	Marsden Foster	0 2 6
Sarah McKeown	0 2 6	George Fellows	0 2 6
John Ross	0 5 0	Peter Meddimas	0 2 10½
John G Smith	0 5 0	Joseph Wheelock	0 5 0
John Turner	0 5 0	Widow Crabb	0 1 0
Samuel B Chipman	0 5 0	William Spur	0 10 0
Isaac Singles	0 10 0	Thomas Spur	0 10 0
Walter Wilkins	0 5 0	William Singles for him-	
Thomas H Chipman	0 5 0	self and his wife	0 7 6
Robert Neily	0 5 0	Ward Wheelock	0 5 0
Thomas Wheelock	0 2 6	Benjamin Dodge	0 2 6
John Wheelock	0 2 6	Alfred Parker	0 2 6
Lydia Heaton	0 2 3	James Hately	0 2 6
Alexander McKeily	0 5 0		
George Bruce	0 2 0		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£37 17 5</b>

LADIES SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mrs Norman	5 0	Mrs Sneden	5 0
Johnston	10 0	Roach	1 0
John Johnston	10 0	Spur	1 3
Cooper	5 0	P Johnston	2 6
Shiels	5 0	P Le Cain	2 6
Bannerman	5 0	James Roach	1 6
Mossman	5 0	Phelan	5 0
Small	2 6		
Haliburton	5 0		
Davies	5 0		
Thos. Spur	1 3		
A friend	1 1½		
			<b>£3 18 7½</b>

N. B. Half this sum is already noted, but the names omitted, having been overlooked.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE YEAR 1831.

Balance for 1829	£3 19 11	Samuel Chesley Esq	5 0
Elias Woodworth	15 0	Daniel Felch	2 6
William H. Halliday	5 0	Mrs Daniel Whitman	2 6
Clarissa Anderson	5 0	Thomas Spur	10 0
Sales of Bibles and Testaments		Major Chipman	5 0
by A Henderson	2 11 8	John Johnston	1 3 4
less charges	1 10 8	Samuel V. Bayard	1 0 0
Sales of Testaments by		Henry Gates	1 0 0
Mrs Turner	17 0	John Tupper	10 0

Henry Simpson - - -	5 0	Samuel Dodge - - -	£0 7 6
D. Piper - - - - -	5 0		
Silas Morse - - - -	10 0		
Stephen Chipman - -	10 0		£14 8 5

## LONDONDERRY.

REV. JOHN BROWN, President;  
 Treasurer;  
 Secretary.

Rev. John Brown	£0 10 0	Lawrence Reppard	£0 5 0
William Davison, senr.	0 5 0	William Reppard	0 5 0
William M'Cully, senr.	0 5 0	William Spencer, senr.	0 5 0
Samuel M'Kinley	0 5 0	William Yuil	0 5 0
Daniel Morrison, Esq.	0 5 0	John Wier, Esq.	0 5 7½
Alexander D. Morrison	0 2 6	Of Bibles & Testaments	1 11 4½
Hannah Morrison	0 2 6		
Thomas Morrison	0 5 0		£5 2 0
Thomas Fletcher, senr	0 5 0		

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Rev S B Strong	for 1826&1827	£1 0
Mr Miller	1829	10
Elisha Dewolf Esq	1826 1827 1829	1 10
Rev T-S Harding V P	1826	10
Simon Fitch Esq Treas and Dep	1826 1827 1829	1 10
Elihu Woodworth Secy	1826 1827 1829	1 10
Mr Frederick Fitch	1826 1827 1829	1 10
Doctor E F Harding	1826 1827	10
Miss E Leard	1827 1829	1 0
S Woodworth	1826 1827 1829	15
Mr John Johnson	1826 1829	17 6
Alexander M' Plate	1826 1829	10
J Kirkpatrick	1826	10
Shirman Dennison Esq.	1826 1827 1829	1 7 6
Mr Edward Bayers	1826 1827 1829	1 7 6
James Harris jun Esq	1826	10
James D. Harris Esq	1826 1827 1829	1 10
John C Hall Esq	1826 1827	1
Mrs N Leonard	1826 1827	1
Mr Elisha Bishop	1826	10
George Johnson	1826 1829	12 6
Rev Geo Struthers	1829	5
Mr Harris Calkin	1829	5
Robert Dewolf	1826	10
James Denison	1826 1827	15
Hans Chase	1827	7 6
P M Benjamin	1827	5
John Clark	1827	2 6
James Duncanson	1829	2 6
Mrs Elizabeth Kenny	1827	2 6

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Mr Griffin Minor	1827	
James Murphy	1827	10
William Johnson	1829	2 6
Thomas Davison	1827	10 6
Daniel Caldwell	1827	5 0
James Lawrence	1827	5 0
Samuel Waitecoat	1827	5 0
William Taylor	1827	5 0
Peter Murphy	1827	5 0
Thomas Martin	1827 1829	5 0
John Welsh	1827	5 0
Nathan Davison	1827	2 6
J N Crane Esq	1827	2 6
Mr James Forsyth	1826 1827	5 0
Jehial Martin	1829	1
Peleg Holmes	1829	5 0
Daniel Lockhart Esq	1829	7 6
Mr William Pick	1829	7 6
Elisha Harris	1829	10 6
Benjamin Currie	1829	7 6
John C Bishop	1829	7 6
Gideon Reed	1829	7 6
Lemuel Fuller	1829	7 6
John Armstrong	1829	5 0
	1829	5 0
	1829	5 0

Amount of Subscriptions  
Sale of Bibles and Testaments

£31 2 6

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Total.

£33 19 7

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 WILLIAM M'KEEN, Esq. Secretary;  
 LEWIS SMITH, Esq. Treasurer.

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*Note.—From some of the Societies from which remittances have been sent, no list of Subscribers have been received.*

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YNING, Vice President;  
Esq. Treasurer and Depository;  
HIPMAN, Secretary.

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YNRO, President;  
Esq., Vice President;  
, Esq. Secretary;  
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HENRY H. COGSWELL, Treas.

Feb. 8 From M. G. Black, Esq. per Account 238 0 10 0  
do. 23 Londonderry, by the Rev. J. Brown 3 9 11 -

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HALIFAX, March 5th, 1831.  
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Dr. The Treasurer of the Nova-Scotia Bible Society, in Account current with the Society. Cr.

1831.	To Balance	1832.	March 15
March 1	To Cash from Mr. Peter Grant	March 15	By charges for packages, &c. paid to M. G. Black, Esq. £ 0 18 2
June 10	Ditto Newport, by Rev. James Waddell	Aug. 4	By paid Mr. Cunnabell, for printing Report (1000 copies) 23 11 5
July 27	Ditto Cumberland, by Rev. C. Tupper, per J. W. N.	Aug. 8	By balance paid M. G. Black, Esq. to purchase a Bill to remit to the Parent Society 309 2 4
Aug. 31	Ditto Annapolis, by J. Johnston Esq. for 1829-30		
Sept. 7	Ditto Horton Branch Society, by S. Fitch, Esq.		
Dec. 22	Ditto Londonderry, by Rev. J. Brown		
1832.			
Jan. 21	Ditto Annapolis County, by J. Johnston, Esq.		
24	Ditto St Matthew's Church, Halifax, by Miss Foreman		
26	Ditto Onslow, by Mr. Isaac Logan		
Feb. 23	Ditto A. Fraser, and Peter Grant, 10s. each		
24	Ditto Musquodoboit, by I. Kent, Esq.		
March 14	Ditto Colchester, by D. Dill, per J. Farguhar		
16	Ditto M. G. Black, Esq. the following sums, viz.—		
	1831, April 23—Shelburne, Mr. A. Coken, amount of Bibles and Testaments sold, £/3 0 0		
	Oct. 24—P. E. Island, Rev. Mr. Snowhall ditto, ditto, ditto / 1 15 0		
	Nov. 14—Cape Breton Branch Society, by J. Noad, Esq. 49 1 7		
1832,	Jan. 7—Miss Solomon, subscription		
	Mar. 13—Parrsboro', J. Ratchford, Esq. amount of Bibles and Tests, sold / 5 16 2		
	14—Halifax, Sale of Bibles and Testaments, from Feb. 8, 1831, to date / 32 19 0		
Aug. 4	From J. W. Nutting, Esq. the following sums, For Chester Branch Bible Society, for 1830 £ 9 0 0		
	Guy'sboro', Ladies Bible Association, 1831 7 0 0		
	Donation from the late Col. Kerr (in 1830) 5 0 0		
	Balance due on returns from Horton Branch Society for 1831 1 17 7		
	For Hants Branch Bible Society for 1831 6 11 0		
	Subscriptions and donations in Halifax £52 0 0		
	Less paid J. Jennings for collecting £ 1 0 0		
	51 0 0		
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1829.		1831.	
July 20	By balance brought forward	£61 16 24	
Aug. 26	St. Matthew's Church donations and subscriptions—Miss Foreman	18 17 1	Sept. 7 1829.
Oct. 3	His Excellency Sir P. Matland	3 0 0	1831.
Nov. 7 1830.	Annapolis County Bible Society, by J. Johnston, Esq.	17 0 0	Sept. 5 1831.
Jan. 21	Cape Breton ditto, by J. W. Nutting, Esq.	35 0 0	March 5
Feb. 15	Annapolis County Bible Society, by J. Johnston, Esq.	3 19 11	By Cash paid Mr. J. Munro, printing
March 2	Londonderry ditto, by the Rev. J. Brown, Peter Grant and Alexander Fraser,	5 2 0	£ 16 0 0
— 20	Stewiacke Society, by Mr. Gammel,	1 0 0	By Cash paid M. G. Black, Esq.
April 5	Hants County ditto, by Rev. J. Murdoch,	6 6 3	403 14 64
Sept. 11	St. Matthew's Church donations and subscriptions—Miss Foreman,	7 7 6	By Balance
Nov. 8	From J. W. Nutting, Esq. as follows:—Guysboro' Ladies Association	15 12 0	61 16 24
	Turo Bible Society	7 0 0	
	Cape Breton ditto	32 11 7	
Dec. 18 1831.	Guysboro' Society by J. W. Nutting, Esq.	53 5 0	
— 23	Col. Bayard, by J. W. Nutting, Esq.	10 4 8 1/2	
Jan. 12	Mr. Archibald Fraser, 9 Mile River	0 10 0	
Feb. 8	From M. G. Black, Esq. per Account	238 2 8	
do. 23	Londonderry, by the Rev. J. Brown	3 9 11	
		£481 10 9	

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1831.		1830.	
March 1	To Balance	£61 16 24	
June 10	Cash from Mr. Peter Grant	0 10 0	March 15 1830.
July 27	Ditto Newport, by Rev. James Waddell	7 17 0	By charges for packages, &c.
	Ditto Cumberland, by Rev. C. Tupper, per J. W. N	4 10 4	paid to M. G. Black, Esq.
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