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LAWS AND REGULATIONS
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BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

- I. THE designation of this Society shall be, THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, of which the sole object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment; the only copies in the Languages of the United Kingdom, to be circulated by the Society, shall be the Authorized Version.
- II. This Society shall add its endeavours to those employed by other Societies for circulating the Scriptures through the British Dominions; and shall also, according to its ability, extend its influence to other countries, whether Christian, Mahometan, or Pagan.
- III. Each Subscriber of One Guinea annually shall be a Member.
- IV. Each Subscriber of Ten Guineas at one time shall be a Member for Life.
- V. Each Subscriber of Five Guineas annually shall be a Governor.
- VI. Each Subscriber of Fifty Pounds at one time, or who shall, by one additional payment, increase his original subscription to Fifty Pounds, shall be a Governor for life.
- VII. Governors shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Meetings of the Committee.
- VIII. An Executor, paying a bequest of Fifty Pounds, shall be a Member for life; or, of One Hundred Pounds, a Governor for life.
- IX. A Committee shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society, consisting of Thirty-six Laymen, Six of whom shall be Foreigners, resident in London or its vicinity; half the remainder shall be members of the Church of England, and the other half members of other denominations of Christians. Twenty-seven of the above number, who shall have most frequently attended, shall be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year.
- The Committee shall appoint all officers, except the Treasurer, and call Special General Meetings, and shall be charged with procuring for the Society suitable patronage, both British and Foreign.
- X. Each Member of the Society shall be entitled, under the direction of the Committee, to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the Society's prices, which shall be as low as possible.
- XI. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in May, when the Treasurer and Committee shall be chosen, the Accounts presented, and the Proceedings of the foregoing year reported.
- XII. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, shall be considered, *ex officio*, Members of the Committee.

XIII. Every Clergyman or Dissenting Ministers, who is a Member of the Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Meetings of the Committee.

XIV. The Secretaries for the time being shall be considered as Members of the Committee; but no other person deriving any emolument from the Society, shall have that privilege.

XV. At the General Meetings, and Meetings of the Committee, the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President first upon the list then present; and in the absence of all the Vice-Presidents the Treasurer; and in his absence, such Member as shall be voted for that purpose, shall preside at the Meeting.

XVI. The Committee shall meet on the first Monday in every month, or oftener, if necessary.

XVII. The Committee shall have the power of nominating such persons as have rendered essential services to the Society, either MEMBERS FOR LIFE, OR GOVERNORS FOR LIFE.

XVIII. The Committee shall also have the power of nominating HONORARY MEMBERS from among Foreigners who have promoted the objects of the Society.

XIX. The whole of the Minutes of every General Meeting shall be signed by the Chairman.

REGULATIONS

ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY
IN 1826 AND 1827.

I. THAT the fundamental law of the Society, which limits its operations to the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, be fully and distinctly recognised as excluding the circulation of the Apocrypha.

II. That, in conformity to the preceding resolution, no pecuniary aid can be granted to any Society circulating the Apocrypha; nor, except for the purpose of being applied in conformity to the said resolution, to any individual whatever.

III. That, in all cases in which grants, whether gratuitous or otherwise, of the Holy Scriptures, either in whole or in part, shall be made to any Society, the books be issued bound, and on the express condition, that they shall be distributed without alteration or addition.

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

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

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

NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

REV. J. T. TWINING, D. D., PRESIDENT.

HON. J. W. JOHNSTON, MARTIN G. BLACK, Esq., JAMES W. NUTTING, Esq., WILLIAM PRYOR, JUNR., Esq.,	}	VICE-PRESIDENTS.
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THE FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY.

HON. CHARLES PRESCOTT, HON. SAMUEL CREELMAN,		JAMES C. COGSWELL, Esq. H. B. WEBSTER, Esq.
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OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

HELD IN TEMPERANCE HALL, HALIFAX, MAY 11, 1858.

THE PRESIDENT, REV. DR. TWINING, IN THE CHAIR.

THE Meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. GEORGE BOYD. Opening address by the PRESIDENT.

The Report of the Committee having been read by the SECRETARY, it was, on the motion of the Rev. EDMUND MATURIN, A.M., seconded by CHARLES ROBSON, Esq.,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—That the Report be adopted and circulated, and that this Meeting desires to express thanks to Almighty God for the success with which he has been pleased to crown the efforts of the Parent Society during the past year.

On motion of the Rev. CHARLES CHURCHILL, A. M., seconded by P. C. HILL, Esq.,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.—That this Meeting, conscious that a saving knowledge of the Redeemer is the only cure for moral evil, rejoices to learn that the Parent Society have it in contemplation to extend the circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the millions of India, a country for which in connexion with recent occurrences, so deep an interest has been awakened.

On motion of the Rev. P. G. MCGREGOR, seconded by ROBERT MILLER, Esq.,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be given to the several Branch Societies and Ladies' Associations in connexion with this Auxiliary for their contributions during the past year, and that they be earnestly solicited to continue their support to the cause of the BIBLE.

Moved by Rev. THOMAS CRISP, seconded by Hon. M. B. ALMON,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—That the following gentlemen be the Office-bearers of this Society for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Rev. J. T. Twining, D. D., *President*; Hon. J. W. Johnston, Martin G. Black, Esq., James W. Nutting, Esq., and Wm. Pryor, Junr., Esq., *Vice-Presidents*; Martin Gay Black, Esq., *Treasurer*; S. L. Shannon, Esq., *Secretary*; Mr. Isaac Smith, *Assistant-Secretary*. *Committee*,—Rev. John Scott, Rev. R. F. Uniacke, Rev. John Martin, Rev. P. G. McGregor, Rev. J. C. Cochran, Rev. Edmund Maturin, Rev. D. Freeman, Rev. C. Churchill, Rev. J. England, Rev. J. Hunter, Rev. S. N. Bentley, Rev. T. Crisp, Hon. M. B. Almon, Hon. Hugh Bell, Hon. W. A. Black, Dr. Avery, J. H. Anderson, Esq., A. McKinlay, Esq., Henry Pryor, Esq., S. Selden, Esq., T. A. Brown, Esq., W. C. Silver, Esq., T. A. S. DeWolfé, Esq., Jas. Thomson, Esq., J. G. A. Creighton, Esq., C. Robson, Esq., Peter Lynch, Esq., J. W. Ritchie, Esq., P. C. Hill, Esq., J. C. Cogswell, Esq., Nepean Clarke, Esq., G. H. Starr, Esq., John T. Thomas, Esq., Robert Miller, Esq., Mr. McEwen.

The Meeting was closed by the **PRESIDENT** with the **Doxology** and the **Apostolic Bénédiction**.



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REPORT.

THE lapse of another year has brought once more the period when the Committee of the NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY usually lay before their friends and patrons a report of their proceedings during the interval.

The revolution of a year always brings with it solemn reflections to those who duly estimate the value of time. How many immortal souls have gone from Time into Eternity during that period! How many golden opportunities of doing good, of benefitting our fellow-creatures, have been allowed to pass away unimproved! How much better is the world around us, the little world to which our influence extends, by our exertions during the past twelvemonth?—Such are the thoughts which suggest themselves to your Committee at the commencement of their report. And while they feel that they have been honored in being able to do something for their fellow-men in connexion with the noble Institution of which they are an auxiliary, they have still to regret that their efforts in the circulation of GOD'S WORD have been of comparatively so limited a character. They have, however, endeavored to embrace every opportunity of usefulness within their humble sphere, and they have to report that the interest felt in the good work continues unabated throughout their Auxiliary. This has been evidenced by the funds collected, and by the contributions which your Committee have been able in consequence to remit to the Parent Society. But before entering upon the details of their own proceedings, they will adopt their usual course of giving extracts from the Parent Society's Report in order to show the nature and

extent of those operations to which they feel it so great a privilege to contribute. These extracts will be somewhat copious, as comparatively few of our friends have an opportunity of perusing the Report itself.

They commence by drawing a contrast between the feebleness of their first efforts and the extraordinary position to which they have now attained, and they ascribe all their success, as is meet, to God alone. They are sensible, they say, that whatever lustre shines on the Society is lustre reflected not from earth, but from heaven; that whatever success it has achieved is derived, not from illustrious names and sagacious counsels, but from the blessing of that God who can put abundant honor upon the feeblest instrumentality.

In referring to FRANCE, the Parent Committee say they invariably turn with feelings of devout gratitude to that country, the nearest scene of their foreign operations, and where the circulation of the Divine Scriptures has been attended with extraordinary results. They mention the great and untiring labors of their agent, M. de Pressensé, and they consider that a special Providence had presided over their operations in preparing such an instrument, whose eminent piety, enlightened zeal, and sound practical sagacity richly qualify him for the responsible duties with which he is intrusted. Nor would the Committee less recognize the good hand of God in raising up the noble band of colporteurs,—men who have carried a cheap and open Bible to the remotest parts of the country. From M. de Pressensé's report, it appears that the issues of the Scriptures during the last year were 90,994 copies; but the total issued from the Paris dépôt since its establishment now amounts to 3,433,056 copies. A portion of these copies were distributed among the French soldiers, especially those returning from the East, and the Committee refer to the effort with peculiar satisfaction. An amount of good was effected which it would be difficult to estimate, and the influence of which will remain when the memory of the great Russian war has perished. The Scrip-

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tures, for the most part, were thankfully accepted, and many a poor soldier has found his New Testament to be his best companion, not only in the turmoil of war, but in the repose of peace. The agent gives several instances of this, one or two of which may be mentioned.

A colporteur furnishes the following: "I have to inform you that the other day I owed the sale of two Testaments to the assistance which I received from a soldier who has recently returned from the Crimea. He induced the people of the inn where I was having my meal to purchase the Word of God, on the ground that he himself had experienced how much good was to be got from it; and this experience he had gained from reading a Testament which an English soldier before Sebastopol had given to him. At the conclusion of his remarks, he added in a very serious tone of voice, 'Look you, my friends, religion is not what we consider it to be,—a multiplicity of ceremonies and words in Latin, of which we understand nothing whatever. Religion is a matter between God and ourselves; and God tells us in this book all that we must believe in order to be saved.'"

"Already from several of the Departments," continues M. de Pressensé, "I receive letters informing me that various soldiers who had shared in the distributions effected in your name have carried their New Testaments to their families, and that they very highly prize the volume. They speak of it among their friends, and several of our colporteurs have mentioned to me that in more than one locality this has most materially aided them in effecting sales."

A noble example of individual zeal on behalf of the spiritual welfare of the French soldiers is mentioned. "I continue to have here, in Paris," says the writer, "an agent for carrying on the work among the soldiers, such as we do not very often meet with, and who is most valuable to me. This agent is the wife of a general, who, at the period when the Government commenced collecting the troops for the war in the East, obtained for me from the military authorities special

authorization on behalf of the colporteurs. She thus made a good use of her social position for the furtherance of the work of circulating the Scriptures. Subsequently, she personally labored, and still labors, in the distribution of the Word of God. As her assistant, she is always accompanied by her valet, who was formerly a soldier, and who, having experienced in his own soul the value of the Bible, is most anxious that the same happy experience may be acquired by the men still serving under the flag of France. The lady sallies forth as often as she is able, in her morning costume, accompanied by her servant, who for the nonce lays aside his laced livery, and has always under his arms a goodly number of copies of the Scriptures. The zeal and devotion of the lady are eminently crowned with success. During the last fortnight, for instance, she has succeeded in disposing of nearly two hundred small-sized New Testaments; and she has related facts to me which prove, that even in the class which appeared the farthest removed from religious and serious feelings, there is an indication of a sense of spiritual wants which ought not to be neglected."

M. de Pressensé, in the course of his yearly correspondence, dwells very fully on the labors of the colporteurs, and bears decided testimony to their unexceptionable Christian demeanor. Many interesting incidents connected with their work are detailed, but we cannot in this brief outline find room for them.

In BELGIUM, the good work is progressing in the face of great opposition. That a feeling in favor of Bible Christianity is springing up in many directions cannot be doubted; and the zealous efforts of the priests to arrest that feeling will, it is believed, only tend to its further development and increase. A spirit of thoughtful inquiry is taking place, resulting from the very attacks made upon the Bible Society by its enemies, among whom is a very celebrated ecclesiastic who has been giving lectures at Liege, endeavoring to prove that the middle

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ages were the golden epoch of the Church's history, and that things must be restored to what they were then. These attacks have led to conferences of the British ministers, which have met with wonderful success.

The Bible Society continues to be highly valued in HOLLAND, and the liberal aid it affords in the circulation of the Scriptures is felt to be of immense importance in a country where there is a manifest tendency to depreciate the great principles of religious faith.

In GERMANY, the Society continues to operate over an extensive field of labor, comprised in the three agencies of Cologne, Frankfort, and Berlin. On the review of the year, there is abundant proof of hostility, and on the other hand, many indications that the agency of the Society is conferring rich blessings on the father-land of the Reformation. The opposition, however, is very great; and, to judge from the treatment the poor colporteurs often experience, it might be supposed that the circulation of the Scriptures is, of all works, most to be feared and reprobated. As a set-off, however, against the almost universal efforts of the priests to stop the colportage of the Scriptures, the following beautiful instance of coöperation will be read pleasure:

"I first visited," says the colporteur, "the village of —, which belongs to the parish of —. When I had arrived at this village and opened my bag, a woman came up to me whom I seemed to know, but whose face I could not remember. She said in a friendly tone, 'Last week you sold me a book, and people told me it was Lutheran. I became very angry, thinking you had imposed upon me, a simple woman; so I took my book under my arm and went to the priest, saying, 'Mr. Pastor,—here, I have bought a book, and people tell me it is Lutheran. What do you say to it?' Then the priest told me that it was good, and I ought to wish that there were two in each house instead of one. 'When you see the

man again,' the priest added, 'tell him to call on me.' The book the woman had bought was a New Testament."

The colporteur was induced to visit the priest, and he thus describes his reception: "I knocked at the door, and was told to walk in. There sat before me a tall dark gentleman, dressed in a long black clerical coat. He wished me good morning, and then I told him I was the man with the Bibles, and had the Old and New Testaments. 'Indeed,' said he, 'you are that man? Sit down.' Then he went out of the room, and soon returned with some refreshments. He invited me to eat and drink, saying, "I dare say you are very tired, carrying such a heavy burden. I am glad you have come to see me, and am rejoiced to hear you have been selling the Bible at such a low price in my parish, because I am quite willing to assist you in the attainment of your noble object. It is my wish that this Holy Book be read and believed by young and old. It is the only book which can awaken and enlighten us, and really make us better people.'" The result of the visit was, that the priest himself became a distributor of the Scriptures.

The work of the Society in SWEDEN is assuming a rapid and unanticipated development. Every year exhibits a marked and astonishing progress. From concurrent testimony, it appears that a religious movement is spreading in all parts of the country. The frigid indifference to the truth, over which many had lamented, is giving place to a vastly improved condition of feeling, and on every hand there are eager inquirers for the Scriptures. Few parts of Europe, if any, can present such indubitable evidence of real spiritual improvement. It cannot be doubted that the labors of this Society in Sweden have proved a great blessing; they have occupied an important relation to the spread of evangelical doctrine, and thousands acknowledge with gratitude the sacrifices made to furnish the poor of the country with cheap Scriptures. The total issues of the agency in this country during the year amount to 82,961 over the previous year.

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A similar activity in the distribution of the Scriptures prevails in NORWAY also.

It would be satisfactory if a more auspicious state of things could be reported, so far as Bible dissemination is concerned, in the stupendous Empire of RUSSIA, with its fifty millions of people. But the range of operation accorded is comparatively limited. The action of Bible Societies relates almost entirely to the Protestant part of the population,—the admission of Scriptures in the modern Russ, the language of the people, being prohibited by the Synod of the Greek Church. Indirectly, however, the Scriptures are partially diffused among the better educated classes of the Russians, who purchase French and German copies, which are allowed to enter the country without difficulty. The following extract is taken from a letter addressed to the Secretary by a clergyman while recently travelling in Russia :

“ I was right glad to find during my present tour in Russia that many of those who were at war with us only a year ago, do now bear no other feelings towards us than those of peace and good-will, and principally through the possession of a copy of the New Testament, which they have somehow or other obtained and retained. I met many officers during my journey southwards, who exhibited their copies with no small measure of satisfaction and pleasure. At one of the stations between Pultowa and Kremenchock I met with a Russian colonel, who, after having introduced himself to me, produced his New Testament as a marvel of beauty and cheapness, which he said he purchased from an Englishman at Balaklava. He was solicitous, however, to learn how the English could possibly afford to sell the sacred volume at so small a price. After an explanation of the nature of the Bible Society he exclaimed, ‘ Take this as my humble contribution to the Society,’ and put into my hands a gold coin, in value five roubles fifteen kopecks. ”

With reference to SPAIN, the Committee speak discouragingly. The hopes they had been led to entertain of their ability to introduce the Scriptures into this country have been disappointed, and every attempt to secure liberty of action has failed.

The friends of the Society will scarcely need any assurance of the deep and unabated interest which the Committee take in the circulation of the Scriptures in the Kingdom of SARDEGNA, and of their constant anxiety to adopt whatever measures promise to facilitate that important object. To have one portion of Italy even partially thrown open to the labors of the Society, is a circumstance for which they desire to be thankful to the Great Ruler of nations. One circumstance which has probably contributed to a larger demand for the Scriptures is, the liberal dissemination of Bibles and Testaments amongst the soldiers of the Sardinian Contingent, during their stay in the Crimea. Thousands of these men returned to their native land, bearing with them dearly-prized copies of the sacred volume, and their persuasions have induced their comrades and friends to obtain the same precious treasure. Hence a considerable proportion of the sales of the year have been effected amongst officials and the military. The Committee announce the fact with sincere gratification, that in the last twelve months 11,225 copies have been dispersed far and wide in Sardinia. At Nice, M. Madiat, whose appointment was noticed in the last Report, continues to discharge faithfully the duties of the depôt, and seeks to repay his personal debt of obligation to the Bible by zealous endeavors for its diffusion.

The TURKISH dominions still continue to be a centre of deep interest in Bible circulation. At Damascus, it is reported that the cause of Bible dissemination continues to advance, and the Scriptures are daily used in the schools established as the regular reading book. At Jerusalem, a depôt has

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been opened for the sale of the Scriptures, which is frequented by Mussulmen as well as by persons of other creeds, and in which the Word of God is continually sold. An increased desire for the Scriptures continues to manifest itself amongst the Mahomedan Turks. One of the most pleasing facts contained in the last Report was, that during the year then reviewed, 1275 copies of the Turkish Scriptures had been disseminated. The expectation based upon that fact has not been disappointed. The demand for the Bible is becoming more frequent and urgent, indicating that prejudice is yielding to the influence of enlightened inquiry. The circulation for the whole year amounted to 2,295 copies, being an increase of more than 1000 copies as compared with the issues of the previous year. The most remarkable fact which has occurred in Turkey during the past year in connexion with the Bible Society, is the acceptance by the Sultan himself of a copy of the Bible from the hand of the Society's agent. It has been stated on what is believed to be good authority, that the Sultan is not content that his Bible should be carefully preserved as a literary curiosity in his library, but requires that it should be read in his hearing, that he may inform himself of its contents. Who will not offer a prayer that the Spirit of Truth may shed His celestial illumination on the mind of this potentate, and reveal to him the true Prophet and Saviour of men?

INDIA is the next country referred to in the Parent Society's Report. The Committee at that time felt encouraged to persevere in their efforts to act upon the vast population comprised within the sphere of British power and influence, and their desire was to make use of every possible opening. But there was no fear expressed, nor the most distant idea that so awful a calamity was at hand, as that which has rivetted the attention of the civilized world during the last few months. The terrible convulsion in Bengal has very seriously affected their work in the Northwestern provinces, particularly at Agra, where great loss has been sustained. But the Com-

mittee, so far from being discouraged, are about to recommence their operations on a still larger scale, and have appealed to their various Branch Societies for aid in this new enterprise. This appeal will be referred to in the sequel.

In directing attention to CHINA, one or two events of sad-
dening interest are referred to. First, the death of the distin-
guished Missionary, Dr. MERRHURST, and then the destruction
by fire of the building and the printing appliances of the
Society at Shanghai. There is, however, much to awaken
gratitude to God, in marked instances of the happy results of
the perusal of the Scriptures,—in the increasing evidence of
the weakening of prejudices which have interfered with free
intercourse with the natives,—and in the increasing success
of colportage, concerning which many interesting extracts are
given in the Report.

The Committee feel great encouragement in reference to
AFRICA; and they refer to the past exploits and future plans
of that noble-hearted and intrepid Missionary, the Rev. Dr.
LIVINGSTONE, taken in connexion with the successive expedi-
tions up the Niger, as affording grounds to hope that a future
sphere of labor will be opened to the Society, as well as to
the Missionary agencies of the Church. The Committee feel
assured that they may pledge the prompt and cheerful coöpe-
ration of the Bible Society in any measures that may help to
render the Scriptures accessible to the millions of Africa.

In SOUTH AMERICA appearances are favorable: an agent
has been employed in New Granada, and quite an interest
excited among the people in reference to the Bible.

We now turn to the HOME OPERATIONS of the Parent
Society, and we perceive with pleasure that the funds are
reported to be in excess of any previous year. The entire
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of £138,749 17s. 3d. This amount, however, includes the sum of £993 2s. 4d. added to the China Testament Fund. The receipts of the year, therefore, from ordinary sources, are £137,756 14s. 11d., being an advance on the previous year of £9,031 4s. 10d. The issues for the year are in numbers such as never have been equalled. They amount to 1,517,858 copies. The increase of circulation as compared with last year amounts to 43,464 copies. The total issues of the Society now amount to 32,381,759 copies.

We now direct attention to our own Auxiliary. The following is an abstract of the receipts during the past year, as per Treasurer's account, viz :

From the several Branch Societies and Individuals,	£206	0	2
Subscriptions in Halifax,.....	83	13	9
Ladies' Association, Halifax,.....	67	0	0
Ladies' Association, Guysborough,.....	14	0	0
Sales at Depository,.....	68	3	2
Collection at Annual Meeting,.....	8	8	2
Sales of Scriptures supplied to Rev. C. Churchill,	118	10	0
	<u>£565</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>

Which shews a considerable advance upon the year 1856. During the past year the Committee were enabled by the receipts to remit to the Parent Society the sum of £100 stg., as a free contribution to the Parent Society's funds. The Treasurer shews a balance in hand at the end of the year of £64 15s. 1d.

The receipts and distribution of the Scriptures in the Auxiliary during the year 1857 was as follows :

Purchased from the Parent Society, }	Bibles,	2,576
	Testaments,	1,513
	<u>Total Bibles and Testaments,</u>	<u>4,089</u>

DISTRIBUTION.

	Bibles.	Testaments.
Branch Societies and Agents,.....	1,010	929
Sabbath Schools,.....	304	213
Ladies' Association,.....	48	8

	Bibles.	Testaments.
Supplied to the poor gratuitously,.....	107	146
Sales at the Depository,.....	749	411
Sales by the Colporteur,.....	48	37
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	2,265	1,743

Total Distribution, 4,008 Bibles and Testaments.

There are still remaining on hand in the Depository 2,822 Bibles and 2,278 Testaments.

From the financial statement it will be seen that a grateful acknowledgement is again due to the various Branch Societies for their contributions during the past year. The sum of £206 0s. 2d., as given in the statement, is considerably in excess of the ordinary collections in any previous year, and your Committee trust that this increase will be continuous, and shew how much hold the Bible Society has on the affections of Protestants of every denomination in the Province. To the several Ladies' Associations thanks should also be given: they are unwearied in the good cause, and are always ready with their cheerful and hearty co-operation.

The Committee regret that they have not been able to avail themselves of the services of their agent, Mr. ISAAC SMITH, since the last anniversary, as he has spent the greater part of the time since that period in Newfoundland, where he was engaged during the Summer for the Bible Society of that Island. He has now a six months' engagement in New Brunswick, on behalf of the Societies; but the Committee expect that he will be able to assist them for six months in the course of next Autumn and Winter.

The Committee would further mention that a colporteur was engaged by them for a short time last year, but circumstances prevented the engagement being continued for a longer period than three months.

There is but one other topic which your Committee would bring before you before closing this Report, and this is the special appeal which the Parent Society have made on behalf of INDIA. Circulars have been issued to all the Auxiliaries,

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Halifax Ladies' Bible Association.

TENTH REPORT.

IN the providence of GOD, the Committee of the HALIFAX LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION are permitted to send forth another account of their labors and successes, and to make another appeal to the public of Halifax.

Since their first organization some of their number have been removed by death, some by absence, and from various causes; but they bless God that others have been found to supply the vacancies thus created, and they trust that the energy and vigor of their Association remain unimpaired.

The Committee would again acknowledge and deeply feel their responsibility in being allowed to be the distributors of God's Holy Word, "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." But they would not accept all the responsibility of even this small offshoot of the tree of life, but would remind their contributors that it is only as they give them the ability that they are enabled to help the good cause,—only as they place the means in their power, that they can assist that Society which may surely be called the Mother and Mistress of all religious societies, inasmuch as without her operations the Church and the Missionary would be comparatively powerless.

This Association is unlike all others in the community, in being unable to give an account of the results of its labors, except in its connexion with the Society of which it is but a small auxiliary. It has little to tell on its own account, but how much on behalf of its parent!—little to say, except that

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Probably some of the friends and supporters of this Association have no other means of learning the operations of the Parent Society than through the agency of this Report. For the benefit of such, the following extracts are given:

“It was a day of small things that gave birth to this (the British and Foreign Bible) Society. But what is its aspect on its fifty-third anniversary? At the commencement of the Society, the Scriptures were extant in some forty-eight or fifty vernacular languages, or dialects; now, by its instrumentality, direct or indirect, these translations have been multiplied into one hundred and fifty-four, rendering the Word of God into languages spoken by six hundred millions of the human race. During the first four years of the Society’s operations the average annual circulation was about 20,000; now, that circulation has reached the stupendous total of a million and a half. In the earlier periods of the Society, a great thing had been achieved when a few editions had been put to press: at the present, there are not less than 2,500,000 copies in 33 different languages in the course of preparation. At first, the annual receipts were below £1000; now, they verge towards £140,000. In 1804, the Parent Society stood isolated and alone; in 1857, it is stimulated and cheered by the liberal coöperation of 4,136 Auxiliaries, Branches, and Associations,—a link of connexion that almost encircles the globe. It will be interesting to our subscribers to learn something of the Auxiliaries in the British North American Colonies, which are all said to be doing well. The Toronto Auxiliary has two travelling agents, and four colporteurs. It has 185 branches in a vigorous state, 39 formed during the past year; and so great is the demand for the Scriptures in

the localities of these branches, that no less than 32,440 copies have been ordered. Several grants have been made to the French Canadian Missionary Society; one to the Sabrevois Mission, which has excited so much interest among us; and one to the Grand Ligne Mission. Its receipts for the year amount to £4,677. It has undertaken to defray the expense of printing 1,000 copies of the Book of Psalms in Ojibway, and has distributed two hundred copies in the same language among the Indians, either as gifts or at reduced prices,—it being encouraging that these are found to purchase them. The Auxiliary at Montreal has two agents. It has received a grant of 650 Bibles and Testaments for circulation among Romanists. The Auxiliary at Quebec has two colporteurs, converts from Romanism, and has circulated 1,878 copies of Scriptures, being an increase of 812 over the past year. These accounts cannot fail to be gratifying to all who sincerely love the Bible,—who see in it, next to His dear Son, the greatest gift of God to man.”

The Committee would not conclude the Report without the mention that some extension has been made in their operations, which, though it has as yet made but little increase in their funds, gives hope that more may be done in future. It has long been desired to do something in Dartmouth in connexion with the Ladies' Association; but hitherto no collectors have been found to gather in what probably might have been obtained. This year, two of the Committee, residing in Halifax, have volunteered to do what they could; and, though their success has been small, a beginning has been made, which may in time lead to greater results. The Committee therefore trust that the blessing of God is with them; and are encouraged by the sure hope, that “he that goeth forth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him.”

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THE HALIFAX LADIES' BIBLE ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
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FEBRUARY, 1858.

M. A. BINNEY, TREASURER.

The Bible for India.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

SPECIAL FUND.

THE Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society have been watching with peculiar interest the present course of events in India,—India, the scene of some of the Society's earliest and most interesting labours in respect both to the translation and circulation of the Holy Scriptures. The Bible, after a struggle for entrance, has been gradually working its way in India, and now unfolds its revelations in all the principal languages and dialects of that mighty Empire. Valuable and efficient Auxiliaries in the several Presidencies have been long and diligently engaged in the same important field of operation, and, through the blessing of God, with a gratifying amount of success. During the last half century numerous editions of the Scriptures in the native languages have passed through the press, and in the same period not fewer than two millions five hundred thousand copies of the whole, or parts of the Bible, have been placed in the hands of the people. This amount of circulation has been effected irrespective of the labours of the Baptist Translation and Missionary Societies, and various Missionary Agents from the United States of America. Yet, after all, how meagre and

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The Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society have long been desirous to do more for India. Much correspondence has at different times taken place with their active Auxiliaries and other friends of the Bible in that country, with a view to the extension of the work. Large grants of Scriptures, Printing and Binding Materials, as well as money, have been freely voted by the Committee, and various measures recommended for the wider dissemination of Divine truth, such as exploratory tours for the express object of Bible distribution, and an enlarged general system of Colportage by Native Christian Agency.

In the inscrutable providence of Almighty God, a new era now appears opening upon India. The fearful and criminal catastrophe which has spread such terror and cruel suffering through some of its fairest provinces, and which has filled the whole Empire with consternation, has evidently impressed on the British public of all classes and religious denominations the conviction that more must be done, much more than has hitherto even been attempted, towards diffusing the benign and sanctifying influences of Christianity over our Indian possessions and dependencies; that the Bible, which has done so much for Britain, is one of the great means of blessing needed for India; and that whatever new and vigorous agencies may be called into operation, the Bible must occupy the prominent and foremost place.

This necessarily casts an increased responsibility on the Bible Society. *That* responsibility the Committee desire fully and solemnly to recognise. They feel assured that their constituents and the Christian public generally would deem them guilty of a grave dereliction of duty, if they were not prompt to provide for and to meet every claim as it may arise. In the discharge, however, of these obligations, the Committee may have to draw largely on the liberality as well as the sympathy of their supporters. They are aware that measures are

already in preparation by the leading Missionary Societies for increasing the number of their Agents, and that comprehensive plans of Christian Education are likely to be attempted; and while they rejoice in the fact of such efforts being contemplated, they also feel that their effectiveness will materially depend upon the ready aid and vigorous co-operation of the Bible Society. The Committee, moreover, cannot forbear the expression of their fervent hope, that the restrictions which have closed the Government Schools against the free use of the Scriptures may be speedily removed, and thus a wide scope be afforded for the introduction of the Bible amongst the youth of India. And, above all, if He who has the hearts of all men in His hands should in great mercy dispose the native mind at large to give a welcome to Christian Instruction, there will be an opening for the Scriptures both in the Asiatic and European languages to an unprecedented extent, of which it is of the utmost importance that this Society should be fully prepared to take every advantage. It may not be inopportune, also, to state that heavy losses have been sustained by the destruction of books, paper, printing and binding materials, &c. This has been the case at Agra, as will be seen by the subjoined letter; also at Loodianah, Allahabad, and other places where depôts of Scriptures have been established.

It is in view of the immediate indispensable outlay to cover actual losses, and of prospective demands likely to arise, that the Committee, after careful deliberation, recommend the raising of a *Special Bible Fund for India*. In advising this step at the present juncture, they are governed no less by the suggestions and wishes of many earnest and influential friends throughout the country, than by the promptings of their own judgment and feelings. They now commend their appeal to all who desire the spread of Bible truth in every portion of the British dominions, adding the prayer, that He, whose blessing must give success to this and every other design of His servants, may by His Spirit cause His word to have

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Signed, on behalf of the Committee—

SHAFTESBURY, *President.*

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10, EARL STREET, BLACKFRIARS, LONDON,
Nov. 30, 1857.

LETTER FROM THE NORTH-INDIA AUXILIARY TO THE COMMITTEE
OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Agra Fort, Oct. 16th, 1857.

DEAR SIRS,—You will have heard through the newspapers that on the 5th of July last we were attacked by an army of the mutineers, and that the whole Station at Agra was, on that occasion, burned and destroyed. You will not, therefore, be surprised to learn that our Bible Depository is now a blackened ruin, and that the whole stock of our books—English, Arabic, Persian, Urdú, Hindee, Sanskrit, &c.—all, with scarcely any exception, have been destroyed. It is also to be feared that all the paper you had sent out for our Society has met a similar fate. It had been distributed at Agra, Loodianah, Allahabad and Mirzapore; and at all these places the printing establishments, where the paper was, have been destroyed, except perhaps, the one at Mirzapore. The stock of English Bibles also, last sent out by your Society, never reached Agra, and, we fear, has been destroyed at Allahabad. We are therefore completely destitute of books, and the only means at our disposal is a fund of 16,000 rupees, of which 2639 rupees are your own donation for special objects, and of the rest it is probable that several thousands will be demanded by the presses of Agra, Allahabad, and Loodianah, for work completed but not paid for. We must also immediately set

about the printing of new editions of all the Scriptures, and their several parts, in the Hindee and Urdú.

Under these circumstances our Committee, at its Meeting on the 7th instant, passed the following Resolution :

“The Secretary is directed to write to the Parent Society, asking for a grant of Bibles of various kinds, also paper for printing, and a donation in money for the purpose of assisting in the printing of new editions, and erecting a new Depository.”

The Committee are emboldened by your former liberality to hope, that you will meet this request in the same spirit you have always manifested towards our Society. A great calamity seems to have fallen upon us, and so it is for the present ; but we feel persuaded that God will, in some way, overrule it for good, and that our work, instead of being retarded, will, in a few years, go on with tenfold acceleration.

In behalf of the Committee, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. L. SCOTT, *Secretary.*

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The day the above letter was received (Nov. 30) the Committee voted to the North-India Auxiliary at Agra—

3406 Copies of the Scriptures in various languages ;

1000 Reams of Printing Paper ; and

£1000 in money towards the expenses of printing and circulating the Native Scriptures.

A few weeks previously the sum of £1500 was forwarded to the Calcutta Auxiliary to meet an urgent appeal.

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Contributions to the Special Bible Fund for India may be sent to the Society's House, 10 Earl Street, Blackfriars, London, E. C.; or to the Society's Bankers, Messrs. WILLIAMS, DEACON & Co., Birchin Lane, London, E. C., advice being sent to Mr. WM. HITCHIN, Accountant.

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Bankers' Drafts and Post-Office Orders at the General Post-Office, should be made payable to Mr. WILLIAM HITCHIN, to whom all Letters containing remittances should be directed.

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EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

From Miss C. A. Newton.

Guysborough, November 25th, 1857.

To M. G. BLACK, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—With a grateful heart to God for sparing mercy, (still keeping the original date) in our communications, I hasten to express the thanks of our Association for the various important, soul-stirring statements with which, from time to time, you have favoured us. To these we have given as speedy circulation as possible, trusting to the Divine Blessing for favourable results from their perusal. The last paper parcel accompanying your kind letter demands renewed thanks. Little as we can do in comparison of what *ought* to be done, in the great work of disseminating the Sacred Scriptures, yet we will praise God that we are permitted to have any humble part in it—to share, in any measure, the honor and the happiness of assisting to convey the words of Life and Salvation to the far distant, sorrow-stricken nations of the earth. We know the work is of God, and that it must prosper, and eventually triumph. We would therefore, as an Association, with renewed energy give heart and hand to the work, notwithstanding any discouraging influences, cheered in the reflection, “If God be for us who can be against us?”—kindly inviting all within our sphere of influence to join us in our humble pathway of unwearied duty and gracious privilege of being in the Lord’s service. We have had the pleasure of adding one member to our Association, and many of the gen-

lemen have kindly concurred in this good and great cause by their donations. We have consequently the pleasure of transmitting by Mail £14.

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George McKay, Esq.	£0	5	0
Mrs. George McKay,		2	6
Joseph Dimock,		2	6
Charles Shaw,		2	6
Shirrott Woodroffe,		1	3
James McKay,		1	3
James Robinson,		1	3
Alexander McKay,		1	3
William Burke,		1	3
Charles Burgess,		1	3
Mrs. Phoebe Mumford,		1	3
	£1	1	3

Collected by Misses Smith & Mosher.

Names not received, £1 3 9

Collected by Miss Shaw.

Anthony Shaw, Esq.,		5	0
Lockhart Dimock,		2	6
William T. Irish,		2	6
Miss Shaw,		2	6
John S. Bennett,		3	9
George Allison,		2	6
John Allison, Esq.,		5	0
Robert W. Allison,		5	0
Mrs. W. A. Bennett,		2	0
	£1	10	9

Collected by Miss Fish.

Robert Greens,		2	6
Martha A. Sprott,		1	3
Israel Smith,		1	3
Mary A. Mosher,		1	3
Mary L. Smith,		1	3
Samuel Smith,		1	3
Amy Mosher,		1	3
Maxwell Smith,		1	3
George B. Fish,		2	6
Amy A. Fish,		2	0
Mrs. Joseph Smith,		1	3
	£0	17	0

Collected by Miss Mary McDonald.

Mrs. John Lockhart,		1	3
Mrs. A. Lockhart,		1	3
Miss Wier,		1	3
Miss Marsters,		0	7½
Mr. James Cochran,		2	6
Henry Cochran,		2	6
Leonard Mixner,		2	6
Mrs. Samuel Smith,		2	6

Alexander Cochran,	£0	2	6
Mrs. George Cochran,		1	3
Mrs. James Cochran,		1	3
Miss E. Cochran,		1	3
Mrs. John Cochran,		1	6
Mr. John Miller,		1	3
Mrs. John Miller,		1	3
Miss Miller,		0	7½
John Alexander,		1	3
Wm. Alexander,		1	3
Miss Brown,		2	6
Rev. H. M. Spike,		5	0
Mrs. H. M. Spike,		2	6
Miss Whitmore,		1	3
Mrs. Wm. Chambers,		2	6
Mrs. G. F. McDonald,		1	3
Mr. G. F. McDonald,		1	3
James McDonald,		1	3
Sarah Constantine,		1	3
J. A. Shaw,		1	3
Miss Margaret Cox,		1	3
Miss Dimock,		1	3
Miss Clarissa E. Dimock,		1	3
Miss Esther Dimock,		1	3
Miss H. McDonald,		1	3
	£2	14	0

LOWER HORTON.

Col. by Misses Newcomb & Borden.

Armstrong, Amos	10	0
Armstrong, Isaac	2	6
Borden, Geo. N.	3	1½
Borden, Edw. P.	5	0
Borden, Mary	2	6
Borden, Joshua W.	2	6
Cox, G. Frederick	2	6
Friend, A	1	3
Gilmore, Mrs. L.	2	6
Newcomb, Leonard	5	0
Newcomb, Mrs. L.	2	6
Newcomb, Edw.	2	6
Newcomb, Martha,	2	6
Newcomb, Harriet E.	2	6
Porter, Wm. A.	2	6
Reid, Harris H.	2	6
Reid, Mrs. J.	2	6
Starrett, James	2	6
Taylor, Robt. H.	2	6
Taylor, Anne E.	2	6
Taylor, J. W.	2	6
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<i>Col. by Misses A. & R. Fuller.</i>	
Crane, Hw.	£0 2 6
Curry, J. M.	2 6
Dimock, Jane A.	2 6
Dimock, John W.	2 6
Fisher, John Esq.,	7 6
Fuller, Alice	2 6
Fuller, Rebecca	2 6
Fuller, Nathan	2 6
Gilmore, Amelia	1 3
Hicks, Mrs.	1 3
N. B. S.	1 3
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<i>Col. by Misses Allison & Rathbun.</i>	
Black, Amos Esq.	5 0
Bayer, Edw.	2 6
Curry, Jacob	2 6
Dennison, Mary	3 1½
Dennison, Wm. C.	5 0
Dennison, Sherman	5 0
Harris, Mrs. James	7 6
Harris, J. W. Esq.,	1 5 0
Hea, J. R.	1 5 0
McGregor, Geo.	5 0
Patterson, Dawson	5 0
Taylor, Wm.	5 0
Trahey, James	2 6
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<i>Col. by Misses Crane & Avery.</i>	
Avery, Samuel	5 0
Brown, Mary	5 0
Brown, Augustus	5 0
Caldwell, Joseph	7 6
Crane, Wm.	7 6
Crane, Jas. N.	10 0
Crane, Mrs. J. N.	10 0
Hennigar, Rev. Mr.	10 0
Hamilton, George	5 0
Leard & Ells,	5 0
Leonard, Mrs.	10 0
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Stewart, Robert	2 6
Stewart, Wm.	3 9
Stewart, Mrs. Wm.	3 9
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<i>Collected by Miss Woodwarth.</i>	
Allen, Daniel	2 6
Davison, Sarah	2 6

Faulkner, Susannah	£0 2 6
Palmeter, Lanford	5 0
Palmeter, Leonard	3 1½
Ward, Benjamin	3 1½
Woodworth, Samuel	5 0
Woodworth, C.	2 6
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<i>Collected by Miss Simson.</i>	
Simson, John	5 0
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Trenholm, Robert	1 3
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PETITE RIVIERE;

Lemuel Drew,	5 0
Rev. Henry Pope,	5 0
Geo. Heckman,	2 6
Lemuel W. Drew,	5 0
John C. Sperry,	5 0
Wm. S. Drew,	5 0
John Wentzel,	2 6
John S. Moser,	5 0
Wm. Watson,	3 9
Jacob Sperry,	5 0
Philip Wolf,	2 6
Solomon Drew,	2 6
Martha Whelan,	2 6
Joanna Drew,	2 6
Drusilla Drew,	2 6
Mary E. Drew,	2 6
Norman Anderson,	1 3
John Ward,	2 6
Mrs. L. W. Drew,	5 0
Wm. Gray,	2 6
A. Friend,	1 3
Margaret Whalen,	2 6
Matilda Wolf,	1 6
Mary E. McGregor,	2 6
Joseph Stewart,	1 10½
A. Friend,	7½
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Rev. Chas. Randall,	5 0
E. H. Oakés,	10 0
Mrs. J. K. Mayo,	6 3
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" Wm. Payson,	5 0
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Geo. Freeman,	£0 5 0	Robt. Haukason,	£0 2 6
Mrs. John Martin,	2 6	Mrs. Cereno Jones,	5 0
Caroline Haukason,	2 6	" Mary J. Jones,	2 6
John Journeay,	2 6	" White,	1 3
Wm. Lent,	2 6	" Leslie Jones,	1 3
Wm. Prime,	2 6	St. Clair Jones,	5 0
Phœbe Payson,	2 6	Mary Haukason,	1 3
Edward John,	3 1½	Sale of Scriptures,	6 4½
Capt. E. Haukason,	2 6	Col. at Public meeting,	6 4½
Mrs. Christopher Payson,	2 6	E. H. Oakes (addit.),	3 7½
" Parker,	1 3		
John Dahlgreen,	5 0		
Mrs. J. Vail,	2 6	Less Postages,	£7 0 9
Alpheus Jones,	3 1½		9
Mrs. A. Jones,	1 3		
Louisa Jones,	7½		7 0 0
Francis Jones,	7½		
M. Victoria Jones,	7½		
Mrs. Stephen Payson,	2 6	CHESTER.	
Jas. Jomney,	2 6	Dimock, Daniel	5 0
Wm. Moore,	2 6	Lynch, Susan	10 0
Sterns Jones,	2 6	Mitchell, Mrs. Geo.	10 0
Mr. Sorenson,	1 3	Mitchell, H. B.	1 0 0
Mrs. Wm. Vail,	2 6	Scriptures sold,	16 0
H. D. Ruggles, Esq.	2 6		
G. C. Jones,	2 6		£3 1 0

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Received from Branch Societies, &c.

	£15 0 0
Yarmouth, per Travelling Agent,	12 0 3
Stowiacke, per Rev. Jas. Smith,	3 14 4½
Wolfville, (Horton Br.) per Travelling Agent,	4 4 7
Annapolis, per Travelling Agent,	1 1 10
Hillburgh, " "	5 10 8
Digby, " "	7 1 0½
Shelburne, " "	2 5 7½
Mill Village, " "	8 4 4
Bridge Water, " "	7 11 1
Lunenburg, " "	8 2 6
St. Ann's, C. B., per Wm. Ross, Esq.,	10 14 4½
Newport, per Jas. W. Allison, Esq.,	12 0 0
Lower Horton, per Jas. Hea, Esq.,	7 0 0
Weymouth, per E. H. Oakes, Esq.,	5 5 0
Annapolis, per Andw. Henderson, Esq.,	
Truro, (contributed by Rev. Mr. McCulloch's congrega- tion,) per Trav'g Agent,	7 0 0
Up. Londonderry, (col. at public meeting) per do.	2 10 4½
Petite Riviere, per L. W. Drew, Esq.,	4 0 3
Mayflower Association connected with W. M. Church, Brunswick Street,	1 17 7½
Musquodoboit, per Travelling Agent,	2 0 0
Kentville, per Thos. Lydiard, Esq.,	5 15 0
Barrington, per Miss Wells,	2 11 6
Chester, per H. B. Mitchell,	1 0
Bridgetown, per Jos. Wheelock,	6 4 0
Wolfville, per Rev. Mr. Chase,	8 7 4½
Berwick, per E. C. Foster,	7 3 1½
Antigonish, per H. McDonald, Esq.,	10 13 9
Liverpool, per Geo. Payzant,	5 0 0
J. M. Robinson, Esq., St. John, N. B., for Scriptures forwarded to Cambletown,	12 15 0
Levi Borden, for Scriptures sold at Pugwash,	3 0 0
Rev. Prof. Hill, for do. sold at Windsor,	2 13 9
I. Smith, Esq., for do. supplied in Newfoundland,	5 0 0
Mr. Wilson, Colporteur, for do. sold by him,	6 12 0
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Almon, Hon. M. B.	0 0	Hill, P. C. Esq.	10 6
Anderson, John H. Esq.	1 0 0	Hamilton, W. B. Esq.	1 0 0
Avery, Dr.	1 0 0	Hamilton, Miss	10 0
Albro, Mr. Edw.	10 0	Harrington, W. M. Esq.	5 0
Adams, Mr. Jas.	5 0	Hunter, C. D. Esq.	1 0 0
Anderson, Mr. G. R.	10 0	Hosterman, Thos. Esq.	10 0
A. T. (per Miss Wells), Don.	5 0 0	Hare, Wm.	1 0 0
Binney, Mrs. H. N.	10 0	Jones, Widow	5 0
Binney, S. N. Esq.	1 0 0	Jost, Edw.	10 0
Binney, Mr. Edw.	1 0 0	Johnston, Hon. J. W.	10 0
Bayard, Mrs. S. (Wilmot).	10 0	James, Alex. Esq.	10 0
Bayard, Miss	5 0	Kinnear, T. C. Esq.	10 0
Black, Mr. M. G.	1 0 0	Knight, Alex. Esq.	1 0 0
Black, Hon. W. A.	1 0 0	Knight, Mr. Thos.	5 0
Bell, Hon. H.	1 0 0	Morton, G. E.	1 0 0
Bell, Wm. L.	10 0	Malcom, Jas.	10 0
Bell, Joseph Esq.	1 0 0	Malcom, Mrs. Jas.	5 0
Bessonett & Brown,	5 0	Merkel, J. W. Esq.	10 0
Brown, Thos. A.	10 0	Moore, W. Esq.	10 0
Bars, Simon	10 0	Murray, Don. Esq.	5 0
Boreham, Samuel	5 0	Malcom, Robt.	10 0
Burton, John Esq.	1 0 0	Murdoch, Wm. Esq.	1 0 0
Black, Bros. & Co.	1 0 0	Marriott, J. W. Esq.	10 0
Black, Miss Ada Louisa (for 1856-7),	30 0	McKinlay, A. Esq.	10 0
Cogswell, Jas. Esq., Life Mem. (2d Don.),	10 0 0	McKensy, J. (Hantsport),	2 6
Creighton, J. G. A. Esq.	1 0 0	Nordbeck, P.	10 0
Creighton, C. A.	5 0	Pryor, Henry Esq.	1 0 0
Caldwell, Samuel Esq.	10 0	Pryor, Wm. Jr., Esq.	1 0 0
Clarke, Nepean Esq.	10 0	Robie, Hon. S. B.	1 0 0
Collins, Hon. Enos	1 0 0	Ritchie, J. W. Esq.	10 0
Collins, B. H. Esq.	1 0 0	Robson, C. Esq.	1 0 0
Cochran, Rev. Jas. C.	7 6	Solomon, Miss	10 0
Churchill, Rev. Chas.	5 0	Scott, Rev. John	1 0 0
DeWolf, T. A. S. Esq.	10 0	Shannon, S. L. Esq.	1 0 0
Duffus & Co.,	1 0 0	Silver, W. C.	10 0
Davidson, Leand. (Hantsport),	7 6	Silver, Chas.	5 0
Esson, John & Co.	5 0	Stewart, Hon. Alex., C.B.	1 0 0
England, Rev. Jas.	5 0	Strachan, John	10 0
Forman, Jas. Esq.	1 0 0	Smith, Isaac Esq.	1 0 0
Fenerty, Thos. Esq.	2 10 0	Starr, Geo. H. Esq.	2 0 0
Fife, W. G. Esq.	1 0 0	Shaffer, John	5 0
Fraser, R. W. Esq.	5 0	Selden, S.	5 0
Fenerty, Jas.	5 0	Schwartz, Mr. Wm.	5 0
Fenerty, Mrs. Jas.	5 0	Twining, Rev. Dr.	1 0 0
Fenerty, Master Arthur	5 0	Thompson, Jas. Esq.	10 0
Fenerty, Master Edmund	5 0	Thomas, J. T. Esq.	1 5 0
Friend, per Mr. A. Morton,	6 8	Uniacke, Rev. R. F.	1 0 0
Friend (Tusket), pr I. Smith Esq.,	5 0	Wells, Miss E.	5 0
Freeman, Rev. D.	10 0	Whitman, John	10 0
Gallagher, D.	1 0 0	Wilkie, J. C. W.	10 0
Grassie, Mrs.	10 0	White, S. A.	10 0
Gibson, John Esq.	10 0	Young, Hon. Wm.	1 0 0
Halliburton, Chief Justice,	2 0 0	Yeomans, Henry	5 0
Hill, N. T. Esq.	1 0 0		
		£83 13 9	

The Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society in Account with MARTIN GAY BLACK, Treasurer.

		DR.	
1857.			
Feb'y. 11.	To Cash paid for Bill of Exch'g. for £100 Stg. remitted to the Parent Soc'y. in pur. act.		£125 0 0
April 22.	Cash paid for Bill Exch'g. for £87 7s. 11d. remitted on purchase account.	100 4 11	
		125 0 0	
June 16.	Cash paid Travelling Agent.	18 10 0	
July 13.	Cash paid for Printing 1850 Reports,		
Aug. 27.	Cash paid for Bill of Exch'g for £100, Stg. remitted on Purchase Account.	125 0 0	
Nov. 30.	Cash paid for Bill of Exch'g. for £100 Stg. remitted to the Parent Soc'y. as free contribution.	124 8 11	
	Cash paid for Bill Exch'g. for £18 2s. 7d. remitted on purchase account.	22 11 2	
		20 0 0	
Dec. 31.	Cash paid Rent of Depository,	15 0 0	
	Cash paid Depository's Salary,	12 10 0	
	Cash paid Colporteur a quarter's salary,	3 10 0	
	Cash paid for use of Temperance Hall,		
	Cash paid for Stationary Package Boxes, Truckages, Portorage, and Advertising Annual Meeting.	5 5 1½	
	Paid commission collect'g £64 2s. 6d. of Subscriptions,	64 15 1	
	Balance,		£778 19 3½

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Jan'y.	By Balance account for 1856,	£208 4 0½	
May 6.	By Am't of collection taken up at Anniversary Meeting,	8 8 2	
July 13.	By Cash rec'd from Rev. C. Churchill for Scriptures suppl'd.	118 10 0	
Nov. 23.	By Cash rec'd from Ladies' Association per Mrs. Binney,	67 0 0	
Dec. 31.	By Cash received at Depository, for Sales,	68 3 2	
	By Subscriptions and Donations received,	83 13 9	
	By Cash received from Ladies' Association, Guysboro'	14 0 0	
	By Cash received from Branch Societies, and individuals, as per account,	206 0 2	
			£778 19 3½
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By Balance.

Errors Excepted,

Halifax, 31st Dec. 1857.

MARTIN GAY BLACK, Treasurer.

The following sums have been received by the Treasurer since closing his account for 1857, viz. :-

Rev. Jas. Smith, for Upper and Lower Stewiacke,.....	£12 0 0
Rev. C. Churchill on purchase account,.....	3 13 2
A Friend, per Dr. Robertson, Wilmot,.....	1 0 0
Ladies' Association, con. with St. Matthew's Church,	12 0 0
Mr. Wm. Metzler, late of Windsor,.....	4 0 0
Jas. Mosse, Esq.,.....	1 0 0
Lawrence Town Branch, per W. C. Whitman, Esq.,	
on purchase account,.....	5 0 0
Robert Miller, Esq.,.....	10 0
Yarmouth Branch, per G. J. Farish, Esq., on purchase	
account,.....	10 17 8

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