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OF THE

NEW BRUNSWICK

AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

I. That the Society be called "THE AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK," for the purpose of co-operating with "*The British and Foreign Bible Society*," in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, both at home and abroad.

II. That conformably with the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by the Society, shall be without Note or Comment, and those in the language of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.

III. That all persons subscribing *Ten Shillings* or upwards, per annum, or *Five Pounds* or upwards, at any one time, shall be members of this Society.

IV. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice President, a Treasurer, Secretary, Depositary, and a Committee, consisting of not less than twelve other members of various religious denominations, with power to add to their number; and that five members of the Committee constitute a quorum.

V. That every Clergyman, or other Minister, who is a member of this Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meetings of the Committee.

VI. That the Committee shall appoint all the Officers of the Society, and meet once every Quarter, or as often as business shall require, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

VII. That the Committee shall divide St. John into Districts, and appoint two or more of their members for each District, who may associate with themselves any subscribers, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions and donations from the inhabitants thereof; and that they shall establish proper Agents and Correspondents in different parts within the limits of this Auxiliary Society.

VIII. That the whole of the subscriptions and donations received by the Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses, in the first instance, to the purchase of such a number of Bibles and Testaments from the Parent Institution as are required for local supplies; that the surplus funds shall be given to the Parent Society as a free contribution; and that the Bibles and Testaments in the Society's Depository shall be sold at the prime sterling cost as currency.

IX. That for the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent designs of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their grant of their Scriptures for distribution among the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to enquire what families or individuals, residing within their several Districts, are in want of Bibles and Testaments and unable to procure them, and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.

X. That for the still further promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures, it is expedient to encourage the formation of *Bible Societies* in such Districts within the sphere of the Auxiliary Society, as may not be sufficiently populous to form Auxiliary Societies of their own: such Branch Societies, and the individual members thereof, to be entitled to the same privileges from the Auxiliary Society, as it and its individual members enjoy from the Parent Institution.

XII. That such persons as may not find it convenient to become members of the Auxiliary Society, or any one of its Branches, shall, upon forming themselves into Bible Associations, be entitled to purchase at the Depository of this Society, under the direction of the Committee, copies of the Scriptures at prime cost, for sale, or at reduced prices, or for gratuitous distribution among poorer neighbors.

XII. That all Clergymen, and other Ministers, within the sphere of this Society, making collections in their respective Congregations in behalf of this Institution shall be entitled, on remitting such collections to the Treasurer of the Society, to receive Bibles and Testaments to amount not exceeding one half of the said respective collections, estimated at prime cost, as shall be found to be needed by the poor in the vicinity; such return of Bibles and Testaments to be claimed within one year from the remittance of the collection. It is recommended in this and in all other cases, to prefer supplying the poor by sale at low price, rather than by *gratis* contribution.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN THE

HALL OF THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 8, 1864.

His Honor Judge PARKER, President of the Society, in the Chair.

The proceedings commenced by singing the following hymn:—

Bless, O Lord, the opening year,
To each soul assembled here!
Clothe the word with power divine,
Make us willing to be thine!

Let the minds of all our youth
Feel the force of sacred truth!
While the gospel call we hear,
May they love to learn and fear!

Where thou hast thy work begun,
Give new strength the race to run!
Scatter darkness, doubts and fears,
Wipe away the mourner's tears!

Bless us all, both old and young!
Call forth praise from every tongue!
Let the whole assembly prove
All thy power and all thy love!

The Rev. Mr. Daniels read the first chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and opened his mouth in prayer.

The Judge then rose up, and in a few opening remarks, impressed upon the meeting the consideration of three things, as follows:—

1st. That all present, probably without an exception, had possessed the Bible from their earliest youth, and were unrestricted in the perusal of it; many, he trusted, were in the habit of daily perusing it, and not a few, he hoped, had profited by the saving truths it had imparted. They would then judge what their feelings would be if they were left, for however short a time, without the Bible.

2d. Many people are still destitute of this inestimable blessing. Millions are yet to be supplied in foreign lands; the translations into all the known languages are not yet completed. Even in our own country, for the use of the poor and the young, there was a continual call for renewed supplies.

3d. It was now in the power of almost every one to do something, more or

less, to supply the destitution. To those who lived in the present century the duty was comparatively easy of discharge. We had not now to organize new Societies; we were not called on to go ourselves, or find agents for the work; this was done to our hands by the British and Foreign Bible Society —long and fully tried, and not found wanting. It was now the sixtieth year since the Society was first formed; its income and its issues were continually increasing; last year, over two million copies had been distributed.

The Society had had to encounter and overcome great and many prejudices; and objections were put forward, often with much sincerity and honesty, by good and wise men, who found it difficult to relinquish their long cherished sentiments; but still every year these were melting away under the light of truth and experience; and great as were the blessings derived from the great and primary object of the Association, we may find a subject of satisfaction and rejoicing in what he might consider a secondary one, but which it was feared at first would have been unattainable, namely, the union and harmony with which the members of different Christian Churches met and consulted together.

There are many points on which men could never all think alike, and one of these was the right form of church government; but so long as we are all agreed that the Bible is to be the rule of faith; that the only English version to be distributed was the authorized version; and that all translations must be made without any sectarian bias, and to conform to the spirit as well as the letter of the text as nearly as possible when transposed to foreign tongues, we find we may retain our attachment to our several denominations, and yet act harmoniously and energetically co-operate in the great work of Bible distribution. He more and more valued the privilege and appreciated the benefit of such an assemblage as the platform and body of the hall at the present time exhibited, and he hoped the time was not very distant when every member of a Protestant Church would unite himself to the Bible Society, as was but recently done by one of the best and cleverest men of the day, the late Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Whately, who only the year before his death openly professed his approval of the Society, from which he had long kept apart, and closed his life in the list of its Vice-Presidents. May his example not be without its effect!

An abstract of the Report was next read by the Secretary, after which the following Resolutions were passed:

Moved by the Rev. JOHN ARMSTRONG, seconded by the Rev. JOHN M'CURDY; and

Resolved, That the Report, an abstract of which has been just read, be received, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Committee, and that the following gentlemen do compose the Committee for the ensuing year:—L. B. Botsford, M. D., John Wishart, Nathan S. DeMill, George A. Lockhart, W. J. Starr, Edward Sears, D. J. McLaughlin, Hon. A. McL. Seely, John Armstrong, William Girvan, B. J. Underhill, W. K. Reynolds, T. B. Barker, John Fisher, James Logan, James Smith, T. W. Daniel, Robert Sheraton, John Fraser, H. W. Frith, John Boyd, John M. Robinson, and J. V. Troop. *Portland*—John Duncan, Esq., James Flewelling, Moses Tuck, and Robert Ewing.

Moved by the Rev. WILLIAM ALVES, seconded by H. W. FRITH, Esq., and

Resolved—That this meeting rejoices to hear of the success which, under the gracious guidance of Almighty God, has been vouchsafed to the past labors of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and to be assured that it maintains its course with unimpaired energy and renewed activity in the great work of making known God's truth throughout the earth.

Part of the 150th Psalm was then sung, viz:—

O praise the Lord in that blest place,
From whence his goodness largely flows!
Praise him in heaven where he his face
Unveil'd in perfect glory shews!

Praise him for all the mighty acts
Which he in our behalf has done!
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.

Let all that vital breath enjoy,
The breath he does to them afford:
In just returns of praise employ:
Let every creature praise the Lord!

Moved by Rev. Mr. NICOLSON, seconded by Rev. Mr. SCOFIELD, and

Resolved That the zeal, energy, and liberality, which have characterized the operations of the several Auxiliary Bible Societies in our sister colonies, call for our cordial acknowledgment and emulation. The late celebration of the Jubilee of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary, is a subject of special gratification to the friends of the Bible Society in this Province.

Moved by Rev. Mr. VAUGHAN, seconded by the Rev. Mr. M'KAY, and

Resolved, That we join heartily with the Parent Society in their invitation to earnest prayer and cordial coöperation, that upon each land of darkness the true light may speedily shine, and ignorance and superstition be everywhere replaced by the knowledge of Jehovah as the only true God, and of Jesus Christ as the only Saviour.

Moved by Rev. WM. ELDER, A. M., seconded by JOHN M. ROBINSON, Esq., and

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of this meeting be presented to the several Branch Societies and Associations connected with this Auxiliary—namely, the St. John Ladies' Bible Association, the Richibucto Ladies' Association, the Branches at Sheffield, Lancaster, Hampton, Sackville, Shediac, Carleton, Petersville, Moncton, New Jerusalem, Saint Andrews, Richmond, Lepreaux, Chipman, Grand Lake, Springfield, Cambridge, Black River, Upper Norton, Kingston, Botsford, Hampstead, Wakefield and Greenwich; from all which Reports have been received. The Branches at Upham, Studholm, Dorchester, Brunswick and Havelock, Clifton, St. Stephen, Hopewell and Harvey, Westfield, Salisbury and Hillsborough; from which Reports and donations are yet expected, especially those which, during the last year, have been characterized by activity and progress. The Ladies' Association at

St. John is ever entitled to special commendation for its zeal in the collection of funds, and its persevering efforts in the circulation of the Scriptures.

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

SPEECHES.

The Rev. John Armstrong, in moving the first Resolution, spoke as follows:—

Mr. President—The late justly celebrated Mrs. Hannah More once put it into the head of a clergyman, about to attend a Bible meeting, to say that among the greatest enemies of the Bible Society were long speeches. May I venture to hope we shall have no such enemies to that noble Institution on the present platform? As it has fallen to my lot to move the first Resolution, so I promise to set a good example, and not be among the first to trespass upon the advice of the venerable lady referred to.

Mr. President, I give you and this meeting joy, and I would take some share of it to myself, that we have lived to see the British and Foreign Bible Society thoroughly seated in the hearts and affections of British Christians; that its wonderful success and extensive usefulness is exercising an influence for good on statesmen and nobles, who are constrained to acknowledge that it is an honorable instrument, whereby the world is blessed of God. In the 77th year of my age, and 54th of my ministry, having reached, therefore, the general limit of human life, and approaching towards that of which it is said, its "strength is but labor and sorrow," though, thank God, I have not yet experienced the truth of that saying, it is little that I can do in an active way to assist in carrying on the glorious work of the Bible Society, but that little shall not be wanting. There is one object that I most heartily wish I could bring about, or even witness it. I mean the more general co-operation of the clergy of the Church of England in this Province with our heaven-favored Society. Yes, my heart would rejoice to see the Bishop and the clergy on this platform, using their best talents and exercising their best exertions in defence and support of it; and I think that my non-conforming brethren would partake of my joy at the sight, and that they would neither be envious nor jealous, even though we greatly outnumbered them on such occasions as the present. And why should not the Church of England come up bodily to the help, to the support, and to the strengthening of that Society, which would help, and support, and strengthen its own establishment? for I verily believe with the late Lord Harrowby, who said, "that after reading much on both sides, he was confirmed in thinking that the Church of England only added to its credit, dignity, and usefulness, and therefore to its strength, by its union with the British and Foreign Bible Society." Thank God, however, we have a goodly array of the noble, and honorable, and dignified members of that Church as the patrons of our Society. Happily, we do not stand in need of advocates, neither of the Bible Society nor of the Bible itself; and, indeed, at the present day, when infidelity is renewing its pernicious efforts to poison the fountains of Divine Revelation, the Colensos of England denying the verity and inspiration of the Pentateuch, and the Renans of France denying the divinity and supernatural power of Jesus Christ,

turning his sacred history into a mere romance—both of which works are popular, and read by thousands, not only in those countries which have given birth to such monstrous productions, but throughout the civilized world, and even in heathen lands—surely, I say, we need in the present day advocates even of the Bible itself. And yet, notwithstanding, has the Bible ought to fear? does it dread the scrutinizing hand of the sceptic? does it tremble at the crucible of the stoic or philosopher? Much less does it apprehend ought from the scorn and derision of the fascinating eloquence of sceptical writers. Is it God's word, written by the hand of men inspired of the Holy Spirit? Then will God protect it, and he will but smile at the puny efforts of his weak, erring creatures. His counsel, his word, shall stand, and he will do all his pleasure. Besides, has not faith in God's Word taken such deep root in the hearts of millions of his people, that nothing can eradicate it? Is the faith of millions to be shaken by the mere *ipse dixit* of men—of admitted talents and abilities indeed, but—without the fear of God before their eyes, and whose pride, and not love to God, has prompted their unhallowed works. But we want not testimony to, or of, the efficacy of the Bible. Both are incontestable, such as constrain belief in it.

The time was when our public prints would not deign to notice our Missionary and Bible Institutions; when they looked upon them, if not with scorn and contempt, with indifference, and incredible of their success. But long since has that day passed, and a great change has taken place in the public mind, and what, perhaps, is not fully admired and commended, is spoken of with respect and treated with courteous attention. That very influential and world-wide circulated journal, the London *Times*, lately condescended, though rather qualifiedly, to recommend missionary enterprises. It says: "1. That the duty of propagating the Gospel is indispensable. 2. That the neglect of it is sure to recoil upon us and our country. 3. That there are few who trouble themselves much on the subject, or do anything to promote it." The writer attributes the reason of such indifference to "the absence of those facts, those details, that account of results, which Englishmen require in every matter they take in hand." Here truth does not bear out the writer; for, look where we may, we shall find that where the missionary has planted the Gospel, and the Bible been translated and circulated among the native converts, neither facts nor details, nor accounts of results have been wanting by way of encouragement to prosecute the work. No doubt the Report, an abstract of which has been read, gives many such pleasing facts and results in the different countries where the Society's labors have been exercised. There are, however, but two fields of its labors to which I shall now refer in proof of the facts and results of those labors. The one is India, and the other Madagascar—two vastly different countries, but both remarkable in the results required. India, indeed, has labored under great disadvantages—the British Government having greatly discouraged the propagation of the Gospel, or the circulation of the Scriptures, within the three Presidencies of that country. It is said, indeed, of Lord Wm. Bentinck, a late Governor General of India, that half of his income was unostentatiously employed by Lady Bentinck in the cause of Christian missions. The result of Christian missions in its bearing upon the late unhappy mutiny in India, no doubt had its influence upon British statesmen; they could not but be struck with the remarkable fact, that the native Christians were found to a man reliable. The more recent establishment of schools for the higher classes, both by Go-

vernment and missionaries, has greatly prepared India, and opened its heathen mind to receive our literature, our science, and our religion. Another remarkable event, very favourable to the religious interests of India, has lately occurred; viz., the appointment of Sir John Lawrence, as Governor-General, an officer not more distinguished for his ability in the field, or in the senate, than for his christian character. These two events have opened up a prospect for India, which has never before brightened her moral and religious horizon.

Madagascar is another field of deep interest to the friends of the Bible Society. It is upwards of twenty years since the first attempt to evangelize the Malagese were made. Soon after which a cruel and barbarous woman succeeded a mild and friendly king in the government of the country, and who determined to extirpate christianity from the land; in order to do which, she put many to a cruel death, and sent more into a state of slavery who were doomed to work in irons for many years. But the depth and reality of the faith of those poor Malagese were remarkable. Its existence ten, twenty, or twenty-five years after the last missionary had been driven away, is in the highest degree providential. No one would have ventured to hope that even a relic of christianity would be found, after all teaching, all public worship, and the possession of all christian books had been prohibited for more than twenty years. We must naturally feel desirous of learning how this remarkable preservation of the christian faith was effected, what means, if any, it pleased God to employ, to keep alive—and not only to keep alive the spark of divine truth, but soon to cause it to burst into a flame. The answer to this question is plain. The Malagese loved and felt deeply the power of God's word. They did, indeed, receive it "not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh in them that believe." They lived upon, they walked by its light. All their letters teemed with the subject. They asked not for money, though they were poor; to ask for missionaries, they knew to be useless; but every cry they sent to England was for more Bibles. We are hungering for the bread of life. We are like a hundred starving men to one plate of food. Do send us more Bibles—we can scarcely get a sight of the light which lightens our path. Men of business, men in office, would entreat, would implore, almost in tears, for one copy—only one—of the New Testament. When a ship was expected to bring some copies, men would toil through a twelve days journey to the port, and would linger off the shore for whole days, and watch with lingering eyes, for the first glimpse of the sails of the vessel which was to bring them the bread of life. They rejoiced in obtaining it, and returned joyfully.*

Mr. Ellis tells us, that while at Tamatave, two men called upon him one evening, to say, that having heard of his arrival at Madagascar, and that he had brought some copies of the Bible, they travelled a long way to beg for a copy. Being strangers to him, he sent them away until the following day, while he made enquiries about them. He soon learnt from the Christians at Tamatave, that they did really belong to a Christian family; and that having heard of Mr. Ellis' arrival, they had travelled more than a hundred miles, solely to obtain from him, if possible, the Holy Scriptures. When they returned the next day, he questioned them as to their knowledge

* The persecuting Queen was dead, and one more favorable to the promoting of Christianity in her country succeeding her, the Missionaries returned to their posts.

of the book for which they sought; whether they had seen it, and knew its character. They replied, that they had seen and heard the Scriptures, but that all which they possessed, were "some of the words of David," which, however, did not belong to them alone, but their family. He enquired whether they had these words of David with them? They confessed that they had, on which he expressed a desire to see the book. They looked at each other, as if they knew not what to do. At length one of them thrust his hand deep into his bosom, and drew therefrom this precious possession. Wrapt in many coverings of cloth, there at length appeared, slowly and cautiously unfolded, a few leaves of the Book of Psalms. Although kept with the greatest care, their worn appearance showed how constant a use had been made of them. Mr. Ellis naturally desired to make the cherished relict his own, and he asked them if they knew not the words of Jesus and of Paul. They confessed that they had heard them, but had never possessed them. Well, he replied, if you will give me those, I will let you have *this*—holding out a Malagese New Testament with the Psalms. They eagerly compared the Pslams of David with their own, and finding that all that they possessed was there, with much more, their countenances beamed with delight—they eagerly accepted Mr. Ellis' offer, made the exchange, and hastily left the house. He afterwards found that without the least delay, they instantly set out on their long journey homewards, "rejoicing as one that findeth great spoil."*

And now, my friends, may I not ask, do you want facts and results to encourage you to propagate the Gospel? Then—onwards, onwards—patiently, diligently, resolutely onwards. The judgment of sense may be against you, but faith leaning on the arm of Omnipotence—Hope, cheered by the promises of "Him who cannot lie"—and the charity that never fails, kindling and prompting our zeal—these abiding with us, we "shall not faint or grow weary," but shall be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Rev. John M'Curdy, in seconding this Resolution, expressed many things that were worthy of attention, but as he has given only some statements about the Miramichi Ladies' Association, we take pleasure in inserting them:—

The Miramichi Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society was formed in 1820, and has been in operation 44 years. Mrs. Peabody, and Mrs. Abrams, the first two Presidents, have departed this life. Mrs. Richard Simonds, and Mrs. Christopher Clarke, Vice-Presidents, are also removed by death. Mrs. John Clarke, the first treasurer, and Mrs. C. Thomson, for many years secretary, are likewise numbered with the departed. The present office-bearers are Mrs. Kerr, President; Mrs. Perley, Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Cunard, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. M'Curdy, Treasurer, and Mrs. Dr. Thomson, Secretary.

The Society has remitted to London during the last sixteen years, £757 2s. 1d. stg., of which £477 17s. 2d. are donations to the Parent Society. During the same time it has put in circulation 3,919 copies of the Scriptures.

Making an estimate for the first 28 years of the Society's work at an average of one-third less than the average of the last six years, the Society

* See "Gospel in Madagascar."

will have remitted from the commencement £1,788, 13s. 5d. stg., of which the donations to the Parent Society would be £1,027, 17s. 2d.; and the distribution of the Scriptures £11,507 copies.

A colporteur has been employed for the last five years, who during the winter months finds his way into the back settlements and lumberers' camps, and every year he has succeeded in disposing of large numbers of the Scriptures. This has become quite an interesting feature in the Society's operations.

There are three depositories; two in Chatham, and one in Newcastle, which make satisfactory annual returns to the Society.

There is a gradual increase from year to year, not only in the distribution of the Scriptures but also in the subscriptions and free contributions to the funds of the Society: and the indications are that the Society constantly grows in the affections of the community.

The Rev. Wm. Alves, A. M., in moving the second Resolution, spoke in substance as follows:—

Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen—You will at once perceive that my resolution, in order to support it aright, would require a very lengthened and elaborate speech. The past labors of the British and Foreign Bible Society! The success that has attended them! Why, Mr. Chairman, it were as easy to speak of the *commerce* of Great Britain! I might as well attempt to tell the amount of traffic carried on by the ships that ply from the British Isles to all approachable shores—carrying there the fruit of British industry and the riches of the British soil, and to estimate the physical good resulting therefrom to the inhabitants of the world, as to tell the labors of the British and Foreign Bible Society in past years, and to estimate the value of these labors in the moral and spiritual good which they have effected. Nay, the one thing on many accounts would be much easier than the other. The Bible Society has penetrated with its divine commodity—the Bible—where the material trade of Britain cannot enter. To look back on the past fifty-nine years of the labors of the Bible Society, and form an adequate idea of the success attending them, or the good effected, is a task which I will not pretend to undertake. And to perform it in the brief space of a quarter of an hour! Why, Mr. President, I fear you would have required one of Munchausen's clever fellows to do justice to this resolution. One of them, you know, was a smith by trade, and in order to prove his dexterity, rushed out of his workshop when the mail-coach was passing at full gallop, and took off all the horses' shoes and put them on again, without stopping the coach! Now I cannot pretend to be so clever as that, or to be able to do justice to this resolution in a quarter of an hour. It is too extensive for any one to do justice to it. And this, Mr. President, is only saying that the labors of the Bible Society, and the success attending them, cannot be estimated at all.

Let us, however, refer to a few things. One of the noblest and most commendable works of the Bible Society has been to aid in the production of the Scriptures in new languages; and the extent of its labors in this department is almost incredible. There are probably upwards of 200 languages or dialects spoken on the face of the globe. Now the Bible Society has in whole or part promoted the printing and distribution of the Bible in 164 of these languages and dialects. But for it 151 races of men might have been destitute of the Scriptures in their own language to this day.

No doubt many versions of the Scriptures do not owe their existence to the Society, and no doubt, also, many would have been produced by the labors of literary persons or missionaries, encouraged by evangelical churches or bodies, apart from the Bible Society. But as the fact stands, it is to the liberal and world-embracing spirit of that Society that the Scriptures at this moment are in whole or in part rendered into so many distinct languages. As I have said, 151 translations owe their existence to the Bible Society. This is a marvellous result! And thus the Gospel finds access to the inhabitants of nations where the minister or the missionary would not be tolerated. The colporteur can penetrate where any other agency could not subsist. No doubt in regard to Spain and Portugal, and also Austria, barriers to the circulation of the Scriptures still exist; but no sooner will these be removed, and liberty conceded to the subjects, than the Bible Society is prepared to enter in and scatter broadcast the precious treasure. In Italy, notwithstanding many hindrances, there have been twenty-nine colporteurs constantly engaged for the last year, and 27,000 Bibles and Testaments have been put in circulation.

Let us next consider the past circulation of the Scriptures effected by the Society. The British and Foreign Bible Society has been in existence now fifty nine years. The average issue for that period is 729,565 Bibles, Testaments, or Tracts. Consider this. Suppose that one in a thousand of these copies of the Scriptures has been productive of its proper, and expected, and promised result, as under the Divine blessing. Then you have 729 individuals every year who have obtained spiritual enlightenment—been converted, comforted, upheld, sanctified, prepared for affliction, supported during dying hours, and fitted for eternity! 729! and that is only one to a thousand—*i. e.*, one Bible or portion out of a thousand issued and supposed to produce these results. But is not the supposition at the very lowest! How many more than one in a thousand may have done the expected work, none can tell. The estimate which we have just made is for one year, and that at an average of the circulation for fifty-nine years. Take the total issues for these fifty-nine years, and even on the supposition we have made of one in a thousand being spiritually and morally benefitted, what a result is disclosed! Then we have to take the thousandth part of 43,044,334. This gives the very large number of 43,044 individuals. But, Sir, this is not a satisfactory way of looking at the matter. We may believe that not a single copy issued by the Society has been without its effects for good in some way or other. God's Word shall not return to Him void. We may certainly believe that all of the forty-three millions of issues have done real and actual service, and have more or less and in various ways influenced and benefitted an equal number and even greater than is expressed by that sum.

But to refer to recent operations of the Bible Society. The work going on for some time in Madagascar forms an interesting portion of last year's report, and the services rendered by the Bible Society in supplying that large Island have been noticed already by Mr. Armstrong. I may refer to another interesting feature in the labors reported for last year, and that is the work of the "Bible women." Some years ago, a lady conceived the idea of employing women of good and pious character to sell Bibles in destitute localities in London. The undertaking succeeded, and now in one district of London—that of St. Giles—there are, I believe, as many as 190

women engaged in this work. They have sold 8447 copies of the Scriptures during the year, among a very degraded class, and the result is obvious, in changing the general character of the place, which was one of the worst in London. And now "Bible women" are engaged in other places. The "missing link" is supplied in York and other towns in England, and in France, Germany, and India. Are there not some parts of St. John, Mr. President, where our friends of the other sex might try their superior skill in the promotion of the objects of the Bible Society?

Another interesting part of last year's report consists of the aid afforded by the British and Foreign Bible Society to the Bible Societies of America. This war has severed those that were formerly united, and prevented even in regard to their Bible Societies any inter-communion. It might have been expected that the separation would have decreased the circulation of the New York Bible Society. But, instead of this, it has increased it, in consequence of the large number of Bibles and parts of the Scriptures distributed among the soldiers. I believe that the London Bible Society has aided greatly that of New York. Nor did it withhold a generous and helping hand from the Southern Confederacy. Some of the Bible Societies in the South, in Virginia, for example, having desired a large supply of the Scriptures to distribute among the soldiery, applied to the London Bible Society. The response given was that they might have as many copies as they needed, on credit, and a grant besides was freely made. Only the British Bible Society would take no responsibility in the transmission of this supply. This was a most generous and at the same time judicious piece of liberality. When the British Government had taken up and maintained a position of neutrality, insomuch that it would not even connive at the construction of vessels of war for the South. When our Queen, through her Government, was saying practically, "The munitions of war you must not forge within these domains," she thus, through the Bible Society, of which she is a patron, declared by their act, which I presume she would unhesitatingly endorse, "You may have as many Bibles as you please—take all you need—they are the best and most likely instruments to assuage the fierce passions of war, to promote peace and goodwill among mankind." I think, Mr. President, you will agree with me in hoping that in this case at least they succeeded in running the blockade!

But I must now conclude; yet I desire before doing so, to notice that the Resolution attributes the past services of the British and Foreign Bible Society to the blessing of Divine Providence. We do not live under a miraculous Providence, but we live under a special Providence, and certainly we may perceive a special Providence in the history of the Bible Society; and I have no doubt that the same special Providence will continue to watch over it even until it fulfil its object and design, and the earth become full of the knowledge of God.

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. H. W. Frith, who spoke to the following effect:—

I do not profess to be much of a speech-maker, but cannot decline, when requested, to say a few words for the Bible Society; the Society of all others, to which I feel that I can yield my most unqualified, most unconditional support. A Society, which now for sixty years, as we were told this evening, has pursued its single, simple, and most worthy object, with

unswerving fidelity and unfaltering zeal. Thus in cordial agreement with its spirit, I rise to second the Resolution which has just been moved. For I rejoice and can conscientiously call upon you to rejoice, to be assured, as we are, that the British and Foreign Bible Society "maintains its course with unimpaired energy and renewed activity in the great work of making known GOD'S TRUTH throughout the earth." In the few remarks I have to make, I shall direct your attention to *two* words only of this Resolution. "God's Truth." What is that? Is the Bible God's truth? This is a question that we have got to meet, and I do not hesitate to say, that, in my opinion, it is a *fair* question. I do not say it is a fair question for bishops and pastors, and the advocates of this Society to start. But I do say it is a fair question, coming from any man to whom you offer the Bible as a new book, or any man who has not yet been able to receive it as the Word of God. Now, I have no doubt myself, that in whatever way this question is put it can be satisfactorily answered: that the man of science can answer the scientific objections which are made against the Bible; that these learned and reverend gentlemen around me can trace it up through its different languages and all the various readings, and prove that our English translation is very nearly, if not quite, correct. I feel no doubt of this. But I stand here as an *un*learned layman, and as such I represent the unlearned layman class, and I want to ask if there is any way in which an unlearned, unskilled man may defend his English Bible without going back to the original? Or whether, if you go to an Italian convert, and, having shaken his faith in the Church he has been accustomed to believe in, ask him to take the Bible in his own language instead, or to a Chinaman, and having destroyed his confidence in Confucius, offer him a Bible in Chinese, you can put into their mouths an argument by which, without learning, they may be able to defend their Bibles as Divine? I think you can. I think there is a way in which any man may maintain the Bible as we have it. You have all heard of what is called the logic of facts. Now I propose to apply this logic to the Bible. I admit it is taking low ground, and some of my reverend friends may not approve of it, but I think it is fair ground. Let us take, therefore, certain patent, obvious facts around us, which the most simple and the most ignorant cannot fail to observe, and apply them to the Bible. Take, first, the existence of evil. Who can dispute this fact? War, slavery, oppression, fraud, prisons, penitentiaries and hospitals, the world over, attest it. None can possibly deny it. Then take another fact, Death. This is no invention of the moralist to frighten us into good behaviour, but a stern reality, reproduced a hundred times a minute over the globe. Again take Christianity. Men may dispute about its tenets as they will, but the *fact* of its existence, or that it is a *power*, and a power for *good* in the world, no reasonable mind will deny. Remove it and all that has sprung from it from the world —take away all Christian nations, England, France, Italy, the States of America and others, and put China or heathen India, and such like in their places, and what a world would you have! Bad as it is, what a reeking, seething hell of abominations it would have become had there been no CHRIST and no Christianity! Now, where, I ask, are we to go for the Book that can give us any light on these facts if we reject the Bible? You may challenge all literature to produce one that, totally apart from the Bible, will give you a reasonable account of the origin of evil, or that will throw any light into that dark abyss, towards which death, by an irre-

sistible impulse, is steadily drawing us all, and into which thousands are plunging every day. Search all literature, and where else will you find one trace, one faint conception of that glorious Christianity, to which we owe every present good, and all our future hopes. Or, let me detain you to mention one fact more. May I not venture to state as a fact, that, apart entirely from what they may have derived from the Bible, directly or indirectly, there is not a human soul of man or woman here or elsewhere, which is entirely content and satisfied, *full* with the present good it has from earth; no life's disappointment to look back upon, no craving, no desire for the future? Is there one? One that has no loss to lament, no purpose to gain, that has not felt what has been beautifully called "a sublime discontent?" And if not one, where will you go to get *full*, to find what will satisfy your soul? If not to the Bible, *nowhere*. This ground then, though it may be a low one, I offer to unlearned laymen. And until a better book is produced, a book better able to throw light on these and other facts around me, and to supply the wants of my soul, than my English Bible I mean, and I hope you too will join, to maintain the Bible and the cause of the Bible Society.

The Rev. A. W. Nicolson, in moving the third Resolution, spoke as follows:—

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen—It might be expected, that coming from a land in which the Bible has achieved some of its most signal triumphs, by elevating a once fiercely, warlike, and idolatrous people to moral, social, and spiritual happiness, the advocacy of an Institution which aims at the universal diffusion of Revelation, with all its attendant blessings, would be but a natural sequence of education and prejudice. To have been cradled amid the dust of Old Scotia's martyrs, might be regarded as an honour to which no rational being could readily prove recreant. And thus infidelity might classify the spontaneous utterance of my heart among the general sacrifices of servile homage offered at the altar of a despotic national faith. But observation and reflection, it may be honestly affirmed, have blended with devotion in eliciting my humble testimony to the moral influence of the Bible. By some strange coincidence, I have been intrusted with a resolution to whose every cause of gratulation, since they have passed under my personal notice, I can heartily subscribe. The untiring agencies in this particular department of christian enterprise, demand, indeed, "acknowledgment, while they invite to emulation." In Newfoundland, on whose rugged but hospitable shores cluster God-fearing thousands; in Cape Breton, where spiritual light and darkness are strangely interspersed; in Prince Edward Island, our colonial Canaan, rich in secular and sacred promise; in Nova Scotia, the home of piety and patriotism;—everywhere throughout these advancing provinces—now among the fairest gems in Britain's princely diadem—destined perhaps to be yet Britain's friendly rival—the Bible is conferring, through the Auxiliary Societies, imperishable honour upon the peoples. After a somewhat extensive survey of their operations in the provinces already designated, and from a stand-point not the most unfavourable for general observation, I cheerfully assent to the sentiment of the resolution.

It may be thought, however, that lands long favoured with civilization afford no direct testimony of the Bible's influence and power. To such lands we are not limited. In visiting foreign shores, and especially those

just emerging from the darkness of superstition, as yet but partially emancipated from the thraldom of a most cruel idolatry, it was to me ever the predominant question of interest—What are here the results of those holy teachings which civilization at home ever honors as its guide and guardian? I have seen the Bible in the hands of Africa's swarthy children. I have listened to the hallowed strains of its unequalled poetry chanted on that sterile coast, in music unsurpassed for pathos and melody, by any voices in the world. Its pure doctrines, above all, have I witnessed faithfully reflected in the integrity and devotion of a race whom civilization hath not yet taught to weave a garment; and in response to the enquiry—shall the Bible or civilization be the pioneer in heathendom? the conclusion has come with tenfold force to my judgment—*the Bible, ever the Bible!* Were I influenced, therefore, by considerations purely secular; with no higher hope for British interest than its extension and permanency; with no gleam of light flashing upon faith's dim vision, to reveal a destiny holy, blissful, immortal, for the lost race of Adam, I would select from all earth's instrumentalities that Book of Books wherewith to elevate and ennoble mankind.

When the Secretary presented this Resolution with a request to move it at the present meeting, the hand which was reluctantly outstretched to take it in response to the demand of a righteous duty, had just laid aside the Koran of Mohammed. Imagination, ever the willing magician of the mind, immediately conjured up a *Koran* meeting in the centre of Turkey or Arabia. Dignitaries and advocates were easily supplied. The impassioned disciples of that stern old impostor, the deceiver of a blinded continent, mounted the rostrum. Their report brought tidings from Turkey, Persia, India, Arabia, Tartary and Bokharia. Territory to the extent of six times the size of all Europe, had been traversed, permeated with Islamism, and conquered. From the Himalaya Mountains to the Mediterranean Sea; from the mouth of the Nile to Africa's equatorial regions; from Egypt to the Atlantic Ocean, the flag of triumph had waved, and the hordes of the Moslem had fiercely followed. The cross had succumbed to the crescent—the Prophet had supplanted the Redeemer. But here the record failed, and truthful history must fill up the vacancy. Imagination turns shuddering from the scene, and inflexible reason begins its stern enquiries.

What has all this conquest effected for the East? In what respect has Mohammedan combination rendered its once conflicting tribes more swift and formidable? Have the amelioration of evil and the dissemination of virtue corresponded with the aggrandizement of territory and riches? Let history reply. Its answer is, that this doctrine which has subjugated nearly as large a portion of the globe as the religion of Jesus has set at liberty, has conquered only to enslave—has flourished only to die. That the bonds of unity have been drawn by it around tribes and nations, only to render them more potent as the dire agencies of misery and death. That the advancements of conquest have been employed by it, for the suppression of knowledge and the free exercise of licentiousness.

But the Koran dies, and with it dies the entire fabric resting upon its unsubstantial basis! It is an effete monstrosity—a withering upas. It is rapidly passing down to the tomb of all the Capulets. Enlightened opinion, which has long ago consigned to oblivion systems equally false, such as the Ptolemaic Astronomy, and the Aristotelian Philosophy, waits to commit the Koran to the grave. No requiem will soothe its departing spirit; its thrice-corrupted body will be denied a resurrection.

But what of the Bible? Enlightened opinion, from every branch of cultivated science, has examined and assailed it. Its theology, its history, its astronomy, its chronology, its cosmogony, its geology, have all been scrutinized. Yet does it survive. The hoary astronomy of three thousand years has passed away. The philosophy of Greece has vanished. The nations whence it emanated, the languages in which it was written, the countries of its birth, scarcely exist save in its own marvellous pages—yet it lives!

> "The Book—this holy book, on every line
> Marked with the seal of high divinity,
> On every leaf bedewed with drops of love
> Divine, and with the eternal heraldry,
> And signature of God Almighty stamped
> From first to last."

It lives, pure and perennial as the first rays of the morning. Its doctrines and promises are engraved as in eternal brass. The extinction of the Bible! ah, Sir, that were indeed a calamity—but a calamity, thanks be to God, which finds no place in the penitent's prospective vision.

The votaries of the Koran claim for it a miraculous authentication of its doctrines, and a special providence in its author's preservation. When his pursuers reached the cave in which the Prophet sought refuge from the assassin's dagger, a dove flew from its entrance. Some historians say, a spider threw its gossamer web athwart the opening. The innocent bird would seem too pure to be associated with a being so vile Indignant Christianity would give him the benefit of the murderous spider. In either case momentous results succeeded: the pursuers changed their course—an impostor was saved, and a continent was cursed.

There is a fond tradition, which traces the origin of the Bible Society to a circumstance equally trivial. A pastor in Wales requested a child to repeat the text of the previous Sabbath. A gush of tears was the response, eliciting from the benevolent man a quiet demand, "What, have you no Bible?" The Holy Spirit communicated at that moment the thought which became the germ of the Bible-distributing organization. The sorrows of humanity, be the tradition true or false, have originated a system whose pure life-blood flows from its great heart through a thousand arteries, every where imparting new vigour and vitality. And if the philosophy be true, which declares, that since light requires time to fly from one point to another, it follows that we see everything in the past; that for every event in the past history of the world, there is a corresponding point in space, and if we were situated on a star in that point, we would, on looking down upon the earth, see the corresponding event transacted: if this be a correct opinion—and it has the sanction of repeated high authority—it requires no undue exercise of the imagination to invest with supreme importance and interest the star which overlooks the little Welsh maiden, as her tears suggest the dissemination of a thousand millions of Bibles! It is one of eternity's most eloquent stand-points for angels and men. The star which overlooks the animal architect of Mohammed's fortunes, weaving the folds of its infantile web to screen the murderer of devoted nations, may be of equal interest as the resort of spiritual students in awful mysteries; but if angels ever weep, the soil of that world from which this event is visible, must be saturated with tears of holy commiseration.

The closing sentiment of the Resolution congratulates the Auxiliary So-

ciety of Nova Scotia—a few years in advance of its New Brunswick coadjutor—in respect to the jubilee which it has recently observed. It is a wise economy this in Christianity which perpetuates the memory of Jewish festivals, through whose observance the people were preserved in holy brotherhood, the memory of retrospective mercies cherished, the Divine holiness illustrated, the sorrows of poverty ameliorated, and unrighteous exactions checked. These moral and spiritual issues have doubtless been clearly reflected in the history of Bible Society operations during the half century which has just terminated in the sister Province. No trumpet-blast may communicate, as in those more pompous days, ecstatic joy to listening multitudes. The husbandman who has sown in tears may be content to reap in grateful silence. Yet shall Christian philanthropy have its exultant demonstration nevertheless. The trump will succeed, if it does not accompany, the captive's liberation. Jewish concourses were but specks in the sunbeam compared to the myriads from every land who will listen to the joyful recognition of "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, who was worthy to open the Book, and unloose the seven seals thereof," as the long anticipated sentence will be uttered, "Well done good and faithful." I have much pleasure, Sir, in moving the Resolution.

The Rev. George Schofield, in seconding the third Resolution, said :—

The Resolution which I rise to second, expresses our gratification at the continued prosperity of the Auxiliary Societies in British North America, with special reference to the jubilee of the Society in Nova Scotia. It is indeed cause for gratitude, that these Societies have not only continued to exist, but continue to prosper so long.

While we send Bibles to India, it is most important that we should not forget the people by whom we are surrounded. And who can tell the amount of good which has been done by Bible circulation in these Provinces? We can calculate the power of the steam engine, but no man can estimate the beneficial influence of the Bible, either on public morality or on domestic happiness. How many persons in British North America during the last half century, through the influence of the Bible, have lived in faith, and died in hope? Alas! how few who were present at the formation of these societies, live to see their jubilee. Men die, but the Bible lives—Presidents, Committees, Members are mortal. All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness of man is as the flower of the field; the grass withers, and the flower fades, but the Word of our God abideth for ever. Amidst the changes of life, and the ravages of death, the Bible remains the same, yesterday, to-day, and forever.

During the last fifty years, how many attacks have been made on the Bible. Astronomers have attacked it on the ground that, as compared with the vastness of the universe, this world of ours is so insignificant, that it is incredible that the Biblical account of the incarnation and death of the Son of God, for the redemption of man, can be true.

Geologists have attacked it on the ground that, the Mosaic account of the creation is not in harmony with the facts and deductions of science.

Professors of natural theology have attacked it, by denying all inspiration, and miracles and prophesy. And last of all a minute philosopher, by a critical examination of dates and numbers and small details of events, has arrived at the conclusion that the Bible is not historically true. What then is our position? After all these attacks on the Bible, we

meet here to vow that we believe the Bible to be not of earth but from heaven, not of man but of God; that it is truth without admixture of error; that because it is its own best expositor, we are not afraid to send it forth to the world without note or comment; that like the light of the sun, it is not for one class or clime, but for all men; that we intend by God's help, to put a copy of it into every man's hand, knowing that if he reads it, and believes it, and obeys it, it will enlighten his mind and purify his heart, and further, that although the autographs of the Holy Scriptures have perished, and various readings exist, yet by a comparison of the most ancient manuscripts and versions, we have a Hebrew Bible and a Greek Testament so nearly perfect, as to justify us in believing that we read the very words which holy men of old were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write.

Yes, the Bible is the one book of God, and the one book for man.

Rev. Mr. Vaughan, in moving the fourth Resolution, spoke as follows:—

Mr. President and Friends—I occupy a position this evening which is not my own, but one into which circumstances have forced me. The Rev. Mr. Bill, who was expected to move the fourth resolution, is prevented by indisposition from giving his attendance here; the duty and the privilege which were to have been his have consequently become mine. I will not, however, waste your time with apologies, nor will I indulge in the utterance of any vain regrets that this resolution has not fallen into abler hands. For, Sir, I am glad of this opportunity of manifesting my attachment to the Bible, and my oneness of feeling and desire and purpose with those who seek its widest possible dissemination.

The resolution which has been placed in my hands needs but little advocacy. It needs but to be heard in order to be approved by all. It requires "that this meeting join heartily in the invitation of the Parent Society to earnest prayer and cordial co-operation, that upon each land of darkness the true light may speedily shine, and ignorance and superstition be everywhere replaced by the knowledge of Jehovah as the only true God, and of Jesus Christ as the only Saviour." It is with pleasure, Sir, that I move the resolution just read. I feel that we cannot do otherwise than respond heartily ourselves to the invitation given by the Parent Society; nor can we hesitate to repeat that invitation to all within the circle of our influence. It is ours to seek that every Christian ear shall hear, every Christian heart respond, and every Christian hand move right forward in the work.

I am glad, Mr. President, in reading this resolution, to find that it wisely unites prayer and Christian effort. Surely these are true yoke-fellows, which ought on no consideration to be separated, especially in a work like this. If the effort be wanting, it but proves the insincerity of the prayer; while the absence of the prayer argues a spirit of independence or forgetfulness of that Being without whose aid all efforts must prove vain, and every enterprise a failure; for, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

The worthiness of the object contemplated in this resolution, with irresistible power urges the Christian world to prayer and effort. For that object is no other than to send light to the darkened, peace to the troubled, salvation to the lost. As with ears attent, we listen to the voices of the past, we hear man, failing to evoke an answer from mere human philosophy, ask with an earnestness akin to anguish,—"How shall a man be just with God." To-day, also, that oft-repeated question is again repeated in many

a land. In every age and every clime, where the Bible has not found its way, man, conscious of his guilt, and dreading its consequences, asks how it may be removed. And while

"In vain they seek for peace with God,
By methods of their own,"

I turn to the Word of Life, and there learn that "being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Nor can we fail to hear another question of similar import, and propounded with similar feeling. Human reason unassisted everywhere asks,—"If a man die, shall he live again?" and puzzled and abashed, it gives no answer to the query itself has started. Here again, we turn to the Divine revelation, and it presents to us a Saviour who "hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."

Surely, sir, you will bear witness with me that this is a worthy object, to send, in circumstances like these, the revelation which we have received, to those who do not possess it; that as a message from God it may authoritatively solve these problems, dispel these doubts, and teach them their true relation to God, to His incarnate Son, and to the eternal future.

The magnitude of the object contemplated in this resolution, also incites us to earnest prayer and increased effort. It is not that upon this land, nor yet upon a few lands, but that upon "each land the true light may speedily shine;" that wherever the human soul is found, there may also be found the means of learning the way of salvation through a crucified Redeemer. The fact that there is so much still to be done before this object is attained, should not discourage; for though it is a great work, we have the assistance of a great God.

Again, the nature of the work to be accomplished, requires the union of prayer with effort. We may place the sacred volume within every man's reach. We may teach every man to read its inspired pages. We may establish, by invincible argument, the divinity of its origin. But if this be all, our most cherished desires remain unfulfilled. Man's moral nature is still untouched, his deepest need still unsupplied. All that we do becomes without the Spirit's aid, "a savour of death unto death." In an exigency like this, where human power has reached its limit, what more befitting than that we invoke the aid of Him whose power is limitless. Shall we not earnestly and unitedly pray that the Spirit may accompany the Word sent forth. May we not ask that in connection with that Word He may exhibit His convicting, converting and sanctifying power, subduing the rebel lion of the heart, and "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Without this we all recognize the fact, that our work is still imperfect, its great end unattained.

The experience of the past should stimulate our zeal and strengthen our faith. In comparing the means employed with the results which have accrued, we are compelled to acknowledge the presence of the divine hand. While with thankful hearts, we exclaim—"what hath God wrought"—let this beneficence in the past, lead us to expect and ask great things for the future.

Thus we see that the worthiness of the object invites us, the magnitude and nature of the work to be performed compel us, and the successes of the past encourage us to earnest prayer and untiring effort.

The points which have here been merely hinted at, might perhaps in dif-

ferent circumstances, be dwelt upon with profit. But, Sir, unwilling to place myself among the enemies of your society; unwilling to do injustice to the friends who have listened so patiently, and equally unwilling to act unjustly to those who shall succeed me, I here conclude.

But as I close, my heart grows warm at the prospect which lies before us. For with the vision strengthened by a faith which is, I trust, divine, I see in the coming time, the "sword of the spirit" flashing amid new and more splendid triumphs. And I behold the Redeemer as in every land he vindicates his claim to divinity,

"Ascends
The throne hereditary, and bounds his reign
With earth's wide bounds, his glory with the heavens."

In seconding the fourth Resolution, the Rev. Neil M'Kay spoke as follows:

Like the gentleman who preceded me, I come forward to second this Resolution in the stead of another person. The hour is now so late, that even if I had an elaborate speech prepared for the occasion, I could not detain you to listen to it. In seconding this resolution, however, allow me to make two simple remarks.

First. The resolution proposes the course which the Bible itself sets forth as the last mode of mastering great difficulties—earnest prayer to Almighty God. Without this the christian, the church, or any organization of men for great moral purpose, must labour comparatively to no purpose.

Second. In glancing over the history of great moral movements, we always find the champions of every good cause to be mighty in prayer. All the great men of the early church, and all the reformers of a later period, were men of prayer. John Knox cried in an agony of prayer, "O Lord, give me Scotland, or I die." Then he went forth in the midst of faith in God, and love to men, and God gave him Scotland. It is pleasing and encouraging to find the Bible Society calling for this species of help—help which I trust none of us will be slack to afford. With these remarks, I beg leave to second this resolution.

The Rev. William Elder, A. M., Editor of the *Colonial Presbyterian*, in moving the fifth Resolution, said:—

At this late hour of the evening, I will not *promise* a short speech, but I will *give* you one. It must be evident to all, that the great moving forces of this auxiliary, are its office-bearers and collectors, and the office-bearers and collectors of the several Branches. If any good is done, they do it. Their offices are honorable, but they are not much sought after. They involve self-denial and difficulties. Did you ever know any one who was offended by not being asked for a subscription to the Bible Society? Have you not known many who by some singular law of mental association have been reminded of all the losses, but not of any of the gains of the previous twelvemonth, by the appearance of some applicant for benevolent aid of some kind? Seeing, then, that the sight of the collectors, in many cases, conjures up such an unpleasant train of ideas, we ought to thank those whose sense of duty leads them to persevere in this good work. I know something about "begging." The Carthagenian Queen informed the heroes of Troy, that, owing to her own personal acquaintance with human miseries she knew how to succour the unfortunate. So I may say, that I know how to appreciate the labours of the collectors for the Bible Society. I can never, never, forget the many kind and generous responses which I have

received while carrying out an object which led me to apply for extraneous aid; on the other hand, how many rebuffs one must be prepared to accept, while engaged in such work! One cause of the difficulty is, that professing Christians do not always contribute to benevolent objects on principle, and in some definite relation to their means. Many subscribe to get rid of a collector, or for other reasons of no higher moral quality. But if all gave on principle, then all donors would contribute cheerfully what they have to give, and their benevolent fund being exhausted, a refusal would be as cheerfully accepted as a donation. Such giving would be twice blessed, blessing him that gives and him that receives. It is well known that the Ladies of the St. John Auxiliary have not grown weary in well doing. Their works praise them; they deserve our thanks. You will all, I am satisfied, cheerfully support the resolution; but pray, remember in doing so, that you thereby virtually say that it will be a source of great satisfaction to you to be at any time favoured with a call from any of these collectors.

In seconding the fifth resolution, Mr. J. M. Robinson made a few remarks relative to the arduous and oft times unpleasant nature of the duties of the lady collectors, connected with the Ladies' Bible Association, and of their untiring efforts in the cause of the Bible Society; and also made honorable mention of the late Miss Kinnear, who was for many years President of that Association, and by whose recent death, this Society, as well as the community generally, had sustained a great loss.

REPORT.

YOUR Committee greatly rejoice in making a Report to you concerning Bible circulation. Is it, you may ask, because everything regarding it has been successful? Such a question put to us causes us to say, that, to a great extent, the operations have been successful, but, in many instances, cause has been to lament and groan for the iniquity that has been displayed in opposing the circulation and sale of the Holy Word, and, in some places, in throwing into fire copies of the Scriptures that had been offered for sale. Circumstances of this kind make a full display of the power of Satan, and sorry we are to find that Satan's sway still continues on the earth. Let us look to the Lord God Almighty, whose Sovereign power in the earth is exercised in bringing under the Holy Word, with the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, many from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. Demonstrations of this kind may be found under many circumstances; but the Report of the Parent Society, to which we are an Auxiliary, may be considered as the most useful and most effectual in making this display. In reviewing this Report, which, throughout, is wonderfully excellent, the best way is to go through it, in its regular formation. First, then, we find, in the present, as well as in the former Reports, statements about the circulation of the Bible in France, and these, along with excellent remarks made by the Committee of the Parent Society, occupy no less than 25 pages. Year after year, during the time, which is now 30 years, M. De Pressense has been Agent, remarkable events have taken place, and we rejoice to find, that in many of the present statements, circumstances are related which cause us to be thankful to God, who has evidently brought many, under the influence of the Holy Ghost in reading the Holy Word, to a knowledge of Salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, according to several statements, we find opposition made to the Bible by Roman Catholic persons, called Priests, and the cause of it no doubt is, that the reading of the Holy Bible causes such a change by the Holy

Ghost, that some of the Roman Catholics become convinced, that their profession is truly antichristian, and that they can no longer be under the dominion of a Roman Catholic Priest, Jesus Christ himself being the only High Priest in whom they can place confidence. Such a change is worthy of our admiration, such a change our desire is to see continually taking place, as without a proper knowledge of Jesus and the exercise of faith in Him, no salvation can be. For the edification of readers we give the following extracts, which are few and small in comparison with those from which we extract them in the Parent Report:—

"Well then," says De Pressense, "I venture to declare, that it has been more particularly since the establishment of Bible Colportage, that movements have occurred, which have proved the commencement of Churches now flourishing in the most satisfactory manner."

"Again, it cannot be denied, that to your work of Bible Colportage, are due the religious movements, which have made so much noise, and which are so wonderfully taking root and spreading in five or six Departments, well known to all the Christians, who are interested in the progress of the Gospel in France. All these cheering and glorious results, and I never weary in speaking about them, have arisen from a visit of one of our faithful Colporteurs, speaking just what he ought to speak, in order to call the attention of perishing souls to the fundamental truths of salvation, and displaying an indefatigable activity in the dissemination of the Sacred Volume."

The following is worthy of our perusal and study:—

"One of our Colporteurs among the military was stopped by an individual of respectable appearance, who placed himself before him, and for a minute or two looked at him with fixed eyes, without saying a word. At last he placed his hand in a friendly manner on the shoulder of our Agent, and speaking at the outset to himself, he exclaimed 'Yes, yes, it is he, it is he! I cannot be mistaken, I should have recognised him among a hundred thousand; it is my Bible friend.' On hearing this designation applied to him, the Colporteur at once saw that he had to do with an old soldier. 'I do not remember your face,' he then said to the unknown stranger, but we must certainly have conversed together about the Bible; the name with which you just now designated me quite proves that.' 'To be sure we did,' replied the Stranger, 'and it took place fifteen years ago. You were then very good, but I was very wicked.' 'How so?' 'You spoke to me about the Gospel, but I only ridiculed you in the grossest manner. You persevered and I became angry. The more I scoffed and jeered, the more earnest did you become in your appeals to me. It was in this way that you silenced me; I was, however, quite convinced that you had only been telling me a lot of nonsense as to the prodigious effects which the little volume you held in your hand was capable of producing, but you offered it to me with so much kindness and good nature, that in the end I accepted it, though with the inward determination to use it for lighting my pipe, should it not happen to afford me amusement. For a long time the book

remained hidden in my baggage, and I no longer remember how it happened, that one day, without intending it, I took up the book and opened it. I was at the time very sad and dissatisfied with my lot, and with all the world. Towards the end of the book I read that we might cast all our cares upon God. This struck me and made me serious. From that moment I felt a desire to know more of the contents of the book, and secluding myself from my companions, I began to read and re-read the whole of the four Gospels. The history of Jesus Christ touched my heart, and it was thus that I became his disciple. You will now understand how it happens that I should be so happy to meet with you again, to thank you for the good you have done me, and to tell you before my term of service expired I met in the regiment many comrades who were doing what I had done—reading their New Testament in secret; and who, whilst still going, in compliance with orders, to attend mass, preceded by the beat of drums and the sounds of music, pay no attention to the Latin of the Chaplain, but think of the good words, so easily to be understood, of the Lord Jesus Christ, or of His Apostles."

Many other extracts might be taken from the Report with regard to France, but these are sufficient to shew us that the circulation of the Word of God in that Empire is accomplishing much good, notwithstanding the oppositions that are made against it by Satan's influence among those who despise it.

We proceed now to Belgium, and there we find great opposition to the Bible, a matter which the Agent, Mr. Kirkpatrick, has expressed with much sorrow. However, circulation has been accomplished to some extent. In that we rejoice; for it is through the blessing of the Lord, who recovers many from the power of Satan by His mercy and grace.

The following extract is an observation made by Mr. Kirkpatrick :—

"A circumstance occurred last year which shows that Stynders, the Colporteur, is respected, and seems to have gained the good will of the people at H. His wife's mother, who was living with them, died in the summer, and Mr. H. of L., went to perform the funeral service. According to the custom of the country, Stynders' neighbors insisted on bearing the coffin to the ground; and a crowd of about fifty people followed, and listened with attention to Mr. H.'s discourse, in which he announced the Gospel to them. It was probably the first time in their lives that they had heard a Protestant minister preach. Stynders says in his report—'I am in the habit of taking my station in the market places, and of reading portions of the New Testament aloud. A crowd then gathers always around my table; but when I have done, it disperses immediately, the people fearing, no doubt, that they should be asked to purchase. This fear is caused by the Priests. When I resume my Scripture reading they draw round me again, and so on through market time. Sometimes, indeed, a discussion is excited which does not end very pleasantly. In the market at H. a Priest came up, pushing off the people, and saying aloud, "Do not buy his bad books." I asked him for a proof that the Bible is a bad book. The Priest said, "I

have no proof for you, but I say, your books are bad."' Stynders then said, 'I ask you by what authority you call bad what is good and true?' The Priest answered, 'It is the church that gives me a right to say so to all the people here assembled, for they are my parishioners.' Stynders then said, 'But all these people are not from the town, but from the country, and you reside in town, at the house of the governor of the province; I know you well.' The Priest went away without saying a word to any one, and has not since made any attempt to disturb me. The governor's servant tried to discuss with me; he spoke of the great number of sects among Protestants; but I made him to understand that there are also a great many among Catholics, notwithstanding the so-called unity of their church; that they were deprived of spiritual life because they rejected spiritual light. I had the happiness of being listened to, and counselled him to reflect well on the subject, and to read the Holy Scriptures. I quoted some passages from the Psalms, and exhorted him to pray as David did."

The operations in Holland are next presented to our view—and it is much to be lamented that in this country great opposition is made to the Bible by Roman Catholics and Rationalists. It is, however, a cause of much joy, that considerable circulation of the Bible takes place. For your consideration and meditation we give you one extract, written by the Colporteur Van Dorp:—

"I have now for nineteen years had to carry on the same combat with mockers, with self righteous people, and with Rationalists. I should certainly lose courage, were it not that I so often meet with instances in which the Lord is pleased to destroy the wisdom of the wise, and to bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Since the Bible has been so widely diffused in Holland, through the instrumentality of our Society, the indifference and deadened state into which our people had sunk have given way in a remarkable manner; and notwithstanding many trials to which it is still exposed, the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ is advancing here. In various towns and villages, in which twenty years ago it would have been difficult to discover a godly person, I am now invited by many, both young and old, to visit them, in order to speak to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. This greatly promotes the circulation of the Bible; for those who have been thus led to think of eternal concerns are not long before they begin to feel an interest in the spiritual welfare of those belonging to them. I am acquainted with many individuals and families who in former times lived without God, and were indifferent to the state of their souls, who now boldly confess the Lord and glorify His name by their new walk and conversation. The Bible has become the book of daily use, and they thus diligently study it to enable them to impart its contents to their fellow creatures, either as teachers in Sunday Schools, or in other ways. There are not a few among those who acknowledge the alteration, which has taken place in their views and feelings, to be the finest of our work."

Other interesting statements from various Colporteurs must be passed by, as we must now exhibit to you the works of the Agents in Germany.

In Germany there is a very useful and profitable Agent Rev. G. P. Davies, whose principal place is Frankfort. His statements are abundant, and display great circulation and much benefit of the Bible in various languages, such as German, English, Danish, Hebrew, French, Dutch, Swedish and Greek. Within our limitation we may afford you two or three extracts for your edification :—

"I cannot fail to see," says a Colporteur, "that God's Word is producing great and wonderful effects. In the neighborhood in which I now am, some souls have been brought to serious reflection, who were formerly perfectly indifferent, and who thought it a strange thing, when I said to them, that a blessing could not fail to come into every house in which God's Word was read diligently and devoutly. I quoted to them the text, 'Search the Scriptures.' They promised me that they would, and they have kept their promise. From one of them I have received a letter which delighted me greatly, in which the writer says, that through the attentive reading of the Holy Scriptures peace and salvation are entering his soul."

"I set out for the North Sea," says another Colporteur, "to visit the Islands, and, if possible, leave behind in them the Word of God. Three days I was weather bound on the coast; the fourth day we set out. We were twenty-two hours making a passage generally accomplished in six. I was in great terror. But God was merciful, and we reached Bockum safely. I thanked the Lord for his great mercies. The old people speak Dutch, and Dutch used to be the language of the pulpit and of the schools; but this is now changed. I went first of all to the pastor and schoolmaster. They are both kind and loving men. They gave me hints as to whom I should visit with my books. I hired a room and now began my work with my precious wares. Many admired the books, so beautiful and so cheap. I was rejoiced to see their delight. Persons of the higher classes, visitors for the bathing season, barons, officials, pastors, and noble ladies, praised the book, and praised the Society. They called our Society a prop and pillar in God's kingdom. The old inhabitants could not understand German, but they were well supplied with Dutch Scriptures. They bought freely, however, for the children in the schools. Ladies bought copies to give away; servant maids bought to read and keep for themselves."

In Frankfort there is an Auxiliary, the exercises of which are now more public and general than they were before. The Rev. S. B. Bergne, as a deputation from the Parent Society, was present at its general meeting. He, with others, delivered speeches. And it is remarkable that English, German, and French Ministers took part in the proceedings, each in his own language, praising the Book of books, and invoking the blessing of heaven on its circulation.

"The work of the Colporteurs," writes Mr. Davies, "has been attended with good results. God has been gracious to them, and through them to the Society. A glance at the numbers appended to their names will show that, even now, they are among those whose work is most effective, at least in regard to the numbers they have sold."

"I came to a Catholic village," says the Colporteur Weiser, "where I had already been, and where I had sold a Bible. A woman bought it, and was afraid that her husband would scold her. Her fears were not without reason, for he scolded and reproached her bitterly, all the more so as she had borrowed the money to buy the book. He refused to look at it. One day, when the woman was away, he took it down and began to read. God opened his heart. The more he read the more he was delighted. When his wife returned, he said, 'You never in your whole life made a more precious purchase than this.' He was delighted. She had her reward."

In Switzerland also, the Rev. J. P. Davies, as an Agent, has accomplished very much good. We give you the following extract out of many:

"I regard my work," says a Colporteur, "as one of great importance; and it is a work to my own heart of great joy, for here and there I have been able to be of use to immortal souls. This is more than re-payment for toil and weariness. In these times the circulation of the Scriptures is a great blessing. I go into every house, and the mere offering of the Scriptures is, itself, a witness for Christ, though one seldom leaves a house without having had to bear witness in words."

Mr. Millard, the Agent in Berlin, of Prussia, has given a variety of statements, full of the most gratifying circumstances that we can meet with. His circulated Bibles were in various languages—English, French, German, Polish, Lithuanian, Hebrew, Bohemian, and Hungarian; and his places of distribution were Silesia, Posen, Brandenburg, Pomerania, West and East Prussia, and Saxony. His colporteurs, twenty three in number, were very successful. Of the various articles that exist, we can only afford you two or three. They are as follows:

"It gives me much pleasure," writes a Colporteur from the Grand Duchy of Posen, "to be able to inform you that the Bibles lately sold in this district, are being diligently read. In one village in particular, three miles from the place where I now am, people meet every evening to read the Scriptures together, and I am told their meetings are often prolonged until midnight. Something has also been communicated to me respecting their experience. Most of them being utterly unacquainted with the Scriptures, were at first under the impression that the Bible could not contain any thing but what was in itself pure and holy, and were not a little staggered to find that it freely unfolded to them sin in its depth and its depravity. But the Lord, whose word they were searching, was in the midst of them, and raised up men from amongst them able to explain what at first seemed mysterious and inexplicable; and to show that whilst it is necessary that through the land there should be the knowledge of sin, the same Word announced Him who saves his people from their sins."

"In an office," says another Colporteur, "I met four Jews, and offered them my Scriptures. One of them said, 'You want to make Christians of us, I suppose?' 'That is more than I can do; but I wish to scatter the

precious seed of God's word, and then wait in hope that it will bear fruit.' 'And what would you expect the fruit to be?' 'Your salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.' 'Then you will, after all, make us Christians through your Jesus?' 'No, gentlemen, I repeat, it is utterly out of my power; but the Lord said to the Scribes and Pharisees, "Search the Scriptures, for they testify of me." 'And,' asked one, 'what if I do not believe in Jesus?' 'I am not the judge to pronounce the verdict; but the Bible speaks in plain terms, and therefore you ought to read and examine.' All burst out in laughter, and said, 'Really he has learned something at school.' I was on the point of leaving the room; but as I turned round, one stopped me, and said, 'Wait a moment;' and then calling to his wife, who was sitting close by, he said, 'Helen, give that man his money for a Bible: we must read it, he says, and so, I suppose, we must buy one.' "

Year after year, for a long time, we have seen, in the Report, a wide circulation of the Scriptures among the Prussian army; and so it is now, as before, under the care of Major Westphal. Two years ago there was an impression on our mind that the Government of Austria had permitted the circulation of the Bible especially among those who profess to be Protestants; but we find now in the Report, that such permission does not exist. This is a matter of great sorrow. Let us hope, that by the providence of the Lord God Almighty, that permission will take place in a short time.

We now come to the Northern parts of Europe—Denmark, Norway, and Sweden; in each of which, there are remarkable circumstances that ought to embrace our attention. In each of them, there is an Agent, accompanied with several Colporteurs, who are successful in their operations. "New ties," says the Parent Report, "bind England to Denmark. The auspicious alliance which has so closely united the royal families of the two countries, will deepen the interest of all English Christians in the spiritual welfare of Denmark." This is worthy of our special attention; and we rejoice to find that the whole Bible has now free circulation, as well as the New Testament, which before had been only given. In Norway, many excellent circumstances have occurred. It is said, the Norwegian is sluggish in his natural character; but as soon as the word of God is received, this character is greatly changed. We give you the following extract:

"When I first came to Christiania," says J. R. Crowe, Esquire, "there were but three Churches; now there are ten, and the eleventh is called for. The three in those days were rarely filled; it is now difficult to obtain a seat in any unless you are there before the service commences. This is surely a striking evidence that a strong desire to listen to the Word of God has been widely awakened, which we cannot but attribute mainly to the

Scriptures having been so extensively diffused and brought within the reach of the poorest inhabitant. At any rate, to the labors of the servants of the Gospel, the operation of the Bible Societies has been a powerful auxiliary in diffusing Christian enlightenment and the knowledge of the true Gospel."

"Scripture readings and Missionary meetings, which are now very general and largely attended, have contributed their quota in removing the indifference to things that belong to the kingdom of God, which had previously prevailed."

In other parts of Norway, such as Christianssand, Stavanger, Bergen, Drontheim, and Tromso, there are Agents, with Colporteurs, whose activity is worthy of praise, and is attended with the blessing of God, so that the Bible receives good circulation. Extracts regarding them would be useful, but we must proceed to Sweden. Happy are we to find that the Colporteurs there are diligent, active, and prosperous. One extract, out of several, we give you, to show how successful the word of God is in that country:

"Not only have the young, among those who are poor in the riches of this world, received the precious gift, but our Colporteurs have, with zeal and care, borne the Word of Life to persons of all ages,—to the afflicted and the unhappy. Nay, we are probably not mistaken if we assume, that by far the greater part of the Scriptures distributed by us have found their way to the dwellings of the poor; for while the rich either buy a Bible more or less elegantly bound, it is just the poor who desire, demand, and buy our Bibles."

To Russia we now draw your attention. For some time the Agent in Petersburgh could only have the privilege of distributing Bibles in any language but Russ, but now, and for a year or two past, the privilege of publishing the Bible in Russ, and distributing it, has been granted under the present Emperor, who is more anxious to make all his people well than any of his predecessors. The following extract will give you much pleasure:—

"A government official, who had come from the country to this place, on learning by mere accident that Russian New Testaments were to be had, sent to me to request that I would let him have a copy for forty copecks, as he was very poor, his pay being only five silver roubles per month, out of which he had to keep himself. I could not do otherwise than accede to his request. On this occasion I learned that the President of the Court in this place for settling all matters connected with the Crown domains, had procured 200 copies of the four Gospels for his officials and for the peasants, and that he had supplied these copies at the price of twenty copecks, and in some cases even gratis. May others follow his example. It is worthy of remark, that ever since it has got abroad that New Testaments are to be had, every one is desirous of having the entire New Testament, few being content with the Gospels only, and that no one now asks for a Slavonic

copy, since one can be had in Russian. The mother-tongue will naturally supersede the ecclesiastical language, which speaks so little to the heart, and in too many cases is all but unintelligible. It is most desirable to have the Russian New Testament extensively distributed at a cheap price, especially among the Russian officials, many of whom are very poor and badly paid; and should the Society feel prepared to undertake such a work, I shall gladly render what assistance I can at the present moment at——, and elsewhere when I move away."

At Odessa, in the southeast part of Russia, we are sorry to find the same difficulty exists in circulating the Bible now, as at the period of the Crimean war. Among the German colonists only, Mr. Melville, the Agent, finds it possible to distribute the Bible, and that in the German language. Let us hope that a change for the better will soon take place.

Spain and Portugal come next in the Parent Report. What is said of them, gives a clear manifestation of iniquitous feeling in the governments to Bible circulation. There are two assertions in the report which give us pleasure, and cause us to hope that soon, in the providence of the Lord God Almighty, a beautiful change will take place. The first of the two is—"There is spreading in Spain a spirit in favour of the Gospel—a pent up desire which longs to break the fetters of Popery, and escape the crushing thraldom, which flourishes only as it enchains men in ignorance and superstition." The second, regarding Portugal, is as follows:- "A more liberal and enlightened tendency on the part of the government, awakens the hope that the obnoxious laws which are now in force against Protestantism, may, ere long, be rescinded, and that every man may be left free to claim his right to the Bible, and in things religious, to follow the convictions of his own mind."

To Italy now, we go, and there we find that, though there is still great opposition to the Bible among the priests, there is great circulation of it in several parts. Mr. Bruce, the Agent, is found very useful. In Turin much has been accomplished. The following extract is worthy of attention:

"I have observed," says Signor Tron, "during the past year increased desire for the Scriptures on the part of the Priests and Jews, who come more frequently to the depôt; and I can assure you that about fifty New Testaments in Italian or in Ancient Greek have been sold to the former. I have also sold during the last quarter ten Hebrew Bibles to the Rabbi for the use of the Jewish School, and he promises to return for more soon. The soldiers seem to be growing more indifferent about the purchase of the New Testaments, though offered at so low a price; still I had the pleasure of selling to an officer of the Line—formerly with Garibaldi—50 New Tes-

taments, which he bought on his way to Milan, where the troops were to be reviewed by the King. These were to distribute among the soldiers of his company on that occasion."

In Milan, the capital of Lombardy, the sales of the Scriptures have been easily done; but, at the same time, it may be mentioned that in some parts the Romish clergy make every effort to prevent the people from giving any attention to the Bible.

"At the commencement of the month I sold two Bibles and several Testaments at Rovata, and on my return had the grief to learn that the Priest had passed from house to house with the threat of excommunication, and some delivered their books into his hands, which he burned in their presence."

This is one example of the iniquitous proceedings of the priests. Others might be introduced to you; but this may be considered as sufficient to lead you, if your entire reliance is on Jesus, to entreat the Lord God Almighty to prevent such people from continuing to perform such Satanic acts.

It is interesting to find, under the statements of Mr. Bruce, that Bible circulation is free, to some extent, in Genoa, the Island of Elba, Leghorn, Florence, and Bologna. With regard to each of these, excellent statements are made. Listen to the last of these, as given by Mr. Bruce:

"In Bologna, the work, which was humbly and prayerfully began by an old Colporteur of the Bible Society, has made marked progress: and in the house where two years ago might be seen, on a week night, from seven to ten persons reading together, may now be found some sixty or seventy, who are there, not as hearers or mere inquirers, but with the Bible or New Testament in hand, ready to read their verse in turn, and to listen to any remarks, which may be made by those who are more advanced in the knowledge of the Scriptures."

In Naples, some proceeding in Bible distribution is made, but not so extensive as is desirable, or was anticipated. Let us hope, that ere long, under the blessing of God, the people will be changed in their views, and become attached to the Bible.

In Sicily, too, there is a great deficiency; but circumstances occasionally take place, which give evidence of the power of God in bringing individuals to the knowledge of salvation in Jesus.

In the Island of Malta, there is a depot, the issues of the Holy Word from which are taken notice of by Mr. Bruce. It appears that North Africa, Egypt, and Syria have supplies from it. In Malta itself, though it belongs to Great Britain,

the circulation of the Bible is very deficient, and that evil arises from the influence of the priests. In North Africa, we are glad to find that the circulation of the Bible is free. The Rev. A. Ben Oliel, of Oran, Rev. A. B. Weiss, of Algiers, and the Rev. Mr. Ginsburg of Constantine, have made declarations of free circulation. Out of several excellent statements, we supply you with the following, which is a part of Mr. Ginsburg's:

"A learned Professor, baptized in the Romish Church, esteemed it a privilege to possess the Bible himself and to recommend it whenever he had the opportunity of doing so. A French Colonel, inhabiting one of the oases, applied for the same book to study it himself, and to shew the Mohammedans under his charge those beauties of Christianity, which the rites and processions of Rome rather conceal than exhibit. Another gentleman, in an elevated position in life, and a clever Hellenist, applied to me from Algiers for the English version of the Bible, in order to have a correct translation of the Word of God. A General of Division, commanding this Province, expressed his desire to read that Book which is the basis of the widely extended Protestant religion. I presented him with a copy of the French Bible, which he thankfully accepted, declaring that he had never seen a Bible in his life."

The statements with regard to Egypt are also very pleasing to a certain extent, and make an impression on our minds, that Mohammedanism and other evil systems will soon be depressed and subdued by the Word of God. "In the course of our tour," says Rev. Mr. Hogg—

"We had conversations and discussions with sixty Priests, fifty Monks, and two Bishops, all belonging to the Coptic Church. Most of them, I found, were utterly ignorant of the first principles of Biblical interpretation. All professed to regard the Bible with profound veneration; but they have been accustomed to a loose and fanciful style of interpretation, which tends to stultify the most cogent proofs drawn from its pages, and seems to render it an almost hopeless task to convince them, even from the Scriptures, of the untenableness of some of their most unscriptural dogmas. Yet many of them are evidently ill at ease in the midst of the Evangelical ideas which are growing and ripening among the people around them; and the time is drawing near when a general Council and a purer Creed will be a felt necessity; and, indeed, many are already clamouring for both, thinking thus to ease their consciences. Few, if any, are yet prepared, to make a bold stand for Christ's sake and the Gospel's."

In Abyssinia, between which and Egypt, is Nubia, many things take place, which gives us assurance that the Bible, in various places, is obtaining its superintendence. We present you with the following extract, which is part of a letter written to the Parent Society, by Sancle and his brother Mascal:

"The brethren, sent to our country with the Bible by Samuel Gobat,

Bishop of Jerusalem, have caused the love of Christ to enter and to dwel in our hearts. Formerly we were in great darkness; now we rejoice in th light of the Gospel."

In addition to this, we give you an extract from a long and excellent letter by the Rev. H. Stern:

"At Genda and other places in the immediate circle of our Missionaries operation, there are now numbers who are fully convinced of the truth of the Gospel, and anxious to be baptized. In a Falasha settlement where on my last visit, I left a copy of the Sacred Volume, the people got so interested in its contents, that several old men set themselves to the task of learning to read. Their progress, our Missionary writes to me, has been most creditable; and it is quite a delight, he adds, to see these venerable men seated on a grassy hillock, or under a shady tree, spelling the most beautiful Messianic passages. One Debterah, or Scribe, who had never seen a Missionary, when introduced to Mr. Flad, our Agent, said, 'Since your settlement in this province, I carefully shunned your presence, although I took a secret interest in the reports that I heard of your religious discussions. After many conversations with my friend here, Debterah Bern, I have come to the conviction, that Jesus is the Messiah, the Saviour of sinners.' 'He then asked me for a Bible,' continues Mr. F.; 'and on requesting him to point out to me the passages that had led to the change on his religious sentiments, I was agreeably surprised to find that this man, who had only occasionally access to a copy of the Inspired Oracles, was not only thoroughly versed in all the Prophecies referring to our Lord in the Old Testament, but also quite familiar with the fulfilments recorded in the New. Such, and similar incidents, which I might multiply, were it requisite, prove that the breath of Heaven is now blowing on the dry bones of the House of Israel, scattered over the mountain-tops of Central Africa."

Under Syria, the principal thing mentioned is, that at Beyrout there is an increasing demand for the Scriptures. The reports concerning the other places are not sufficient to cause any expression concerning them.

To Turkey, our attention is now brought. In regard to the Bible circulation in it, no less than eighteen pages are employed in the Parent Report; and there is a general manifestation of great succe s, a circumstance which leads us to bless the Holy Ghost, whose influence every where upon the word of God, brings the converted to trust and rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Agent at Constantinople is wonderfully effectual. More than sixteen thousand copies of the word of God have been disposed of during the year. The Agent's operations are extensive, and he receives from reverend gentlemen in Smyrna, Bulgaria, Jasay, and Bucharest, statements regarding the circulation of the Scriptures; and all these we find to be very pleasing. From Roumilia and Asia Minor,

and from Wallachia and Moldavia, accounts also were received of a very satisfactory nature. Out of the numerous worthy statements, we give you the last, as follows:

"One day," said Mr. Thomson, "I went into a tobacco-shop and found there several merchants; they looked at my books, and were astonished at their cheapness. Upon my remarking that my dissemination was to be considered rather as a gratuitous distribution than a sale, a lively conversation arose, in the course of which I was surprised to find a Greek inveigh against the Patriarch and Metropolitan, saying that they had some years ago published an edition of the New Testament, which they sent out over the whole country, demanding for it an enormous price, and requiring every ecclesiastical person to purchase one; 'and hence their wrath,' said he, 'when they find their gains scattered to the winds by this benevolent Society, which, out of love to God and man, brings the Word of God within the reach of the very poorest.' Upon this, another added, 'Some recommend to us union with Hungary, Italy, or Russia; but rather would I have union with England, for these people are true Christians who nobly declare, (taking a Testament in his hand) 'That I believe, because it is the Word of God, and nothing else can I receive as of binding obligation; since it is the mere opinion of shortsighted infallible men like myself." The result was, that every one present purchased a New Testament, and commissioned me to bring them (Rouman) Bibles as soon as they should be published.

In Greece, also, the Rev. A. Thomson takes an interest, and we find from his statements, that the dissemination of Scriptures, along with other good things, has contributed to promote a spirit of liberality and freedom of religious inquiry. In the Island of Candia, too, where Greeks are numerous, though some opposition was made by the Metropolitan, a good circulation of Scriptures took place, and it is said, "The people nowhere exhibited the least antipathy to the Scriptures."

To India we now go. There we find in Calcutta, Allahabad, Madras, and Bombay, various achievements in favour of the Bible. Auxiliaries are there, and the statements regarding them, occupying twenty-six pages in the Parent Report, are worthy of our sincere attention. But we shall give you only two or three abstracts, which may make upon the reader, a good impression.

Under Calcutta the following extract is given:

"Abundant proof is given in the numerous published Reports of the blessing with which the spread of the Word of God is attended. That Word does not return void unto Him who gave it. It is still a lamp unto the feet and a light unto the path of thousands and thousands in India. By its divine teachings and saving influence, the native Christian community have everywhere been increased in numbers, knowledge, character, and strength. It copes successfully with the remains of heathen vices, maintains spiritual struggles, stimulates to the fulfilment of those duties

which it expounds, enlarges knowledge, and is carrying the native Church onward in the path of self-denial, of purity, and of zeal. Among the heathen it has carried light, conviction, and change to many hearts. It has overcome all the barriers, which ignorance, superstition, ancestral customs, pharisaic pride and caste have for ages been erecting against Christ's message of truth and mercy. The Brahmin of Benares, proud of his scholastic love; the Cooly reading on board the emigrant ship; the young scholar of Calcutta, boasting of his English education; the Hindu pilgrim at the very shrine of Jogonnath; the Mohammedan resting on his hard-earned works of merit; the Devil worshippers of Tinnevelly and Malabar; the drink loving Cale; the wild, untutored Karen,—have all found Christ in the loving pages of His Word; have laid aside their old habits of religion and of thought, and have publicly professed before the Church and the world that in Him alone are found true life and hope. Such illustrations of the grace and power with which the Spirit follows His Word, repeated in hundreds of instances, year by year, cannot but lead his servants, 'to thank God and take courage.'"

The following excellent statement is from Rev. J. L. Hauser of Bijnour, who is in connection with the North India Auxiliary in Allahabad:

"I have distributed most of the Scriptures, which your Society sent to our Mission; the people are anxious to obtain them. In the villages they frequently importune me for books; but as my supply is limited, the requests of a few only can be complied with. I sold many copies, though at the merely nominal price of a pice or two each. I have found, on re-turning to the places where I had given books, that the people have become acquainted with the facts of Scripture, and were thus prepared for more advanced preaching; many have come to the Mission House to ask for books and receive further instruction on the points they have been reading. I will give one instance from a number, which might be adduced. A middle aged Brahmin, came to me with a well-worn New Testament, which, he said, he had purchased of a native, who was not a Christian. When he commenced to read it, his friends began to threaten that they would cast him off; he, however, continued perusing it. The more he read, the more he was convinced that the Scriptures described the only way to eternal life, and resolved to become a Christian. Having heard that there was a Missionary in Bijnour, he started from his village, and after eight days journey arrived at the Mission House. At the close of a long con-versation, which I had with him, he said 'That he was resolved to renounce caste—give up every thing, if necessary, to become a Christian.' On saying this, he opened his clothes, broke his Brahmin cord, and handed it to me. He remained a few days and returned to his house, where, notwithstanding that his family have cast him off, his resolution is unbroken. I daily see the good effect resulting from the distribution of the Scriptures."

Out of many satisfying statements given by the Madras Auxiliary, we take the following:

"Each scholar of the highest class," says the Rev. Mr. Herre of Palghaut, "has a copy of the Bible in his hands, which, when taken home, at first, caused the suspicions or fears of parents or guardians, and gave rise to

more or less opposition, but this gradually subsided, after some of the most bigoted had left school. We rejoice to see that several of the more intelligent pupils study the Scriptures with understanding, and are well versed in its historical and doctrinal parts. I have heard them several times, on days of public examination, give reasonable, correct, and ready answers to questions which would have called forth power of thought in many a Christian boy possessed of a tolerable amount of religious education. To the Lord be all the praise! The Lord willing, we shall have next year some Vernacular Schools in the district, with which we purpose to connect Bible classes of adults, having been repeatedly asked by several youths to give them continued instruction in the Veda-Shastram (Bible."

The Bombay Auxiliary has now been in existence for fifty years, and the statements at present regarding it give very much comfort and satisfaction. Listen to this:

"Education, the handmaid of true religion, has been spreading through the land; and, whenever its influence has extended, its beneficial tendency has been two-fold. It has at once shaken the confidence of the people in their various forms of idolatry, and led to earnest inquiry respecting the claims of the Bible to be received as a Revelation of God's will to men. In proportion to the eagerness of this inquiry, the Scriptures have been read with deep attention, and their reception has been secured in quarters whence they must otherwise have been excluded. It is true, they may frequently have been received and studied as a Revelation from God, as having in them the words of eternal life, and as testifying of Jesus; while there can be little doubt, that He who causeth the wrath of man to praise Him, and restraineth the remainder of that wrath, has been found in the perusal of His blessed Word, by those who sought Him not. His Word can never return to Him void, but must accomplish that which He pleaseth, and prosper in the thing whereto He sent it."

It is pleasing to find that, under the Bombay Auxiliary, attempts had been made to circulate the Word of God in Arabia. Mr. Mikhail Joseph, a native of Baghdad, but a convert of our Mission and a member of our Native Church, is reported to have visited Arabia for the purpose of circulating the Bible. Out of several statements made by the Report, we give you the following:

"At the last Meeting of our Bible Society, at which his report was presented, we recorded the expression of our gratitude to God for his preservation amidst great dangers, and for the very gratifying success with which his enterprise has been crowned. The total number of copies of the Scriptures sold by him in Arabia was 619, and of copies gratuitously circulated, 248, making a distribution altogether of 867 copies of the Word of God in that country of the world, which, all things considered, i probably least accessible to a Christian agency; and all effected for the sum of £200, granted by the British and Foreign Bible Society. No su circulation of the Bible has ever been made in Arabia, Felex and Teh ama. May God grant His blessing to all, into whose hands the precious reasu has been put."

In the Island of Ceylon there are Auxiliaries, in Colombo, Jaffna, and Kandy. Owing to some change that took place, there is no report from Colombo. From Jaffna there are several excellent statements. One of these, which is from one of the Bible distributors, we give you as follows:

"In the early part of the year, many of our Christians were revived by the special influence of the Spirit, and inquirers were more numerous than usual. The awakened soul finds delight in God's Word. The Scriptures have been sought after and studied in our schools, and by our Christians and others, in such a way as to encourage effort in their distribution. Among the means used for the salvation of this people, I have more confidence and encouragement in the Word of God than in any other. The best of preachers may err, the most finished productions of the religious press are but the works of men, but 'the law of the Lord is perfect.' He who formed the soul and is perfectly acquainted with its fallen nature, has adapted His Word to the wants of mankind. When its inspired pages are sent forth, there is no anxiety respecting results. While a portion of the good seed will fall by the wayside, among thorns or upon the rock, other will take root in good soil and bear fruit to the glory of God."

The Auxiliary of Kandy, which was formed in 1855, has done much good, and, during the last year, has been more successful in Bible circulation than in any former year.

In China, we are gratified in finding that the Word of God is now more freely received than before. The Government does not oppose the circulation. At Shanghae, Canton and Hong Kong, there are committees, who have in their care the distribution of Bibles. Interesting statements are given concerning them in the Parent Report. And also in the Monthly *Reporter* of November last, a communication from Rev. W. Muirhead, the Chairman of the Corresponding Committee of Shanghae, is given—which contains some interesting details of divine truth among the Chinese. A few parts of it we supply to you. With regard to the native converts, he says:

"In their case, the Bible is a known and valued book. Some of them are apt and diligent students of it, and on many occasions give proof of being familiar with and interested in it. . . . . It is a pleasure to see them perusing its pages as freely as English Christians do the Scriptures in their native tongue; and there is no wish among them to have its style and phraseology altered, in so far as its expressiveness and adaption to the better class of readers are concerned."

"As to the people in general," he says, "among whom the Scriptures have been largely distributed, you may easily imagine that it is a different field to work in. The atheism, the materialism, the apathy of the Chinese mind in regard to religion, coupled with its intense ignorance, peculiar exclusiveness, and satanic prejudices, are more and more felt to be terrible

difficulties in the way of our services. They are all in active exercise on every side, and are the better understood the closer we come into contact with them. From the value put upon the printed page in China, and the apparent eagerness of all classes to receive books, one might augur well of the result in relation to the Scriptures; but there are other things in operation that go to militate against these hopeful signs in the strongest manner. Be it so. We are not discouraged. The enemy is alluded to only to show what we have to cope with, and what are some of the causes evidently at work confronting our endeavours to promote the eternal welfare of this people."

A Chinese convert, we find, has been engaged at Tientsin, to circulate the Scriptures among his fellow-countrymen, and he has given statements regarding his proceedings every day during ten days. One or two of these we may give you, to enable you to appreciate his excellent proceedings. On the tenth day of his Reports, he says:

"Travelled all day, and arrived in the evening at the village where Yang-lin-Cheng resides, (a convert baptized at Tientsin a year ago.) Staid at his house for the night. We went together to the city of Chair-chew, close by Yang-lin Cheng's home. We gave some books to Buddhist priests in a monastery called Cypress Grove Monastery, and spoke there in their hearing to the people who came to ask for the Scriptures. Went with Yang to the west-gate, and saw there some of his friends who have read the Scriptures, and, through the influence of his example, wish to become Christians. They believed the doctrine of Jesus, they said, because it is good, but they have not yet acquired an intelligent acquaintance with it. I went through with them the whole story of creation and redemption. Then we considered repentance and faith, baptism and the Lord's Supper, regeneration and other matters. These men were ready to believe, but had no clear understanding of the truth. I gave them the Old Testament, and all the instruction that the time afforded," &c.

The communications from Canton and Hong Kong in the Parent Report are also very satisfactory. We have great reason to believe, that if matters go on, as they are now, China will in a very short time have the Bible in circulation through it all.

In Japan there is yet no liberty of circulating the Scriptures through every part of it. The Bishop of Victoria, among other very pleasing statements, gives notice that "twenty-five miles is the farthest we can go here."

In Singapore of Malaysia there is a Ladies' Bible and Tract Society, and the Rev. B. P. Keasberry, among other statements concerning the difficulty of circulating the Scriptures, says, "that from the Report of that Society you will observe that the necessity of employing a Colporteur to labor among the Malays of this island, and to visit the numerous prows

which annually come here to trade from the different islands of the Archipelago, has been strongly urged on the Committee," &c.

To Australia we now go. There we find in New South Wales four Auxiliaries, each of which has accomplished much in Bible circulation. In Queensland there are two Auxiliaries, which prove to be useful. In Victoria there are three, and the reports concerning them are very gratifying.

"There are in Victoria," says the Rev. F. K. Tucker, who is the active Agent in Australia, "24,155 Chinese. The Christian Church has not left them entirely uncared for, although the efforts to benefit them have been only few and feeble. There have been many from among them who have been enlightened and converted."

In the Parent Report the statements concerning the Auxiliary in Adelaide of South Australia, are pleasing, and we have also in the *Monthly Reporter* of July last, statements from Mr. Tucker, in which we find that he had visited ten Branches of that Auxiliary, and had the pleasure of forming two or three more. Out of the many, we shall give you one of the statements:

"I journeyed to Gumeracka, a town like Mount Barker and Strathalbyn, beautifully situated in the midst of the ranges, with fine park-like scenery around. Mr. G. Philips accompanied me, and we were hospitably entertained at Kinton Park by N. B. Randell, Esq., who has a pleasant residence on the banks of the Torrens, with fine garden and orchard, containing English shrubs, flowers, and fruits. This is one of the most enchanting spots in the colony. The Meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, N. B. Randell, Esq., in the chair. The Rev. J. Tuck gave an address, and Mr. Philips gave a brief account of the operations of the Auxiliary. I have no doubt we shall have here a successful Branch Society."

In Tasmania, or Van Diemen's Land, on the South of Australia, the Auxiliaries, which are two in number, appear to be very satisfactory. In the *Monthly Reporter* of December, statements from the Rev. M. H. Beecher are given, which give a full display of the attention he paid to the Auxiliaries and Branches during the month of March. We give you one statement out of many:—

"March 16, Taking my leave of the Cornwall Auxiliary, I commenced operations in connection with the Hobarton Auxiliary at their Branch at Campbellton. Here I met my old friend Mr. R. E. Dear, the Secretary and Travelling Agent of the Hobarton Auxiliary, pursuing his work, in the seventh year of his holding office, with unabated zeal and efficiency. The evening proved very unfavorable, the rain coming down heavily, but there was a good attendance considering. The Rev. Dr. Turnbull occupied the chair, and, from the Report read, the Branch appeared to be in a very hopeful condition."

New Zealand, as far as the statements concerning it are in the Parent Report, gives us reason to rejoice that the opposition of the natives is gone, and that Bible circulation is likely to become, in a short time, universal.

The Islands in the South Seas are beautifully taken notice of in the Parent Report. The statements lead us to believe that their heathenism is gone. In Tahiti, the Bible, as far as it is prepared in its language, has good circulation. "May these volumes," says the Parent Report, "comfort the hearts and strengthen the faith of many who are exposed to the seductive influences and the superstitious charms of Popish error, now seeking to plant its standard on the spots where pure Christianity has achieved such glorious triumphs!"

In the notice of the Bible in Rarotonga, one of the Hervey Islands, this is one of the statements: "The desire for the work is great, and the utmost readiness is evinced by the Christian converts to pay for the copies they receive."

Speaking of the Scriptures in the Navigators' Islands, especially in Samoa, the Report says, "There is every reason to believe that the copies will not only be received with avidity, but that in time the sales will, to a considerable extent, if not entirely, reimburse the Society for the cost of the edition."

With regard to Nengone, in the Loyalty Group, we have some excellent remarks made by Rev. S. M. Creagh, of which the following is one:

"It is very interesting to observe the respect and veneration the people have for the Word of God. They think that any thing not commanded by the Bible is supererogatory, whilst what the Bible commands is binding on all. The people seem thoroughly to believe that the Bible is the Word of God; they found all their addresses and exhortations on passages of Scripture."

In the Savage Island the distribution of the Scriptures is prosperous. Out of some observations made by Rev. W. G. Lawes, we give you the following:

"The population comprises some 4,700 souls. These were all degraded heathen fifteen years ago, and suffered no one to land on their shores; instant death was the penalty. Now their heathen customs are utterly abolished, and the whole people are hungering and thirsting for the Word of Life. The avidity with which they learn to read, shows unmistakeably, their desire for the Word of God . . . . Every night and morning the voice of prayer and song of praise may be heard from what were once savage hearts and savage homes. Marvellous has been the triumph of God's Word in this island; in few instances, perhaps, has it been so marked or the change so sudden and entire."

Some of the statements regarding the New Hebrides are worthy of our sincere attention. A few of them we give you:

"In 1848 the island, Aneiteum, was wholly heathen. In 1858 the whole population, with a few struggling exceptions, was professedly Christian."

"In the end of 1859 the whole of the New Testament was translated. But it was not corrected," says the Rev. Mr. Inglis, "it was only in a rough form. The Rev. Mr. Geddie from Nova Scotia and I, proposed to devote a whole year, at least, conjointly to this work."

"The whole work has been printed with a care and correctness that could hardly be surpassed. There is scarcely a typographical error, even the most trifling, to be found in the book."

At Tonga, in the Friendly Islands, the Rev. T. West has acted as an editor, and among the assertions he makes the following is pleasant:

"I am exceedingly thankful in being able to inform you that this day my labours in connection with the translation, version, and printing of the Tonguese Scriptures are, through the divine blessing, brought to a close."

In the Figi Islands there are good Missionaries, and under their care the Scriptures have free circulation. Out of several statements that are very pleasing we merely give you one of the Parent Report:

"It is scarcely necessary to add that all the requests of Rev. Mr. Calvert for more Scriptures have been complied with, and the Committee confidently hope that in a short time they may be able to send the complete Bible to this scene of successful Missionary labour."

In Mauritius there is an Auxiliary. Several statements are made about it in the Parent Report. Of these we confine ourselves to the following:

"That the circulation of the Scriptures and other means of Christian Agency are producing a salutary impression upon this large class of the population (meaning the Coolie residents,) is evident, from the fact that the Brahmins in the Mauritius, seeing that their power was on the wane, and that the people were evincing a disposition to renounce their hereditary superstitions, have established an idol temple and instituted a school to check in some measure the spread of Divine Truth. The Romanists likewise fearing for the success of their mission, have sent to India for native Priests. When the enemies of the Gospel are stirred into activity, it may be presumed, that Truth is gaining ground, and that light is penetrating where darkness previously prevailed. The Mauritius Auxiliary holds an important position; and a mixed community of varied races and creeds presents a wide sphere for Christian activity and usefulness."

Madagascar is worthy of our consideration. As soon as Radama became king, all the resistance against professors of Christianity was subdued, and, during his life, the circulation of the Word was greatly promoted. Before his death some-

thing dreadful befell him—the account of which gives great manifestation of the weakness of his mind. His successor is a Queen, and we have reason to rejoice in her, on account of the assertion that was made by Mr. W. Ellis to Rev. Dr. Tidman. The final part of it we present to you, dated June 17:

"Every thing is going on well. The New Queen has written to Queen Victoria and to the Emperor of the French, announcing her accession to the throne, her wish to maintain unimpaired the relations of amity and friendship, established between the two nations and Madagascar, and assuring both Sovereigns that she will protect the persons and property of their subjects, who may come to this country. The officer who gave me this statement, informed me also, with evident pleasure, that all the Members of the Government had carefully examined the Treaty with England, and agreed to accept it, and fulfil its conditions. I am well, and as strong for work as I ever felt since my arrival in Madagascar."

In South Africa we have cause to rejoice on account of Auxiliaries being in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Graham's Town, Natal, and D'Urban, and numerous Branches in connection with the Cape Town Auxiliary. In Cape Town, too, there is a Ladies' Bible Association and some Bible Women. Under the blessing of God, much good may now be expected in South Africa. We take a small extract from statements that exist in the Parent Report concerning the Cape Town Auxiliary:

"During the past year we have been much encouraged, and our Committee Meetings have been more animating. Two Bible Women have been employed, and from their reports, it is evident that there has long been a 'missing link'—the absence of an Agency, which could connect this Auxiliary with every family, every individual in the crowded lanes and alleys of this city."

In Western Africa, also, there are Auxiliaries which prove to be useful.

South America is next presented to our observation, and it is pleasant to find that the good change which took place in some parts, some years ago, continues and becomes stronger:

"For the future," says Mr. Corfield, regarding Brazils, who has been an Agent fromthe Parent Society for some years, "my confidence rests on the growing piety of some of the native converts. The value of the work will be evidently judged by the consistency of believers. The native Christians, to my mind, possess a simplicity of zeal and love which nothing but a change of heart could ever have produced, and they stand well, considering the powerful hatred of the Church to which they once belonged."

"Our community at Buenos Ayres," he says, "embraces very many French, German, Swiss, Spanish, Italian, English and others." . . . .
"Our depôt stands as a light to all around. . . . During my absence

from this city (eighteen months) about 700 copies were sold. This number I do not consider equal to the community, but who can tell the influences which may have been exerted by God's good Spirit."

In Chili there is a Bible Depot, and a Colporteur has dispersed by sale 535 copies of the Scriptures during the year,—a fact full of precious interest when the intensely Popish character of Chili is considered.

It is grievous to find that at Peru, Ecuador, and New Granada, very little can be done to promote sales of the Scriptures at present, on account of Jesuitical intrigues at the seat of Government.

From a correspondent at Mexico, to whose care the copies were entrusted, the following is an abstract:

"The light is slowly dawning on this people, as I could show you; and if the Priests' party should be worsted in the present contest, a great door, and effectual, will be opened to the truth, both printed and oral. And even if the Priests succeed, the people's eyes will be opened to their falsehoods, the wrath of man will be made to praise God, as of old. For my part, though now the clouds hang heavily over this benighted land, I have good hopes for the future."

The statements from Rev. J. Kelly of British Guiana, give much satisfaction, excepting what regards 1862, which, he says, of all the years, has been the least. The years, he mentions, are 34 in number, during which he has been Agent for the Parent Society, and during which much good has been effected by the circulation of the Scriptures in various languages.

Short statements are given in the Parent Report concerning the Auxiliaries in the Islands that belong to Britain, in the West Indies. The statements concerning those in Barbadoes, Trinidad, St. Thomas, the Bahamas and St. Vincent, give us much pleasure; those concerning Antigua, St. Kitts and St. Croix, exhibit some deficiencies; that concerning Dominica makes us know that of the 35,000 people, not fewer than 19,000 are of the Romanist Church, and hence there is a limitation to Bible circulation. The Lieutenant Governor of this Island, we are glad to find, is a subscriber to the Auxiliary.

In Jamaica there are Auxiliaries in various places—as in Kingston, the Capital, Montego Bay, St. Ann's Bay, Lucca, Falmouth, New Carmel, and Savanna-La-Mar. The statements concerning these are pleasing, and give us hope that the blessing of God, on those who read His Word, leads them to that faith in Jesus, which is the only characteristic of a true Christian.

Some excellent statements are made in the Parent Report concerning the American Bible Society in New York. It is delightful to know that, notwithstanding the civil war, its success has been as great, or greater, than before. Besides being useful to all the Northern States, it has done much good to some places in Asia, and especially to some places in the Turkish Empire. With regard to the Southern States of America, the Parent Bible Society, not from any love to that war which was excited on that part, but from a desire to accommodate the Holy Word of God to many there, according to a requisition of the Rev. Mr. Hoge, who is a minister in Richmond, sent 10,000 Bibles, 50,000 Testaments, and 250,000 Portions, to the Bible Society of Virginia. Let us hope that the reading of the Bible may soon, under the blessing of God, bring an end to the Civil War.

We come now to the statements concerning the Auxiliaries in Canada. That at Toronto, which is said to be the largest of all Auxiliaries, had contributions superior to those of the former years; and its distribution of the Scriptures amounted to 27,267 copies. Out of several statements made by the Rev. W. Ball, one of the travelling Agents, we give you the following:

"The spread of the Bible is felt to be the work of the Church of Christ, and cannot therefore be left to the resources of any one denomination of the Church; and while it is felt to be a duty that all ought to take as their own, it is felt to be a privilege of which all can partake, and few sights, even in the Church of God, are more lovely than 'brethren dwelling together in unity' around the Bible Society."

The Upper Canada Auxiliary and the Ottawa Auxiliary are both observed as very useful.

Of the observations made concerning the useful Montreal Auxiliary, we give you the following:

"The operations of the Montreal Auxiliary have included large gratuitious issues, made under circumstances of varying interest. Public institutions have shared in these appropriations. The sleeping apartments of hotels have been furnished with copies. Missionary Agencies, working in the Colony, especially amongst Roman Catholics, have received important grants. Sailors have come within the range of the Auxiliary's comprehensive efforts," &c.

At Quebec there is a useful Auxiliary, and while it is doing its necessary work, it sometimes receives opposition from the Roman Catholic priests. Out of some statements made by Mr. Maillard, the Colporteur, we give you the following:

"An old woman asked, 'What book do you sell?' I answered 'The Old and New Testament.' 'You are then,' she said, a Protestant; 'I am an old woman, but have never seen the Bible.' I said, 'You hear a portion of it every Sunday,' and read to her the 109th Psalm, which is in their prayer-book. I read also the description of the Saviour in Isaiah. She called her son, and requested me to say to him what I had just said to her, and got him to buy a Bible, which he did with much hesitation, fearing he would have to part with it. In another place two young men bought a Bible and a Testament, and promised to read them, having previously possessed a copy of the Scriptures, which had been taken away from them and burnt, as usual, but they remembered what they had read out of it."

The Auxiliarias in this Province, namely, our own, which is called the New Brunswick Auxiliary, the Fredericton, the Restigouche, and the Miramichi, are taken notice of with much satisfaction.

The Auxiliaries in Nova Scotia, namely, that at Halifax, called the Nova Scotia Auxiliary, that in New Glasgow, and that in Pictou, are also taken notice of with much satisfaction.

In Prince Edward Island, the Auxiliary at Charlottetown is observed as having done well, and also the one at Brackley Point.

The Newfoundland Auxiliary, by means of Colportage, has accomplished a good circulation of the Scriptures.

At Hudson's Bay Territory and British Columbia, efforts, we find in the Parent Report, are made to give notice to many of the Bible, and to impart unto them Christian knowledge.

We come now to the Domestic part of the Parent Report, and as it occupies 54 pages, which give accounts of everything which belongs to the Parent Society, it will be necessary for us to give you some statements only regarding Bible circulation. After some very suitable accounts of the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury, of Charles Stokes Dudley, who had been one of the most eminent supporters of the Parent Society, and of the Rev. H.W. Plumptre, Rector of Eastwood, near Nottingham, who had taken a deep and earnest interest in the work of the Society, we are led to see what donation was given to Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, on her marriage with his Royal Highness the Prince Louis of Hesse, and to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, when their marriage took place. The donations were beautiful Bibles. "Princess Alice," it is said by Earl Shaftesbury, "speaks of the Bible as beautiful and valuable. She desires that all should be assured of her sincere gratitude and that I should express her thanks to the Society for the

kind interest its members have taken in her welfare.' Also Lieut.-General Knollys in writing to the Earl of Shaftesbury, the President of the Parent Society, says, 'he has received the commands of the Prince of Wales to request his Lordship to convey His Royal Highness's thanks to the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the copy of the Holy Scriptures which they have presented to him on his marriage, and to add how much his Royal Highness appreciates their kind feelings towards him."

The Receipts of the year amounted to £158,750 18s. 9d. sterling, and the total expenditure to £150,539 0s 9d. sterling. Donations amounted to £9,478 10s. 1d., and Legacies to £19,099 7s. 7d. sterling.

The entire circulation amounted to 2,133,860 copies, showing an increase of 638,612 copies over the issue of the preceding year. "This," it is said, "cannot be recorded without the deepest gratitude, inasmuch as God has still been pleased to honour so abundantly the instrumentality of your Society, and to permit your Committee to be co-workers with Him in the advancement of His Truth, and the growing triumphs of His Kingdom."

In a statement regarding the International Exhibition, the following is a part of what is valuable:

"Within the Exhibition itself a valuable apportunity presented itself for the gratuitous distribution of single Gospels and Epistles to foreign visitors. This duty was confided to a Christian gentleman conversant with European languages, who, by his tact and demeanour, admirably succeeded in carrying out the wishes of the Committee, and distributed 7,440 portions of the New Testament amongst grateful recipients, many of whom were deeply impressed by this act of Christian kindness, and made various inquiries on the subject of religion and the work of your Society."

In the depot opened at Brompton, near the Exhibition, and in the temporary stall which the Committee engaged at the Crystal Palace, there was a far more extensive sale of the Scriptures than had been anticipated; in the former 3,218 volumes in more than twenty languages, and in the latter 18,340 copies of the Word of God. In addition to these 9,244 portions were given gratuitously.

The next statement is regarding the District Secretaries. They are nine in number. The Rev. T. Phillips superintends the organization in Wales, and English towns in which large Welsh populations reside. After many statements are made with regard to the public meetings in the district, which were

375 in number, and some other things, the following is given, expressed by Mr. Phillips:

"In reviewing the state of the district, there are many encouragements. Comparing the present with the past, there has been a large increase in the number of Societies and in the amount of Free Contributions. The increase has been nearly threefold in twenty seven years. Nor is this increase confined to one county; but in almost every county and in every locality of any considerable population, the Society has made encouraging progress. There is not much room left for the formation of New Associations; and if there is to be a further increase of funds, it must arise chiefly from the greater efficiency of existing Societies."

The Rev. P. Kent, within his district, has 433 Auxiliaries, Branches, and Associations, and had during the year 169 meetings. Out of several statements given by him, we give you the following:

"I have great satisfaction in stating that the meetings were attended by more than the average number of persons, and that, without a single exception, the most Christian and harmonious feeling prevailed: many of them were distinguished by a tone peculiarly devout and earnest, calculated not only to promote the interest of the Society in particular, but the cause of Divine Truth in general. I can bear grateful testimony that my own mind was often cheered and strengthened to pursue a work at all times arduous and exhaustive."

The Northern counties form the district in which Mr. G. T. Edwards is employed. Within his places of visitation there are 369 Auxiliaries, Branches and Associations, and a Colporteur has been employed, whose exertions were attended with much benefit.

Yorkshire forms the district of the Rev. J. A. Page. Under him Colportage is employed in connection with Ladies' Associations, and by this much good has been accomplished.

The Western district is under Rev. J. P. Hewlett. Out of many entertaining statements in regard to his operations, we give you the following:

"The meetings at Witchampton, the parish of our invaluable friend, the Rev. Carr J. Glyn, have been often described. It is enough to say that they have lost none of their former interest or efficiency. The cheerful peal ushering in the Bible day—the flag flying on the church tower—the vehicles pouring in from all quarters—the school-room crowded at both Meetings—the golden tree, enriched by the donations of former servants at the Rectory, and others who acquired in Witchampton a love for the Society, which absence from it has not effaced—the contributions of Sunday Schools—the thank-offerings for mercies received—the warm hospitality and cheerful intercourse of the Rectory; these and other distinctive features of the Witchampton Meetings remain, and long may they remain to gladden the hearts of those who are enabled to share in them and to stimulate the zeal of friends at a distance."

Mr. C. Swallow has his district in Lancashire, where it is said the Bible Society holds a high and honorable position. In this county we are all aware of the "stagnation" of the Cotton Manufactures, and the consequent distress that came upon many of the people. But the following extract is worthy of our admiration:

"It is an ascertained fact that many of those compelled to be idle through the stagnation of trade have attended the Public Bible Meetings, and the more special meetings arranged by the Colporteurs, in order that their thoughts might be taken from their personal privations and directed to Him who is revealed in His Word as the Succourer of the needy, and the Helper of such as are distressed; and the blessings they looked for have not been withheld."

After many other statements in conjunction with the work of Mr. Swallow, a few observations are given of the work of Rev. J. D. Miller, whose district occupies eight midland counties. The following is one of his statements, and is worthy of our consideration:

"A second year's acquaintance with these eight counties confirms the impression, that, on the whole, the general state of the district is a cause of thanksgiving; whilst all has not been alike prosperous, there is a vast preponderance that is encouraging. . . . . There is room for more Societies in several of these counties, and arrangements are now being made to extend the Bible Society network more closely over the country.

The Rev. Wm. Spencer, who is the Local Agent in Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, and Nottinghamshire, gives the following, which is one of his precious statements:

"Before proceeding to details, I would most humbly and devoutly express my gratitude to God for His goodness and grace vouchsafed to me during the past twelve months. In the course of journeys extending over some 10,000 miles, I have been preserved from all accident, and kept in the enjoyment of uninterrupted health. Every where I have been received with much hospitable kindness, and have been favoured with a large amount of valuable help at the 176 Meetings I have attended."

Mr. S. Wiseman is Agent in the county of Norfolk, and of several things said of him, this is one:

"Mr. Wiseman has personally attended 200 Meetings; and the Norfolk Auxiliary, under whose superintendence he acts, bears its willing testimony to the good results which flow from his advocacy and visitation throughout the county."

The Rev. W. P. Tiddy and the Rev. W. H. Graham, are the Secretaries of the Metropolitan District. Concerning their operation many things are stated worthy of our attention. But in this Report we must confine ourselves to two or three short extracts, as follows:

"The East London Auxiliary had its Jubilee Meeting in the month of

October. Its total issues had been 109,506 volumes, and its receipts from the commencement amounted to £10,800. Of this noble sum more than £6,450 were free contributions to the Parent Society."

"The arrangements between the Bible Women and the several Metropolitan Auxiliaries, is confided to the Rev. Mr. Tiddy, whose services have been very successful in removing difficulties, and securing harmony of action."

Speaking of the Colporteurs, Rev. Mr. Graham, among other things, says:

"These humble but earnest labourers have been useful in carrying the Word of Life from home to home, and from room to room, in densely populated localities, in which thousands might say, 'No man cares for our souls.' In London and some of its suburban districts, 'their labour has not been in vain in the Lord,' but the Scriptures, which they have sold, and the words they have spoken have been instrumental in leading some to Him who 'is able to save to the uttermost, all that come unto God by Him.'"

Out of many statements regarding the Bible Women, we give you the following:

"The number of Women now employed is 190, and forms a body of earnest Christian Workers, whose zeal and religious faith are diffusing an influence amongst the degraded and outcast, that cannot but issue in the best results, gratifying alike to the Patriot, the Philanthropist, and the Christian."

Pleasant statements are made in the Parent Report regarding the National Bible Society of Scotland, of which we give you the following:

"It is gratifying to observe that the National Bible Society of Scotland is receiving a large amount of sympathy and support, and finds itself in a position to extend its labours beyond its national boundaries into other parts of the world. Its issues for the past year were 116,000 Bibles, Testaments and Parts, an advance of 13,500 copies on the issues of the previous year, and forming the largest circulation ever effected by a Scottish Bible Society. The total free income, from all sources, amounted to £4,096 9s. 1d. Reference is made, in the Report just issued, to the aid given towards the work of Bible Women. Fifteen of these Agents are employed in Edinburgh, and twenty-seven in Glasgow, and their labours have proved very efficient amongst the most destitute classes."

The work of that Society is not confined to Scotland; we find it is increasing, and includes France, Germany, Italy, &c. In Italy, "fifteen Colporteurs are in its service, who circulated 4,153 copies of the Scriptures during the year."

Grand statements are made in the Parent Report regarding the Hibernian Bible Society. A few of them we may give you:

"The operations of the Society embrace, so far as practicable, the Roman Catholic part of the population no less than the Protestant, and its work amongst the former is attended with a success greater and more promising in its results than ever. The circulation of the year has been 74,972 copies, and the receipts of the Society have been £4,478 7s. 3d."

"The results of Colportage are most cheering." With regard to that we give you the following extract:

"In the County of Kerry and its borders, your Colporteur has, in the course of eighteen months, distributed 4,000 copies of God's Word, and this by sale, and not gratuitously; and it has been collected from various sources of information, that there is a steadily increasing desire on the part of the Roman Catholic population, to provide themselves with the Bible, and, in private, to search it for themselves.

The Parent Society, in its Report, takes notice, as usual, of the Sunday School Society for Ireland. We extract the following remarks:

"The number of Schools associated with the Society, is 2,617, with an attendance of 212,567 scholars, and a staff of voluntary teachers amounting to 20,065. . . . . It is stated that two millions of children and adults have passed through the Schools, assisted by the Society, since the date of its establishment, and that 1,402,039 Bibles and Testaments have been put into circulation; large numbers of which have passed into the families of Roman Catholics."

Now we call your attention to our own Auxiliary, circumstances connected with it, and the Branches.

We may state with regard to the Auxiliary that the Collector has received from the Subscribers $502.25, and that from the Depository during the year 1863, 714 Bibles and 662 Testaments have been sold to the Branches, 312 Bibles and 280 Testaments have been given to Sunday Schools and the Poor, and 706 Bibles and 1044 Testaments have been sold for cash. There remain in the Depository at present 929 Bibles and 1375 Testaments.

We take pleasure in stating that early in 1863 a donation of twenty dollars was sent to our Auxiliary by Henry Livingston, Esq., of Richibucto, and we therefore enroll his name among the Life Members.

We have also much pleasure in recording in our Report, that $5.53 were sent as a donation to our Auxiliary, early in 1863, by Mr. T. E. M'Donald of Wickham, which, he said, were pleasantly given by members of his musical class.

We have also to state that in April 1863, $47.84 were sent from the St. Stephen Branch by the Treasurer, Robert Watson, Esq. Of these $11.17 were subscriptions, and the others from Mr. Grant and Mr. Boardman, the Depositaries, for Bibles and Testaments sold. This communication came too late for publication in our former Report, and we therefore insert it now, and place the list in our Appendix.

From A. R. M'Clellan, Esq., the President of the Hope-

well and Harvey Branch, a letter was received, in which he states, with sorrowful feeling, that the Branch has not yet held any meeting, but, at the same time, he sent, to our satisfaction, twenty dollars as a donation from himself, to our Auxiliary Society, and therefore we insert his name among our Life Members.

We insert, also, among our Life Members, the name of T. B. Barker, Esq., a member of our Committee, who has given a donation of twenty dollars to our Auxiliary.

We will now give you a statement of the donations and reports which have arrived from very active and diligent Branches. But previous to that, let us mention, with gratitude, that thirty-three dollars have been received from St. Mark's Church Sunday School, to be sent to the Parent Society for the purpose of supplying Bibles and Testaments to the Schools in Jerusalem, under the care of Bishop Gobat. This donation is somewhat larger than that of the preceding year, and we have great cause to express thankfulness to the Minister of that Church, whose attendance to the work of the Bible Society has been always remarkable.

The St. John Ladies' Bible Association merits our sincere thankfulness, for it continues ardent and faithful. The Lady Collectors have all done their duty within the proper time, and it is pleasing to know that, under the President's order, meetings have often taken place for the consideration of the duties incumbent upon them. The subscriptions collected now amount to $690.41, a sum superior to every preceding collection.

We gladly refer our readers to the list of the Subscribers of this Association in the Appendix, and especially to the letter of the Secretary, Miss Allan, in which several statements are made, worthy of our high commendation, and especially what she has stated with regard to the late President, Miss Kinnear, who was removed from this world a few months ago.

From the Hon. D. Wark, of Richibucto, twenty dollars came for the purpose of procuring some particular Bibles, and in his letter he mentioned that a report and donation would ere long be sent from the Ladies' Association.

We are glad to mention that the Report arrived with the list of Contributors, immediately after the above statement was written. "I am happy to inform you," says Mr. Wark, in his letter with the Report, "that the Ladies have set apart

$140 as a free contribution to the Parent Society." And he adds this, "I propose adding a donation of twenty dollars, which will make the sum to be remitted $160. The sum arrived shortly after. This Ladies' Association causes us much to rejoice. There are no less than nineteen Lady Collectors recorded in the Report. This employment is so beneficial that we wish them much benefit and joy from the Holy and Divine Author of the Holy Book, to the circulation of which they give much attention.

From the Sheffield Branch a very interesting Report was sent. It gives notice of a public meeting, at which several Ministers were present, who moved and seconded important resolutions. Six Lady Collectors are mentioned, whose work indeed was famous. All the dollars in possession of the Treasurer were, in consequence, $188.08; and the result was, that $148 should be sent as a donation to the Parent Society, and $39.08 devoted to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments. For your satisfaction, we make a reference to the Report of this Branch in our Appendix.

From the Hampton and Lower Norton Branch, we have received $100 as a donation to the Parent Society. We advise our readers to look at its Report in the Appendix, and they shall find no less than twenty Lady Collectors. The late President died, and the Rev. James Gray occupies his place. This gentleman is truly sincere, and under his presidency we believe the Branch will continue fervent and successful.

From the Upham Branch, the Rev. J. R. Lawson, President, brought a donation of eighty-five dollars for the Parent Society. To the reverend gentleman we are greatly indebted, for he is not only useful to his own Branch, but to some others, especially those of Black River and Cambridge. The Upham Branch list of Subscribers you will find in the Appendix.

The Lancaster Branch, according to its Report, is very diligent. Many things concerning it are worthy of attention, and, on that account, we advise you to read its Report. The Lady Collectors are twelve in number, and prove very efficient and diligent. The donation is eighty-three dollars.

The Sackville Branch has greatly improved. The Treasurer has sent double of what was sent last year, as a donation to

the Parent Society—that is, eighty dollars. We cannot be too thankful for such an excellent proceeding. Let us hope that this great attention will continue, and that the result among the people in that quarter will be a sincere love to the Holy Bible, from which they will derive not only comfort in time, but the blessed anticipation of everlasting life. The Report is worthy of attention; on that account we advise our readers to examine it in the Appendix. Among other things it will be pleasant to find six Lady Collectors, who prove very efficient, and are well engaged in duty.

We have a Report from the Cambridge Branch, in which there are some pleasant assertions which give us delight. The subscriptions amounting to eighty-two dollars and thirty-one cents, have been sent to us as a donation to the Parent Society. We have great cause to rejoice in this remarkable increase. Four Collectors were employed, and to them we are very grateful.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Sussex Vale Branch, in which, among other things, it is stated to our satisfaction, that eighty dollars have been obtained, and that in a short time they will be sent to our Treasurer, as a donation to the Parent Society. To our satisfaction this truly occurred, and we refer you now to the list of Collectors and Subscribers in the Appendix.

We are glad to mention that we have received from the St. Stephen Branch for 1863, a Report containing lists of Subscribers and statements from the Depositaries regarding the sales of Bibles and Testaments. And, what leads us greatly to rejoice, a sum of $142.65 was sent, of which $83.23 were the sum of subscriptions, and the balance, the amount that was obtained by the sale of Bibles and Testaments. We refer our readers to the Appendix, where the report is published.

From Shediac an interesting Report has been received, and a donation of $77 for the Parent Society, which greatly exceeds that of the former year. "We trust," says the Secretary in a private letter, "that the Bible cause is prospering among us." We are of that opinion too, and it gratifies us to find that this Branch is desirous of having Ministers to preach and advocate the cause of the Bible Society. We refer to their Report in the Appendix, in which you will find, among other things, that six Ladies are employed in gathering subscriptions.

The Report of the Carleton Branch gives us much pleasure. The annual meeting was attended by several Ministers, who all spoke handsomely in favor of Bible circulation. The amount collected by two Lady Collectors, was sent to our Treasurer, amounting to $74.55.

The Petersville Branch comes next to our view. Its Report is charming. The Lady Collectors are six in number, and the subscriptions they have received, far exceed those of the preceding year. According to statement, the Branch had, at a meeting of the Committee after the annual meeting, in the hands of the Treasurer, $72.44, and the Treasurer was requested to send $60 as a donation to the Parent Society, and the remaining part for Bibles and Testaments. This has been accomplished, and we have great reason, on that account, to express our gratitude to that Branch.

The Moncton Branch, we are glad to say, continues ardent in its duty. It has four active Lady Collectors, whose collections amounted to $51.25, of which there were sent $48 as a donation to the Parent Society.

The Chipman Branch has sent us a pleasing Report, and with it a donation of $40, which were collected by six pleasant Lady Collectors.

From the St. Andrews Branch a donation of $40 has been sent to our Treasurer for the Parent Society.

From the Studholm Branch a list of subscribers has been received, and a donation of $40 for the Parent Society.

From Richmond Branch $40 were sent to our Treasurer, $36 of which were given as a free donation, and the other four for Bibles and Testaments. Though this amount is somewhat inferior to that of last year, we express our thankfulness to the members of the committee for their attention to duty.

An excellent Report has also come from the Grand Lake Branch, with a promise of $36.55, which have been collected by four male collectors. The promise has been fulfilled. In the Appendix you will find the report, which is worthy of sincere perusal.

Along with a letter which we received from Rev. J. R. Lawson, of Barnesville, there is, as well as some statements about the Upham Branch, a Report of the Black River Branch, from which a donation of $38 had been previously sent to our Treasurer. This you will find in the Appendix.

Next we give you a statement of the Lepreau Branch, which has four Lady Collectors. To our great satisfaction its donation to the Parent Society, amounting to $35, is greater than that of last year. It has also $19.19 which will be devoted to the purchase of Scriptures. We have great cause to be thankful to this branch, and this you will observe by reading its Report in the Appendix.

From the Springfield Branch, along with the list of subscribers, we have received a donation of $32.55, which had been collected by five zealous young ladies.

From the Hampstead Branch a donation of $25.15, along with the list of subscribers, was sent. A hope is expressed by the writer that in time to come the amount of subscription will be greater than it is now. We are thankful to him for that expression.

From the New Jerusalem Branch we have received, as usual, a very good Report. The three Lady Collectors have done their duty well, and the result has been a donation of $24 to the Parent Society. We are thankful to the Committee for their attention to duty.

From Clifton Branch a Report was received and a donation of $30 for the Parent Society. This gives us much pleasure, and we hope that this branch will continue faithful every succeeding year. We refer our readers to the report and list of subscribers in the Appendix.

From Rev. H. J. M'Lardy we received a letter, with the Report of the Northampton Branch, and a donation of $27 for the Parent Society. Thankful we are to this rev. gentleman, for his attendance to this branch. At the close of his letter he says, to our great joy, "For the future I will make it my business to see that the annual meeting takes place in time."

From the Branch called the Lower Sussex, Studholm, and Upper Norton, a Report has been received with a donation of $23.28, which had been collected by three lady collectors.

From the Branch in Kingston, King's County, a donation of $20.89 has been received by our Treasurer for the Parent Society.

With regard to the Brunswick and Havelock Branch, we have received from its President, John Hagarty, Esq., two letters, the first full of promise, and the second the fulfilment of the promise. In that we rejoice. The donation amounts to

$20, with regard to which he is sorry that it is not greater. The following extract we give from his second letter:

"I have the satisfaction of knowing that our immediate vicinity is well supplied with copies of the Scriptures. Family Bibles are however asked, for which we intend to provide. And on the whole, we have reason to be encouraged, and with more exertion on the part of our Branch we have no doubt of obtaining better results in future."

From the Secretary of the Botsford Branch Bible Society $20 have been received as a donation. This is a new Branch. Its formation took place on the 2d of March, 1863, and among its assistants were the President and Secretary of the Shediac Branch, to whom we are very thankful for their kindness in this matter. Along with the donation and list of subscribers, we received also a letter from Joseph Avard, Esq., the President, the following part of which we present to you:

"There are but few English families in this section of the Parish, and the roads were so drifted up, when we held our meeting, it was impossible to travel any distance: the few present were mostly youths. It was the intention to have held another meeting in the centre of the parish, where the people are all Protestant, and I think, we should have met with good support, but early in the Spring I lost my health, and have been unable to attend any public meeting.—I am partially restored, and hope, as soon as the travelling is good, to hold another meeting, and trust we shall be able to report our Branch in a more efficient state next year."

The Hillsborough Branch has given us much pleasure in sending us a report with a donation of $17.21 for the Parent Society. We have reason to believe that it will continue faithful in its duty.

From the Greenwich Branch $16.36, with list of subscribers. Collections were made by three lady collectors.

From the Milkish Branch, we have received a donation for the Parent Society of $14.72. We are thankful to the President, whose zeal, in the cause of Bible circulation, has maintained this branch from the early period in which it was formed. His report, on every occasion, has been worthy of our attention.

From the Wakefield Branch a donation of seven dollars and thirty-five cents has been received.

From the Buctouche Branch a donation of six dollars has been received.

From the Secretary of the Dorchester Branch we received a letter, in which he says, "I regret that it is not in my power to send you any Report from our Branch Bible Society for the past year. . . . . We have, however, determined to

do better for the future, and I hope to have the pleasure of forwarding to you before your next Annual Report, a better account of the Dorchester Branch." This statement of the Secretary gives us pleasure, and we hope what is said will be fully realized.

In conclusion, we may declare unto you that the Parent Society's Report is most remarkable in all its parts, and that the extracts we have made are but few in comparison with all that are comprised in it. However, we consider them so valuable, that we desire our readers to read them again and again, that the impression they make upon them, may continue a long time in their minds, and bring unto them the consolation which the Holy Spirit gives unto every one, whose heart, under the Spirit's influence, is rectified and made subject to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We also find it right now to celebrate our Branch Societies. Such as have sent their correspondence give a full display of their love to Bible circulation; and lady collectors who are employed in most of them, give full manifestation of their desire to make known the Living and True God, salvation in Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, of which the Word of God is the sure foundation. In the contemplation of this desirable thing, we have cause also to rejoice in the formation of the New Branch in Botsford Parish, which was greatly assisted by the President and Secretary of the Shediac Branch; and we have cause also to wish that the Branch Societies at Tobique, Florenceville, Blissville and Buctouche, which had been awakened to some concern by Mr. Isaac Smith, who acted as our agent in 1862, but have yet had no correspondence with us, may be brought to a knowledge of their duty as branch supporters of Bible dissemination. The Branches of Gagetown, Salisbury and Grand Falls, have become inactive, as far as we know. Glad would we be, if under pious consideration, they would be stirred up to activity.

The great object of the Bible Society is to give circulation of the Bible throughout the whole world. But, behold! what good is effected by the blessing of the Lord on that circulation. Many, through that blessing, are brought from infidelity—many from heathenism—many from popery, and many from Jewish unbelief. This is a glorious issue of the Work—and it leads us to believe that the Bible Society had its first ordination by inspiration from God,—and, as it increases every

year, more and more, notwithstanding the indifference of many, and the opposition of some, we are led to believe that it is a particular work of God, and that it will be upheld and employed by Him, until the prominent event takes place, namely, the gathering of the Jews with the people of the Gentiles; and then our Lord Jesus will reign supreme, having the kingdoms of the earth as His own Kingdom, and His people in union with His Power. Grateful, then, we are to the subscribers of our Auxiliary, and to the collectors and subscribers of our Ladies' Association, but more grateful we are to God, under whose providential care these things all take place; and thus it is that error is dismayed, and truth made known, satanic influence demolished, and the glory of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, promoted.

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APPENDIX.

SAINT JOHN LADIES' BRANCH.

PRESIDENT.

MRS. GEORGE M. ARMSTRONG.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

MISS MARY M. ALLAN.

COLLECTORS IN 1863.

MISS L. KINNEAR, MISS C. NICHOLS,
MRS. MACDOUGALL, MRS. T. HANFORD,
MISS MILLIDGE, MRS. C. MCLAUCHLAN.

IN PORTLAND.

MRS. SWABEY, MRS. A. H. TRAVIS,
MISS C. GARBY, MISS M. E. CUNARD,
MISS E. C. MILLIDGE.

REPORT.

The blessing of Almighty God, which has been continued to this Association during the year that has passed, calls for devout thankfulness. Pursuing its ordinary routine of labour, few changes or incidents are likely to call for notice. Its collectors have been untiring in their zeal and perseverance. Their returns are $690.41, exceeding those of the previous year by $92. It is a pleasing reflection that, while business has prospered in our community, so many have remembered who giveth them power to get wealth, and have contributed largely toward the circulation of *that Book* which is to be instrumental in bringing in the day when God's dear Son shall not only be a light to lighten the Gentiles, but also the glory of His people Israel.

The Association has just been called to mourn the loss of a valued member, Miss Kinnear. Connected with it from its formation, an indefatigable collector, also ably filling the offices of Secretary and President, the latter for fifteen years,

only resigning a short time since, when her strength would no longer admit of her discharging its duties. To the close of her life she took the deepest interest in every thing connected with the Association. Its members *have reason* to feel they have lost a friend; but they sorrow not without hope: for those that sleep in Jesus, are released from the cares and sorrows of this transitory life, and entering into the joy of their Lord, join that blessed company of whom it is written, "They shall see His face."

Quarterly meetings have been held during the year, which have been well attended. May our prayer ever be, that the Lord may incline and enable each and all of us to discharge, with faithfulness, every duty devolving upon us as members of a Bible Association, and continually ascribe unto His blessed name all honor, and glory, and praise.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss L. Kinnear.

Atchison, Mrs.	$0 50	Craig, Mrs.	$0 50	Gerow, Mrs.	$1 00
Armstrong, Mrs. W.	2 00	Clinton, Mrs.	1 00	Grant, Mrs.	1 00
Armstrong, J.	50	Chubb, Miss	1 00	Grant, Mrs. J. M.	60
Balloch, Mrs.	1 00	Davies & Marshall,	1 50	Gillis, Miss	40
Bayard, Mrs. R.	2 00	Daniel, Mrs.	2 00	Garbutt, Mrs.	1 00
Bayard, Mrs. E.	1 00	Daniel, Miss	1 00	Garbutt, Mr.	1 00
Bates, Mrs.	50	Dockerill, Mrs.	1 00	Graves, Mrs.	1 00
Brewer, Mrs. M. T.	1 00	Dickson, Miss	1 00	Gardner, Mrs.	1 00
Brewer, Mr. M. T.	2 00	Durant, Mrs.	50	Hare, Miss	1 00
Barnes, Mrs.	50	Debell, Miss	50	Hennigar, Mrs.	1 00
Bisset, Mrs.	50	Deerness, Mrs.	50	Harrington, Mrs.	50
Brittain, Mrs.	1 00	Dudney, Mrs.	50	Huyghue, Mrs.	1 00
Bedell, Mrs. I. L.	1 00	Duncan, Miss	50	Huyghue, Miss M.	1 00
Bedell, Miss E.	1 00	Donation,	1 00	Harding, Mrs.	1 00
Brown, Mrs.	1 50	Everitt, Mr. G. R.	50	Horner, Mrs.	50
Bunsworth, Miss	50	Ennis, Mrs.	1 00	Harrison, Mrs.	1 00
Barr, Mrs. T. G.	50	Eaton, Miss	1 00	Hancock, Mrs.	1 00
Boyne, Mrs.	1 00	Elder, Mrs.	1 00	Hastings, Mrs. J.	1 00
Brookfield, Mrs.	1 00	Evans, Mrs.	50	Jack, Mrs. W.	2 00
Bellmore, Miss	1 00	Frith, Mrs. H. W.	1 00	Jack, Mrs. H.	2 00
Bill, Mrs.	1 00	Frith, Mrs. F. C. K.	1 00	Jordan, Mrs. D.	70
Crookshank, Mrs. R. W. Jun.	4 00	Francis, Mrs.	1 00	Johnston, Mrs. H.	2 00
Cruikshank, Mrs. R.	60	Fiske, Mrs.	1 00	Kinnear, Mrs. J.	1 00
Cowper, Mrs.	1 20	Ferguson, Mrs.	1 20	Kinnear, Miss S.	1 00
Cudlip, Mrs. J. W.	1 00	Fisher, Mrs.	50	Kinnear, Mr. J.	50
Clarke, Mrs.	54	Fisher, Mrs. C.	50	Kinnear, Master B. O.	50
Clarke, Miss	50	Friend,	50	Kirk, Mr.	1 00
Causey, Mrs.	48	Friend,	50	Knowlton, Mrs.	50
Campbell, Miss	50	Friend,	1 00	Lewis, Mrs.	1 00
		Gray, Mrs. I. W. D.	1 00	Livingstone, Mrs.	1 00
		Gilbert, Mrs. G. G.	1 00	Laugkner, Mrs. sen.	50

Laughner, Mrs. jr.	$0 50
McAuley, Miss	50
McAlary, Mrs.	50
McAvity, Miss	50
McNichol, Mrs.	1 00
McMillan, Mrs. J.	1 00
McKay, Mr. H.	1 00
McLaughlin, MrsDJ	1 00
McFarlane, Mrs.	1 00
McKeene, Mrs.	40
Magee, Miss	1 00
Marvin, Mrs J.	1 00
Magee, Mrs. J.	1 00
Mahoney, Mrs.	1 00
Mahoney, Mrs. J.	50
Nagle, Mrs.	60
Nixon, Mrs.	75
Owens, Mrs.	1 00
Oldrive, Mrs.	50
Parker, Mrs.	2 00
Pettingell, Mrs.	1 00
Peters, Mrs. C. J.	1 00
Porter, Mrs.	50
Pike, Mrs. W.	60
Petrie, Mr.	1 00
Pike, Mrs.	32
Price, Mrs.	30
Pearcey, Mrs.	50
Robinson, Mrs.G.D.	4 00
Robinson, Mrs. B.	2 00
Robinson, Mrs. W. H.	2 00
Robinson, Mrs.J.M.	1 00
Reed, Mrs. T.	1 00
RobertsonMrs. W. A	1 00
Robertson, Mrs. D.	1 00
Robertson, Mrs. W. A. jun.	1 00
Rand, Mrs.	60
Ranton, Mrs. T.	1 00
Riley, Mrs.	60
Richardson, Mrs.	50
Steeves, Mrs.	1 00
Seely, Mrs. D. J.	1 00
Spurr, Mrs.	35
Simonds, Miss	2 00
Sandall, Mrs.	1 00
Seeds, Mrs.	1 00
Seely, Mrs. R.	1 00
Seely, Mrs. W.	2 00
Sears, Mrs. R. S.	1 00
Stevenson, Mrs.	2 00
Stewart, Mrs.	50

Sutton, Mrs.	$0 70
Shortland, Mrs.	1 00
Sears, Mrs. J.	1 00
Smith, Mrs.	55
Stevenson, Miss	1 00
Sibley, Mrs.	40
Spain, Mrs.	50
St. James Church Sunday School,	2 00
Thomson, Miss	2 00
Talent, Mrs.	50
Turner, Mrs.	50
Urquhart, Mrs.	60
Venning, Mrs.	1 00
Vaughan, Mrs.	1 00
Whitley, Mrs.	50
Webber, Mrs.	50
Williams, Mrs.	1 00
Whiteside, Mrs.	1 00
Woodstock, Mrs.	1 00
Wedderburn, Mrs.	1 00
Welch, Mrs.	50
Wright, Mrs. J.	50
Sales of Bibles,	13 90
Collected in small sums,	6 16
	$174 98

Collected by Mrs. McDougall.

Armstrong, Mrs. G. M.	$2 00
Almond, Mrs.	2 00
Anning, Mr. G. W.	2 00
Appleby, Mrs.	1 00
Alves, Mrs.	1 00
Adams, Mrs W H	90
Alward, Mrs	40
Albin, Mrs J	20
Allen, Mrs C	20
Armstrong, Mrs R	1 00
Adams, Mrs J A	1 00
Allen, Mrs H	70
A B	60
A S	20
Botsford, Mrs	1 00
Barlow, Mrs	1 00
Barlow, Miss H E	1 00
Barlow, Miss J B	1 00
Burpee, Mrs	1 00
Browne, Mrs J P	1 00
Bradley, Mrs W L	1 00

Bradshaw, Mrs	$1 00
Bryant, Mrs	52
Bryant, Miss	50
Brass, Mrs E J	60
Browne, Mrs J	30
Bowes, Mrs A G	25
Baker, Mrs	12
Bruce, Mrs	40
Boyer, Mrs S	24
Blair, Mrs J	24
Brundage, Mrs T	50
Bird, Mr J	1 00
Balcom, Mrs E	59
Browne, Mrs G	1 00
Berry, Mrs J B	20
B	60
Bowen, Mrs R	25
Bourke, Mrs John	20
Boys,	20
Bible,	19
Boyne, Mrs T	50
Boyd, Mrs J	25
B	30
Burch, Mrs	20
Carvell, Mrs L	1 00
Crozier, Mrs R G	1 00
Caulkins, Mr & Mrs	1 50
Canby, Miss	1 00
Christy, Mrs J	1 00
Card, Mrs H	50
Corbitt, Mrs S	60
Coleman, Mrs R	60
Collins, Mrs D	50
Carson, Mr	50
Cook, Mrs J	25
Crofford, Mrs F	20
Campbell, Mrs P	25
Campbell, Mrs D	25
Crosby, Mrs H B	50
Cash,	20
C	25
Clarke, Mrs	24
Coleman, Mrs F	1 00
Cathcart, Mrs D	25
Cents,	12
Daniel, Mrs T W	2 00
Deveber, Mrs R S	1 00
Deveber, Mrs L H	1 00
Deveber, Mrs B	1 00
Deveber, Mrs W	1 00
Daniels, Mrs W H	1 00
Disbrow, Mrs	1 00

Demill, Mrs N S	$1 00
Dickson, Mrs C	1 00
Donation,	25
Dickson, Mr & Mrs R S	2 00
Dickson, Mrs S	50
Davison, Miss	50
Duval, Miss	1 00
Day, Mrs G W	30
Davis, Mrs A	24
Donaghee, Mrs J	20
Deacon, Mrs W F	25
Drury, Miss J	26
Drury, Mrs E	50
Davison, Mrs W	25
Dunham, Mrs	25
Everitt, Mrs T C	1 00
Easterbrooks, Mrs	1 00
Elder, Mrs A	25
Ervin, Mrs W	25
E D	50
Fairweather, Mrs F J	1 00
Fairweather, Mrs C H	1 00
Fairweather, Mrs E	1 00
Fairweather, Mrs C E	60
Flemming, Mrs G	1 00
Foster, Mrs S K jun	50
Friend,	1 00
Friend,	1 00
Frazer, Mrs Thomas	50
Fitzpatrick, Mrs	60
Friend,	40
Frost, Miss S C	50
Fallis, Mrs W	40
Finley, Mrs W	40
Finley, Mrs R	50
Finley, Mr & Mrs J	1 00
Gilbert, Mr	4 00
Gregory, Mr R	1 00
Gillis, Mrs J	1 00
Gillis, Miss	1 00
Gibbs, Mr J	1 50
Girvan, Mrs	1 00
Gove, Mrs J	1 00
Gerow, Mrs S	1 00
Gass, Mrs T	1 00
Gunn, Mrs T	20
Gay, Mrs A	50
Gibson, Mrs	20
Harding, Mrs J A	1 00
Harding, Mrs W S	1 00
Hatheway, Mrs F W	1 00
Hatheway, Mrs T G	$0 60
Hartt, J W	1 00
Hunt, Mrs	1 00
Howe, Miss	1 00
Howe, Master A W	1 00
Howe, Master J	50
Hatheway, Mrs	1 00
Hubbard, Miss	1 00
Hale, Mrs	50
H S.	50
Hannah, Mrs	35
Hall, Mrs W H	50
Horton, Mrs	60
Howard, Miss F A (Quaco)	58
Hanselpecker, Mrs	20
Heber, Mr	50
Heber, Mr D	25
Hicks, Mrs T	20
Haws, Miss	20
Hipwell, Mrs H	50
Heffer, Mrs J	1 00
Jardine, Mrs R	1 00
Jardine, Mrs A	1 00
Jenkins, Mrs J	50
Jordan, Mrs W	50
Jones, Mrs E	40
Jameson, Mrs J S	40
Johnston, Miss	1 50
Jones, Mrs R	25
Johnston, Mrs R	25
Johnson, Miss	30
Kinnear, Miss	2 00
Keoban, Mrs J	40
Kearns, Mrs	20
Kirkpatrick, ——	20
Lawton, Mrs W G	1 50
Leonard, Mrs R	1 00
Leonard, Mrs W C	50
Leavitt, Mrs W	1 00
Love, Mrs T	32
Lemont, Mrs	30
L ngley, Mrs J	20
Lynch, Miss	24
Lasceiles, Mrs E	50
Lunn, Mrs W	50
L A F	20
McCarthy, Mrs	1 00
McDonald, Mrs H	50
McGregor, Mrs D	50
Mitchell, Mrs	1 00
Mills, Mrs W	1 00
Main, Mrs	$1 00
Main, Mrs T	0 60
Mires, Mr & Mrs	2 00
McLahand, Mr	50
Miller, Mrs T	30
Mitchel, Mrs D	24
Moran, Mrs C	20
McKay, Mrs W	25
Mercer, Mrs J	50
Mullin, Mrs J	50
Mahood, Mrs	25
Melick, Mrs J	50
Morrison, Mrs G	25
McDonald, Mrs D	25
McPherson, Mrs	25
McKissick, Mrs	24
Murdock, Mrs	20
McKenzie, Mrs J	24
McKay, Mrs J	34
McArthur, Mrs J	50
March, Mrs J	50
McKay, Mrs W	22
Millin, Mrs D	20
McDonald, Mrs C C	1 00
Maclean, Mrs J	1 00
Marshall, Mr and Mrs J R	2 00
Machinist,	5 00
Magee, Mrs A	75
McCall, Mrs W	25
McElhiney, Mrs	20
McDade, Mrs	20
Mills, Mrs J	24
Nicholson, Mrs A W	1 00
Nelson, Miss	1 00
Nichol, Mrs G	20
Nevins, Mrs	20
Perkins, Mrs D C	1 00
Perkins, Mrs A S	1 00
Perkins, Mrs H	50
Perkins, Mrs D H	50
Patterson, Mrs	1 00
Price, Mrs R	50
Peacock, Mrs A	50
Polley, Mrs R	1 00
Peters, Mrs W	50
Parkenson, Mrs P M	50
Pullin, Mrs J	25
Phillips, Mrs	50
Paterson, Mrs S	50
Peters, Miss Ida	20
Palmer, Mrs	44

Ruel, Mrs	$4 00
Robertson, Mrs J	4 00
Rankine, Mrs A	50
Ross, Mrs J	60
Reed, Mrs T M	1 00
Ritchie, Mrs	48
Ross, Mrs	50
Ring, Mrs Z	1 00
Rodgers, Mrs	50
Rowe, Miss	20
Robinson, Mrs J	50
Stevenson, Mrs	1 00
Starr, Mrs	1 00
Scammell, Mrs	1 00
Scammell, Mrs W J	1 00
Smith, Mrs W F	1 00
Smith, Mrs T B	1 00
Shives, Mr R	1 60
S J	1 00
Service, Miss	1 00
Small, Mr & Mrs W	1 00
Sinnott, Miss	50
Stead, Mrs	50
Sinclair, Mrs P	50
Sinclair, Mrs N	25
Stewart, Mrs A	50
Steven, Mrs W	1 00
Scovil, Mrs S G	1 00
Stewart, Mrs J	1 00
Secord, Mrs	50
Smith, Mrs J	25
Stevenson, Mrs D	25
Sprague, Mrs A	20
Scovil, Mrs J	57
Smith, Mrs	20
Turnbull, Mrs W W	1 00
Trafton, Mrs J	1 00
Thorn, Mrs	52
Thurgar, Mrs	1 00
Tilton, Mrs J	50
Treadwell, Mrs	1 00
Thompson, Mrs W	1 00
Turner, Mrs	50
Thompson, Mrs R	25
Taylor, Mrs J	1 00
Taylor, Mrs J P	50
Taylor, Mrs	30
Testament,	10
Whittaker, Mrs	1 00
Winters, Mrs	1 00
Waterbury, Mrs G	1 00
Waterbury, Mrs D	1 00
Whiting Mrs J W T	$1 00
White, Mrs G	1 00
White, Mrs J E	1 00
White, Mrs S	50
W Mrs	40
Williams, Mrs G	43
Wright, Mrs W	1 00
Watts, Mrs A R	50
W, H	25
White, Mrs C	50
Watt, Mrs J B	24
Willis, Mrs	30
Watson, Mrs	20
Williams, Mrs G	24
Wiseman, Mrs	20
Willis, Mrs W	24
Wilson, Mrs	2 00
Walch, Miss	40
Walker, Mrs C	50
Whitmore, Mrs M	50
Wilson, Mrs	30
Whelpley, Mrs	1 00
Small sums,	3 96
Interest,	3 31
	$216 93

Collected by Miss Millidge.

Anderson, Mrs	$1 00
Ansley, Mrs John	1 00
Ansley, Mrs B	1 00
Allan, Miss	1 00
Breeze, Mrs	1 00
Burns, Mrs J	1 00
Bayard, Mrs S	1 00
Crookshank, Miss K	4 00
Daniel, Mrs A	1 00
Dawson, Mrs	48
Deforest, Mrs	1 00
Frazer, Mrs John	1 00
Gilchrist, Mrs	1 00
Gimber, Mrs	1 00
Gilmore, Mrs	1 00
Hall, Mrs S	1 00
Hardenbrook, Mrs	50
Humbert, Mrs J	1 00
Hawkins, Mrs	25
Hall, Mrs	1 00
Horsfall, Mrs	1 00
Haws, Mr & Mrs J (Miramichi)	4 25
Jenkins, Mrs	1 00
King, Mrs G	$1 00
Kay, Mrs	0 25
King, Mrs	1 00
Millar, Mrs	1 00
Matthew, Mrs G	50
McMorran, Mrs	1 00
McLean, Mrs	1 00
McLeod, Mrs G	1 00
McLeod, Miss	4 00
Milligan, Mrs J	25
Macaskey, Mrs	1 00
Munroe, Mr J	4 00
Millidge, Miss	1 00
Milligan, Mrs R	1 00
Osgood, Mrs	48
Patton, Mrs	1 00
Pritchard, Mrs	1 00
Robinson, Mrs C	60
Rawleigh, Mrs	2 00
Ray, Mrs G T	1 00
Storms, Mrs D	50
Storms, Mrs J	1 00
Scott, Mrs	50
Sheraton, Mrs R	1 00
Sheraton, Miss	1 00
Stymest, Mrs	1 00
Sandall, Mrs	1 00
Smith, Mrs John	1 00
Sulis, Mrs J	33
Trueman, Mrs	1 00
Thomson, Mrs R	1 00
Troop, Mrs	1 00
Vernon, Mrs J	1 00
Wiggins, Mrs S	4 00
Whitney, Mrs C	1 00
Whitney, Mrs J A	1 00
Whitney, Mrs G W	1 00
Walker, Mrs J	2 00
Worrell, Mrs	50
Weldon, Mrs C W	1 00
A Friend.	1 00
	$74 39

Collected by Miss C. Nichols.

Abrams, Miss	$1 00
Armstrong, Mrs J	1 00
Boyd, Mrs	1 00
Berton, Mrs Wm	1 00
Berton, Mrs S D	1 00
Broome, Miss	1 00
Bovey, Mrs	1 00
Benson, Mrs	50

Barnes, Mrs J W	$1 00
Crookshank, Mrs M	1 00
Foster, Mrs A	1 00
Fotherby, Mrs	1 00
Fraser, Mrs	40
Fenety, Mrs	40
Friend,	40
Hazen, Miss	4 00
Hall, Mrs	60
Howard, Mrs	50
Jones, Mrs T R	50
Knox, Mrs	48
Keltie, Mrs	1 00
Lèmont, Mr	30
Lawton, Mrs C	1 00
Mount, Mrs	25
Melick, Mrs C	1 00
Moore, Mrs	25
McLean, Mrs A	1 00
McKay, Mrs	1 00
McKenzie, Mrs	50
McGinley, Mrs	30
McLauchlan, Mrs	25
McFetters, Mrs	25
P Mrs	50
Parks, Mrs T	60
Purdy, Mrs J D	1 00
Purinton, Mrs	1 00
Robinson, Mrs S	1 00
Risk, Mrs	50
Robinson, Mrs T M	50
Spurr, Mrs	2 00
Smith, Mrs T M	50
Stewart, Mrs L	1 00
Spillar, Mrs	1 00
Smith, Mrs J	1 00
Short, Mrs	40
Stevens, Mrs D B	1 00
Steel, Mrs	40
Titus, Mrs	50
Thompson, Mrs	20
Underhill, Mrs D J	1 00
Vaughan, Mrs	25
Wilson, Mrs	50
Wasson, Mrs C	20
Collected in small sums,	1 09
	$42 02

Collected by Mrs. T. Hanford.

Bayles, Mrs	$0 30
Berryman, Mrs	$1 00
Blood, Miss	50
Bustin, Mrs C	1 00
Cotter, Mrs	50
Durland, Mrs	50
Dearness, Mrs	50
Fry, Mrs	50
Gaynor, Mrs	1 00
Griffin, Mrs	10
Harrison, Mrs C	50
Hay, Mrs John	50
Hay, Mrs G	50
Houle, Mrs	35
Hevenor, Mrs	12
Hanford, Mrs T	1 00
James, Mrs F	1 00
Lockhart, Mrs C D	40
Logan, Mrs W	60
Lester, Mrs	50
Lordly, Mrs	50
Morrison, Mrs	55
Millar, Mrs	10
Mowatt, Mrs	50
Meech, Mrs	20
McKay, Mrs W	1 00
Nelson, Mrs	20
Oliver, Miss	1 00
Perry, Mrs	1 00
Pine, Mrs J G	1 00
Wood, Mrs	25
A little girl,	5
	$17 72

Coll'ted by Mrs. C. M'Lauchlan.

Austen, Mrs	$0 50
Armstrong, Mrs J	1 00
Brood, Mrs W	1 00
Brown, Mrs S	1 00
Barker, Mrs T	1 00
Bayard, Mrs W	1 00
Bently, Miss	2 00
Camal, Mrs P	1 00
Disbrow, Mrs J W	1 00
Davidson, Mrs W	1 00
Drake, Mrs G	1 00
Elliott, Mrs	1 00
Esty, Mrs S B	50
Fellows, Mrs J	1 00
Frost, Mrs	1 00
Forster, Mrs T A D	1 00
Foster, Mrs S K sen	1 00
Hatheway, Mrs JC	$1 00
Keator, Mrs J	1 00
Keator, Mr G E S	1 00
Lawton, Mrs J	1 00
Leavitt, Miss	1 00
Lawton, Mrs E	24
Maxwell, Mrs	20
McGrath, Mrs	1 00
McLauchlan, Mrs C	1 00
McFarlane, Mrs	24
Olive, Mrs W H	1 00
Peters, Mrs B L	1 00
Peters, Miss S J	1 00
Price, Mrs B	50
Palmer, Mrs C E	50
Sears, Mrs R	1 00
Smith, Mrs	1 00
Spillar, Mrs	25
Vernon, Miss	1 00
Wiggins, Mrs F A	2 00
Young, Mrs	1 00
	$34 93

Collected by Mrs. McDougall for Mrs. Swabey.

Allen, Mrs J	$1 00
Allen, Mrs	50
Andrews, Mrs J	1 00
Belyea, Mrs J	22
Beek, Mrs J H	1 00
Byers, Mrs	25
Baker, Mrs J	50
Bernard, Mrs	12
Belyea, Mrs	12
Campbell, Mrs J	30
Campbell, Mrs A	25
Charley,	24
Cormack, Mrs P	50
Cumming, Mrs J	24
Crew, Mrs D	14
Cents,	37
do	23
Duncan, Mrs J	1 00
Frazer, Mrs	15
Floyd, Mrs	20
Friend,	1 50
Founds, Mrs C	20
Graham, (widow)	20
Henry,	24
Harris, Mrs J	1 00
Humbert, Mrs F C	1 00

H D C	$0 25
Jordan, Mrs J	1 00
Jordan, Mrs G	50
Ketchum, Mrs J	40
Kenney, Mrs J	39
Lindsay, Mrs A	40
Little, Mrs J	22
Maynes, Mrs	30
Morrison, Mrs J	30
McKilligan, Mrs G	50
McInnis, Mrs	25
Millin, Mrs J	25
McKinnon, Mrs W	24
McClaskey, Mrs	20
McAndrew, Mrs D	20
McAchern, Mrs	20
McNaughton, Mrs	20
M K	25
Nevins, Mrs J	1 00
Nixon, Mrs C	25
Priestly, Miss	2 00
Payne, Miss	1 00
Robinson, Mrs W A	50
Russell, Mrs T	40
Rodgers Mr& Mrs J	1 00
Rainie, Mrs G	20
Spence, Mrs H	20
Shives, Mrs A	1 00
Sweet, Mrs R	1 00
Sweet, Mrs J	25
Spence, Mrs	20
Storrey, Mrs E	25
Smith, Mrs J	60
Scholes, Mrs S	24
Tudhope, Mrs D	50
Wales, Miss	50
Whitmore, Mrs	25
Woodworth, MrsJL	1 00
Woodworth, Mrs W	20
Wilson, Mrs J	50
Wilson, Mrs A	25
Williams, Mrs J	25
Wright, Mrs J	25
Wood, Mrs J	24
Warwick, Mrs H	25
Wood, Mrs	11
Small sums,	1 16
	$34 57

Collected by Miss C. Gar y.

Allan, Mrs Jacob	$1 00
Baird, Mrs	25
Bailey, Mrs S	$1 00
Boswell, Mrs I	25
Bond, Mrs H	20
Brown, Mrs A	20
C Mrs	20
Court, Mr W	50
Dodge, Mrs	1 00
Duff, Mr A	30
Dean, Mrs	20
Dunlop, Mrs	35
Esty, Mrs W I	25
Ferguson, Miss	4 00
Friend,	25
do	30
do	24
Graham, Mrs C	25
Garby, Miss C	1 00
Harrison, Rev Canon	4 00
Harrison, Mrs J	2 00
Hilyard, Mrs	1 00
Hutchinson, Mrs W	50
Hamilton, Mrs J	1 00
Hamm, Mrs	1 00
Heiber, Mr J	24
Jordan, Mr F	1 00
Keltie, Mrs W H	1 00
Kilpatrick, Mrs W	1 00
Macdonald, Mrs A	1 00
Macintosh, Mrs	1 00
Maxwell, Mrs J E	1 00
Middlemore, Mr	1 00
McAfee, Mr A	50
McAfee, Mrs A	50
Nevins, Mrs C	1 00
Rivers, Mrs	50
Ruddick, Mrs J	1 00
Ruddick, Mrs F	1 00
Ruddick, Mrs T	1 00
Rodgers, Mrs	50
Roberts, Mrs D	1 00
Ruddick, Mrs G	50
Shanks, Mrs	50
Scholes, Mrs R	2 00
Smith, Mrs R	70
Veith, Miss	50
Veith, Miss C	25
W Mr	20
Cash,	1 00
	$41 13

Collectedby Miss M. C. Cunard

Austin, Mr H A	$4 00
Austin, Mrs M D	1 00
Akerley, Mrs H	30
Brundage, Mrs J	25
Barker, Mrs T	60
Brown, Mrs C	50
Bunnell, Mrs	50
Brown, Mrs I	25
Bagnal, Mrs T	20
Coleman, Mrs J	1 00
Cameron, Mrs R	20
Coleman, Mrs E	20
Cunard, Miss A	25
Cunard, Miss MA	25
Cunard, Miss E E	20
Cunard, Albert E	25
Cunard, Julia F	25
Cunard, Mrs G E	25
Cunard, Mr W	50
Cowan, Mrs J	10
Dunham, Mrs D	40
Dalton, Mrs H	25
Easterbrooks, Mrs A J	1 00
Fletcher, Mrs G	25
Holly, Mrs	25
Horncastle, Mrs E	50
Hamm, Mrs S	25
Johnson, Mrs D	50
Jones, Mrs D	50
Johnson, Mr G R	50
Logan, Mrs H	25
Mason, Mrs G	50
Millar, Ada	20
Price, Mrs J	60
Purdy, Mrs J	25
Price, Miss B	20
Pidgeon, Mr A	50
Robertson, Mrs R	1 00
Reynold, Miss S	20
Robertson, Mrs R	25
Robertson, Miss M	50
Spence, Mrs G	50
Sypher, Mrs H	60
Stevens, Mrs S E	1 00
Shaw, Mrs E P	50
Shaw, Mrs C S	1 00
Stevens, Mrs J	22
Stewart, Mrs W	25
Scott, Mrs	20
Tapley, Mrs D	20

Tapley, Mrs A	$0 25
Tapley, Mrs J	1 00
Watters, Mrs J	48
Cents,	60
	$26 15

Collected by Mrs. A. H. Travis.

Cunard, Miss J	$0 40
Cowan, Mrs M E	20
Evans, Mrs H	20
Flewelling, Mrs J	1 00
Friend,	20
do	10
Goddard, Mrs C E	2 00
Gregory, Mrs R	1 00
Gregory, Edward	25
Gregory, Sarah	25
Gregory, Robert	25
Gregory, T	25
Hamlin, Mrs W	1 00
Horncastle, Mrs J	$0 40
Howe, Mr M	1 00
Kennedy, Mrs J E	40
Logan, Mrs R	44
Logan, Mrs D	50
Lingley, Mrs E	50
McLean, Mrs L	25
Miller, Mr E	40
Purdy, Mrs W	25
Pidgeon, Mrs D	50
Rowan, Mrs J	1 00
Rowan, Mrs S	60
Sayer, Mrs J	1 00
Shaw, Mrs W D	60
Scovill, Mrs C	1 00
Smith, Mrs F	1 00
Young, Miss E J	24
	$17 18

Collected by Miss E. C. Millidge

Armstrong, Mrs E	$0 20
Armstrong, Mrs R	$0 20
Armstrong, Miss S	25
Coll'ted by children	1 00
Frost, Mrs	1 00
Fisher, Mrs	1 00
Friend,	25
do	25
Hegan, Mrs J	1 00
McAfee, Mrs	24
Millidge, Mrs	1 00
Parks, Mrs J	1 00
Redman, Mrs	30
Steeves, Mrs	1 00
Storms, Mrs	30
Small, Mrs	20
Taylor, Mrs	20
Venning, Mrs	50
Small sums	22
	$10 11
Total amount,	$690 41

RICHIBUCTO AND WELDFORD LADIES' BRANCH.

REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of this Branch was held on 5th November.

The following Resolutions were passed:

1. That the meeting expresses its thankfulness to God for His continual blessing on the labors of the British and Foreign Bible Society and its Branches.

2. That the thanks of the meeting are due to the Office-bearers for the efficient manner in which they have conducted the business of the Society during the year now closing.

3. That the thanks of the Society be conveyed to the Collectors for the zeal they have manifested in the discharge of their duty.

OFFICE BEARERS

MRS. McLAREN, President.

MRS. JOHN MAIN, MRS. H. PETERS, " T. GIRVAN, " W. CHANDLER, " L. PHINNEY, " T. JARDINE, } Vice Presidents.

MISS KIDSTON, Treasurer. MISS GIFFORD Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Mrs. McNairn,	Mrs. E. Walker,	Mrs. S. Powell,	Mrs. W. Doherty,
" J. Curran,	" A. Smith,	" Schollick,	" D. McKendrick,
" J. Barnes,	" Livingston,	" J. Robertson,	" Wood,
" A. Girvan,	Miss Brait,	" Dixon,	" Wark.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

District No. 1.

Collected by Miss Gifford and Miss Powell.

Chandler, Mrs W	$2 00
Chandler, Miss M	50
Chandler, Mrs Dr	2 00
Chandler, Amos Esq	1 00
Clarke, Mrs	50
Clarke, Miss	1 00
Clarke, Mr R	1 00
Dibblee, Mrs	50
Forbes, Mrs	1 00
Ferguson, Mrs	1 00
Gifford, Mrs	1 00
Hanney, Mrs	1 00
Harper, Robert	50
Hutchinson, Mrs	25
Jardine, Mrs	50
Leishman, Mrs	1 00
Leishman, A	1 50
Livingston, H Esq	1 00
Livingston, Mrs	1 00
Livingston, D W British Col'ba	1 00
Livingston, S	1 00
Livingston, G	1 00
Livingston, J L	50
Livingston, W H	50
McLaren, Mrs Dr	2 00
Millar, Mrs	1 00
Phinney, Mr	1 00
Phinney, Mrs	1 00
Pagan, Mrs	1 00
Powell, Mrs E	1 00
Powell, Mrs S	1 00
Roxborough, A	4 00
Ross, W	50
Shand, James	50
Sutherland, Mrs J	1 00
Smith, the Misses	4 00
Wood, T W	4 00
White, Mrs	1 00
Wilson, Mrs	$0 50
A Friend	4 00
do	4 00
do	40
	$54 65

District No. 2.

Collected by Miss Girvan and Miss Main.

D E F	$2 00
Bliss, Mrs	1 00
Brown, Mrs Capt	1 00
Bowser, Edward	1 00
Brait, John Esq	75
Brait, Mrs	1 00
A Friend,	50
Girvan, Mrs	1 00
Girvan, Miss S	1 00
Girvan, Jas Junr	1 00
Glendining, Mrs J	25
Graham, Mrs	50
Graham, Miss E A	50
Hannah, Mrs	10
Hutchinson, Mrs J	50
Jeffrey, Mr	62
Kidston,	2 00
Law, Rev Jas	1 00
Main, Mrs	1 00
Main, Miss I	50
Smith, Wm	1 00
Taylor, Mrs A	50
Wark, Hon D	4 00
Wark, Mrs	4 00
	$26 72

District No. 3.

Collected by Miss Bell and Miss Wright.

Bell, Mrs G	$0 50
Bowler, Mrs W	40
Eddie, Mrs	$0 25
A Friend,	0 50
do	50
Jardine, Mrs F	1 00
Jardine, John Esq	50
McKay, Mrs	1 00
Peters, Mr H	82½
Peters, Mrs	50
Stothart, Thos	50
Stothart, James	1 00
Stothart, Wm	1 00
Scott, Mrs E	25
Wright, Mrs B	50
Wright, Mrs J	1 00
Wright, Mrs D	1 00
White Mrs James	50
Wilson, Mrs B	40
	$12 12½

District No. 4.

Collected by Miss Graham and Miss Girvan.

Bell, Mrs Thos	50
Glendining, A	75
Glendining, D	50
Glendining, Mrs J	1 00
Glendining, T	50
Graham, J	1 00
Girvan, Mrs S	33
Girvan, Mrs T	1 00
Girvan, Anne	50
Girvan, Samuel	50
Girvan, Wm	25
Main, David	82½
Main, Mrs R	1 00
McLelland, R	62½
Mrs	45
McNairn, Mrs	1 00
Mrs A	1 00
	$11 73

District No. 5.

Collected by Miss Schollick and Miss Dixon.

Clarke, Robert	$1 00
Cail, Mrs F	37
Carruthers, Mrs	1 00
Dixon, Thos	25
Hurd, Coolley,	25
Hurd, Mrs	25
Hurd, Annie	12½
Hurd, Lamar	12½
Lawson, Mrs	1 00
McCully,	25
Schollick, Mrs	50
	$5 15

District No. 6.

Collected by Mrs. Dargavel and Miss McEachern.

Barnes, Mrs	$0 25
Carlyle, Mr	1 00
Carlyle, Mrs	62½
Campbell, A	25
Carlyle, Charles	1 00
Dargavel, Mrs J	50
McEachern, A	25
McEachern, Mrs	25
McLeod, Mrs	25
Stevenson, Thos	1 00
Stevenson, Mrs W	40
Walker, Mrs D	25
	$6 2½

District No. 7.

Collected by Miss Campbell and Miss Brown.

Allanach, John	$0 50
Allanach, D	50
Brown, Robert	1 50
Brown, Mrs	1 50
Brown, Jas	50
Brown, Mary M	50
Brown, Mrs M	12½
Brown, Matthew.	50
Bryce, A	25
Campbell, Wm	50
Campbell, A	25
Campbell, A	20
Campbell, Mary	20
Campbell, John	12½
Campbell, M A	$0 25
Campbell, John	25
Campbell, C	25
Clarke, George	50
Coughlan, Thos	50
Clare, Mary	50
Dixon, S	25
Dixon, Mrs	25
Douglas, John	37
Friend,	25
do	25
do	19
Fowler, Mrs	1 00
Forster, Jonathan	75
Heskets, Wm	25
Heskets, M	25
Lawson, Mrs C	50
Keswick, M	10
Keswick, Mrs	14
Kellock, Robert	10
McKee, John	1 00
McIntosh, N	50
McInnis, Daniel	50
McEwen, A	25
McArthur, John	25
McKay, A	25
McKendrick, Mrs D	1 00
McKendrick, N	1 00
McKendrick, J	50
Murphy, M E	25
Morrison, John	1 00
Marshall, Wm	50
Marshall, Mrs R	12½
Oulton, John E	25
Pine, Mrs H	25
Rodgers, Mrs	20
Rodgers, Mary	20
Rodgers, Jane	20
Roy, Peter	22
Robertson, Mrs	12½
Snow, Sylvanus	50
Stewart, Mrs	25
Stewart, David	25
Stewart, Elizabeth	20
Stewart, Lucy	10
Simpson, Mary	12½
Sinclair, Mrs	25
Sutherland, John	50
Sutherland Mrs	62
Walker, Edward	1 00
Walker, Mrs	50
Walker, Sarah	50
Wilson, Mrs	$0 4[illegible]
	$26 2[illegible]

District No. 9.

Collected by Miss Johnston and Miss Robinson.

Barton, Wm	$0 5[illegible]
Barton, Mrs Wm	2[illegible]
Barton, Anne	2[illegible]
Curren, M	2[illegible]
Curren, Thos	1[illegible]
Girvan, Mary E	1[illegible]
Hannah, John	25
Johnson, James	2[illegible]
Johnson, M	2[illegible]
Johnson, T	25
Johnson, E	25
McMurray Mr and Mrs	75
Moreton, Mrs	25
McMichael, Jas	25
McMichael, M	1 00
Robertson, John	25
Robertson, Mr	25
Robertson, J	25
Shurrot, Mrs	50
Wellwood, Mary	25
Wellwood, Ellen	25
	$6 70

District No. 10.

Collected by Miss Doherty and Miss Stothart.

Brooks, Charles	$0 50
Doherty, Agnes	1 00
Gifford, Mrs J	50
Mitchell, Walter	50
McNulty, Mrs	50
Robertson, Mrs	50
Stothart, Georgina	50
	$4 00

District No. 11.

Collected by Miss Gordon.

Barton, J G	0$ 60
Campbell Anny	25
Ferguson, Mrs A	25
A Friend,	20
Gordon, Agnes	50

ordon. Thos	$0 50	Little, Mary	$0 50	Sutherland, James	$0 40
raham, Michael	50	Sutherland, A	20	Thompson, George	60
awson, David	50	Sutherland, Mrs	50		
awson, Mrs D	50	Sutherland, Robert	20		$6 65
awson, Charles	25				

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.

The tenth Anniversary of the Sheffield Branch Bible (twenty-fourth of the Sheffield Bible) Society, was held in the Temperance Hall, on Monday evening, 28th December, 1863.

The President of the Society, Rev. Robert Wilson, occupied the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing, and prayer by the Rev. G. O. Heustis.

The President then read a few extracts from the Parent Society's Report, after which the Treasurer and Depositary made a statement of the monies received and Bibles sold during the year.

The following resolutions were then submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously.—

Moved by Rev. Dr. Spurden, seconded by Rev. Mr. Colter, and

Resolved, That this meeting desires to express its renewed and unabated attachment to the British and Foreign Bible Society, on account of the simplicity and catholicity of its plans; and while gratefully acknowledging the goodness of God in the history of its past success, would, as on former occasions, remind the friends of the Society, of the indispensable necessity of continuing in the exercise of earnest and persevering prayer, that His blessing may rest in an abundant measure on the labors of this and all Institutions which have for their object the glory of God in the salvation of men.

Moved by Rev. G. O. Heustis, seconded by Rev. Mr. Reece,

Resolved, That this meeting, recognising the voice of God in His Providential dispensations as well as in His written Word, to "work while it is called to-day," pledges itself to more strenuous effort and increased liberality for the dissemination of the inspired volume throughout the world.

Moved by Rev. J. Tweedie, seconded by Rev. Mr. Sykes,

Resolved, That the urgent claims of the British and Foreign

Bible Society, are affectionately commended by this meeting to the most serious attention and generous support of the young, and the meeting looks with hope and confidence to the rising generation as the steadfast supporters of this Institution in its future progress.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Blakeney, seconded by Rev. Mr. Deinstadt,

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to the Collectors, and that they be earnestly requested to continue their labors.

Moved by Dr. Barker, seconded by William J. Bridges,

Resolved, That the following be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year:

Rev. ROBERT WILSON, President.
Rev. JAMES TWEEDIE, Vice President.
Mr. JOSEPH BARKER, Secretary.
Mr. ARCHIBALD BARKER, Treasurer.
Mr. C. J. BURPEE, Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. S. Covert,	H. P. Bridges, Esq.
" James Harrison,	Mr. C. B. Barker,
" George Miles,	" W. H. Harrison,
" M. E. A. Burpee,	" James Burpee,

Mr. Moses H. Coburn.

A. Barker, Treasurer, in Account with Sheffield Branch Bible Society.

1863.

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Dec. 28	To Cash from Depositary, for sale of Books,	$5 50	
	" Amount Collected by Miss Harrison,	21 62	
	" " " by Miss Brannen,	14 63	
	" " " by Miss M. A. Burpee,	57 56	
	" " " by Miss J. Barker and Miss S. Harrison,	60 50	
	" " " by Miss H. Burpee,	13 24	
	" " " by Mr. A. Burpee,	8 50	
	" " " at Public Meeting,	6 53	
			$188 08

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By Paid Secretary for Postage,	$0 65	
" Amount remitted to St. John,	148 00	
" Postage and Registry,	35	$149 00
To be expended in the purchase of Books,		$39 08

Sheffield, Dec. 28th, 1863.

J. Burpee, Depositary, in Account with Sheffield Branch Bible Society.

63. DR.

To Bibles and Testaments on hand Dec. 1862,	- -	$31 49
" Cash per E. Barker, Esq., - - - - -		3 50
		$34 99

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ec. 28. By Bibles and Testaments on hand this date, - - - -	$29 49	
" Cash per balance, - - - -	5 50	
		$34 99

Sheffield, Dec. 28th, 1863. C. J. BURPEE, *Depositary.*

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

lected by Miss M. A. Burpee.

mes Wasson	$1 00
ss Charlotte Wasson	1 00
Ann Wasson	1 00
Susan Wasson	60
aster Melburne Wasson	10
" Bedford Wasson	10
hn Gilchrist, M D	1 00
Friend	23
A Garrison	50
S Garrison	50
H Miles	50
mes Olmstead	75
rs J Montgomery	50
iss E Montgomery	50
M A Montgomery	25
obert Montgomery	25
ephen Burpee	1 50
rs S Burpee	1 50
wo little Girls	15
rs Betsy Burpee	1 00
aac Burpee, Esq	1 00
rs I Burpee	1 00
iss Burpee	1 00
P C Burpee	1 50
Burpee, Sen	1 50
rs G Burpee	1 00
avid H Burpee	1 00
eo F Burpee	1 00
oses Burpee,	60
yler Burpee	25
iss Louisa Burpee,	50
Burpee, Esq	5 00
iss M A Burpee	1 00
deline Burpee,	50

H P Bridges, Esq	$1 00
Mrs Bridges	1 00
H S Bridges	1 00
Alice Bridges	50
Bessie Bridges	50
Miss H A McMasters	1 00
Mrs Sarah Burpee	1 00
Frederick B Jewett	1 00
Edward Cambridge	50
E Barker, Esq	1 50
Mrs E Barker,	1 50
Mr W Barker	1 00
Mrs W Barker	1 00
Rev R Wilson	1 00
Mrs R Wilson	1 00
Miss D Wilson	1 00
Miss M A Wilson	1 00
Mr A W Jewett	2 00
J H Barker, M D	2 00
Mrs F A Barker	60
" W Burpee	1 00
Mr N Burpee	1 00
" W A Burpee	1 00
" C H Burpee	1 00
Miss C S Burpee	60
" H H Burpee	50
Jeremiah Burpee	50
A Friend	25
Mrs H A Palmer	58
	$57 56

Collected by Miss J. Barker and Miss Sarah Harrison.

C. Burpee, Esq.,	$2 00
Mrs Clayton,	$1 00
Miss Charlotte Upton,	1 00
C B Barker,	1 00
Master C Woodville Barker,	50
Julia M Barker,	1 00
William Irving,	50
Archibald Barker,	2 00
Mrs A Barker,	2 00
" Tweedie,	1 00
Thomas P. Taylor,	1 00
Mrs T P Taylor,	1 00
Miss Lilian M Taylor,	50
William E. Taylor,	2 00
W S Barker, Esq.	1 00
Miss Lizzie Barker,	1 00
Joseph Barker,	1 00
Mrs J Barker,	1 00
Samuel Taylor,	1 00
Thomas Harrison, Esq.	2 00
Moses C Harrison,	1 50
Mrs M C Harrison,	1 50
Master Henry Harrison	1 00
Miss Sarah Harrison,	2 00
C L Hatheway, Esq.,	1 00
Mrs C L Hatheway,	1 00
William Harrison,	1 50
Mrs W Harrison,	1 50
Master T Harrison,	50
Miss Annie Harrison,	50
Miss Lizzie Taylor,	1 00
Miss Verner,	1 00
Thomas Verner,	1 00
Jarvis Verner,	1 00
James Harrison, Esq.,	1 00

Mrs Harrison,	$1 00
W H Harrison,	1 00
Miss Perley,	1 00
C J Burpee	1 00
Mrs C J Burpee	1 00
J McGowan, Sen	50
Isaac S Taylor, Esq.	1 00
Mrs I S Taylor	1 00
Miss C G Taylor	1 00
Thomas Bridges	1 00
Thomas Bridges, sen	1 00
Mrs T Bridges	1 00
William J Bridges	1 50
David Burpee	1 00
Mrs Jonathan Bridges	1 00
Mrs George Hoben	50
Miss H Hoben	50
J H Bridges, M D	1 00
	$60 50

Collected by Miss Hannah Burpee.

James Burpee, Esq.	$1 00
Mrs J Burpee	1 00
Mr Geo Ferguson,	1 00
Mrs M Ferguson,	1 00
Mr W B Clayton	1 00
" D Cowperthwaite	1 00
" Ebenezer Burpee	1 00
" James E Simmons	1 00
" Alfred Randall	1 00
" A Cowperthwaite	60
" E Briggs	50
" W C Burpee	50
Mrs R Lunn	50
" Thomas Thompson,	50
The late Mrs Lydia Cowperthwaite	1 64
	$13 24

Collected by Miss Harrison, Maugerville.

Mr G C Miles	$0 50
Mrs G C Miles	50
Mrs Odber Carman	50
" Hollon Bridges	2 00
Mr James Harrison	1 00
Mrs James Harrison	1 00
Miss A A Harrison	50
Master W H Harrison	50
" J F Harrison	50
Miss M J Harrison	50
Hon C Harrison	2 00
Mrs C Harrison	2 00
Miss Harrison	1 50
Mr Archib'd Harrison	1 50
Mrs Archib'd Harrison	1 50
Mr G B Covert	50
Mrs G B Covert	50
Miss Covert	50
Mr J S Covert	50
Mrs W D Perley	50
" McGerighal	50
" R Smith	60
Mr G H N Harding	50
Mrs John Brown	50
" J Leonard	25
Miss Perley	50
Mr Thomas Perley	27
	$21 62

Collected by Miss Brannen, Maugerville.

Caleb Foster	$1 00
Geo Stewart	50
Henry Bent	20
Edward A Miles	25
Mrs E A Miles	$0 50
Titus Ruce	20
William Quinn	25
W H Bent	20
Mrs L Bent	25
Charles Bailey	24
Thomas Bailey	40
Charles L Bailey	10
James H Bailey	60
T N Burpee	1 00
Mrs McGowan	50
Ann J McGowan	50
Mr C M Bridges	75
Mrs C M Bridges	1 00
Annie J Bridges	50
Manton M Bridges	37
Harrison N Bridges	37
Mr A C Plumer	1 00
Mrs A C Plumer	1 00
Mary Brannen	50
Charles A Perley	20
Charlotte T Perley	25
Mrs Joseph Lunt	1 00
" Charles Hoben	1 00
	$14 63

Collected by Mr. Asa Burpee, Burton.

Asa U Barker	$4 00
Andrew Stephenson	1 00
M E Asa Burpee	1 00
Cyrus Burpee	1 00
Nath'l Hubbard, Esq	1 00
Robin Hoben, Esq	50
	$8 50

HAMPTON AND LOWER NORTON BRANCH.

REV. JAMES GRAY, President.

REV. MR. McDONALD,
REV. JAMES R. HART,
MR. EDWIN HOYT,
MR. JOHN HENDRICKS, } Vice Presidents.

MR. ROBERT GREENLAW, Treasurer.

MR. JOHN FLEWELLING, Secretary.

MR. THOMAS G. BARNES,
MR. JOHN FLEWELLING, } Depositaries.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. Charles Dixon,	Mr. David Smith,	Mr. Charles Frost.
" Silas Lockhart,	" Thos G. Barnes,	" Thomas Dixon,
" Geo. Burnett,	" M. Fowler,	" Jos. Stewart.

The Committee beg to report the amount collected by this Branch, through the Collectors named below, to be *one hundred dollars*, and recommend that the whole of this amount be remitted to the Parent Society as a free donation. The amount on hand, proceeds of Books sold, to be remitted for incidental expenses, and for the further purchase of Books.

The Committee also recommend the following additional Depositaries:

Mr. David Smith, Smith Town.
Mr. John Lovett, Bloomfield.
Mr. Joseph Fowler, Nauwigewauk.
And Mr. W. S. Frost to be added to the Committee.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held the 25th November, the above report being adopted. The Meeting was addressed by the President and Vice Presidents, Hart and McDonald. A vote of thanks to the speakers and Lady collectors, and the Meeting adjourned.

JOHN FLEWWELLING, *Secretary.*

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss M. A. Seeley.	
Dixon, Susanna	$0 25
Fairweather, Mrs T	30
Frazer, J C P	50
Frost, Mrs H	20
Frost, Mr H	20
Frost, Mrs C	25
Seeley, Miss M A	50
Wetmore, Emily	20
	$2 40

Collected by Miss C. A. Seeley.	
Frost, Mr Wm	$0 60
Frost, Mrs S	20
Frost, Mr S	20
Hallett, Mr Jas M	25
Hallett, Oliver	20
Hallett, J W	10
Hoyt, Mr E	20
Mahew, Mary	22
Seeley Mr Robert	$0 20
Wetmore, Mr D	10
	$2 27

Collected by Miss M. Baxter.	
Burnett, Mr G	$1 00
Baxter, E.	1 00
Baxter, Geo E	1 00
Baxter, Mr Albert	25
Baxter, Miss A	5
Fullerton, Miss M	25
Gray, Rev Jas	1 00
Hatfield, Daniel	1 00
Hayes, E A	24
Hayes, Miss C E	25
Hatfield, Mr B	24
Howe, Mr Jas	24
Lascells, Willie	5
Mills, Willie	10
Raymond, Mrs J B S	48
Smith, Mr J W	$1 00
Smith, Mr A B	1 00
	$9 15

Collected by Miss M Hendricks	
Brown, Mrs	$0 25
Cochrane, Annie	15
Friend, A	5
Hendricks, Mr	1 00
Hendricks, Mrs	25
Hendricks, Miss	20
Hendricks, Miss S	5
Hendricks, Miss E	5
Hendricks, Miss Mary	20
Hendricks, Mr Jas	25
Hendricks, Mr Geo	25
Hendricks, Mr C J	20
Hendricks, Mr C	20
Hendricks, Mr W C	20
Hooper, Miss	40

Ketchner, Mr J T	$0 25
Lee, Mrs	1 00
Mills, Mrs	20
Robertson, Mrs M	25
Robertson, Mr John	25
Stratton, Mr Thos	25
Stratton, Mrs Thos	20
Vaughan, Mr W H	24
	$6 34

Coll'ted by Miss J Flewwelling.

Mrs Aitkins	$0 20
S F Fowler	25
Z Flemming	8
Mrs J Earle	50
G Mabee	20
Mrs G Smith	20
Mrs J D Mabee	20
Mr Ball	20
Mrs H Hicks	25
H Sederynest	30
Annie Flewwelling	30
Mrs Dr Earle	25
S Lockhart	50
J Flewwelling	50
Mrs J Flewwelling	50
Jas Raymond	50
	$4 93

Collected by Miss M. Barker.

Geo Otty	$0 60
W Umphrey	20
G Flewwelling Jun	25
D Greenlaw	25
Mrs Barker	25
Miss Seeley	50
Rev A B McDonald	40
Mrs S Lockhart	25
" C Dixon	26
S Hallett	1 00
D Greenlaw	50
Miss Earle	20
	$4 66

Collected by Miss R. Wetmore.

R Wetmore	$0 50
John Aiton	60
Sarah Porter	50
Mrs and Miss Ford	1 00
John Duffy	40
Mrs M Monger	50
Allan Otty	1 00
S Foster	1 00

John Palmer	$0 50
Mary Darling	25
Mrs C Campbell	40
" A Scullion	25
Jane Wright	25
	$7 15

Collected by Miss E. Fowler.

M Fowler	$1 00
Mrs M Fowler	50
Jas Sprowl	25
Mrs Jas Sprowl	25
Mrs Cochrane	25
A Friend	25
John Robinson	25
Thos Robinson	30
Mrs Thompson	20
Mrs Daniels	50
Matilda Wannamake	25
John Wannamake	25
Earl Wannamake	25
George Wannamake	25
Charles Wannamake	50
Mrs J Chestnut	20
R Campbell	50
D Campbell	50
M Chestnut	20
J D M Keator	50
H Daniels	50
A Friend	25
do	25
Mrs J Prince	30
——— Annie	25
——— Clara	25
	$9 20

Collected by Miss L. Stewart.

Joseph Stewart	$1 00
A Friend	40
Mrs Fairweather	48
Mrs Smith	20
Mrs T Wetmore	25
John Leavitt	50
Mrs Seavitt	1 00
Georgia Adams	1 00
Annie McLeod	10
Joseph Moody	25
Thos Mathews	50
Chas Wannamake	40
Mrs Wm Adams	60
Rev J R Hart	1 00
Mrs E S Wetmore	25
A Mathews	50
	$8 43

Collected by Miss Isabella Smith

David Smith	$0 50
Mrs David Smith	50
" E Smith	40
Isabella Smith,	50
Newton Smith	24
Hugh A Brown	25
Joshua Smith	40
Charles Smith	20
Mr & Mrs McBrine	50
William Wallace	10
Thomas Bell	50
W C Snow	20
James W Smith	35
Miss Spence	30
Francis Scullion	10
Harry	5
	$5 09

Collected by Miss Sarah E. Smith.

Sarah Smith	$0 22
Moses D Smith	20
Mrs R E Smith	20
" Sarah Jane Scovil	24
H W Scofield	20
Francis P Mallery	10
Maria Campbell	20
Eliza Bull	18
Samuel Bull	20
James Smith	20
James Smith, Jun	15
William Bull	30
Daniel C Forester	10
	$2 49

Collected by Miss Fanny J. Barnes.

T G Barnes	$1 00
Mrs T G Barnes	50
Fanny Barnes	25
Bessie G Barnes	12
J W Barnes	5
W McAvity	20
R Sheraton	10
Mrs J Nethery	10
Harry	5
Crawford & Co	20
Mrs A Gibson	20
" M J Bevaird	5
" M A Bevaird	5
" Elizabeth Bevaird,	20
Robert Blair	24
Harriet Cassidy	20

Harding Ellsworth,	$0 20
Matthew Yeomans	12
	$3 83

Collected by Miss M. Campbell.

Mrs T Wear	$0 25
Robert C Robertson	25
Jabez Titus	1 00
Mrs John Robertson	24
" Alex Robertson	30
" Mary Campbell	25
" Tresk N Smith	10
" Ella Smith	10
	$2 49

Collected by Miss Emma C. Fowler.

E C Fowler	$0 25
H J Fowler	50
R E Fowler	25
Humphrey Bull	50
A Friend	40
Caleb J Stewart	1 00
A H Langstroth	12
Mrs James Fowler	40
" James McEwen	12
" Thomas Beatty	30
Josiah Fowler	30
Mrs Langstroth	1 00
	$5 14

Collected by Miss Mary Frazer

C Demill	$0 39
Mrs J W Raymond	25
Thos Raymond	10
M Frazer	25
H B Frazer	$0 5
S A Frazer	5
	$1 09

Collected by Miss A. Crawford.

Mrs G Crawford	$0 20
Jas Crawford	15
Augusta Crawford	10
E D Ketchum	24
Annie Cochrane	20
R A Carey	25
Hannah Huller	20
A Friend	10
J McMannus	25
Mrs E McMannus	13
Maria Riley	20
Jane Ker	12
H Sederynest	8
Mrs Bennett	10
" H B Fowler	20
Lady Sussex	10
—— Ossekeag	20
	$2 82

Collected by Miss H Raymond

Miss Darling	$0 12
Halbert Dixon	50
Mrs Charles Prince	50
Miss Fowler	25
Mr & Mrs A Dixon	4 00
Mrs Joseph Dixon	1 00
Wm H Dixon	50
James Prince	50
Geo Prince	50
Alfred Crawford	25
Mr & Mrs Elias Prince	86
James Dixon	1 00
Mrs James Dixon	$0 50
Hattie Dixon	25
Master Wadley P Dixon	25
Mrs Saunders	50
Miss H Raymond	50
Thomas P Dixon	62
Thomas Dixon	1 00
C Campbell	50
	$14 00

Coll'ted by Miss M Fairweather

Mrs M E Simonds	$2 00
S T Fairweather	52
Mrs Jas Fairweather	60
" J E Fairweather	40
	$3 52

Collected by Miss J. E. Fowler.

Chas Dixon	$0 50
Mary Raymond	30
Mrs J Raymond	23
" Hoyt	30
" Sarah Crabb	25
E J Pickle	25
Mrs J Pickle	25
" E Fowler	25
Julia E Fowler	25
	$2 53

Additional by Miss Baxter.

M Hatfield	$0 25
P Appleby	30
M Pugsley	60
M Wilson	60
	$1 75

UPHAM BRANCH.

REV. J. R. LAWSON, President.

S. HENDERSON, Esq.,
GEORGE BARNES, Esq.,
J. A. DODGE, Esq.,
} Vice Presidents.

JOHN KEYS, Secretary,
WILLIAM BARNES, Treasurer,
T. V. FOWLER, Depositary,
J. C. UPHAM, Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Messrs. John Curry, Messrs. A. Millican,
" Wm. Floyd, " Robert McAfee,
" G. B. Patterson, " Anthony Crockett.
Thomas Worrall.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

BARNESVILLE DISTRICT.
Collected by Miss A. Barnes.

Rev J R Lawson	$1 00
Mrs Lawson	1 00
Dr John Brady	1 00
S Henderson Esq	1 00
Mrs Henderson	1 00
G B Barnes Esq	1 00
Mrs Barnes	50
J V Fowler	1 00
S Gilbert	50
Thos Worrall	50
A Steele	50
N Steele	25
W Steele	25
Mary Steele	25
J A McInnis	50
Hugh McAfee	25
Jas McIlhenny	20
C Nodwell	20
Wm Floyd	24
G C Brittain	25
Mary Hay	25
Hannah Bell	25
G McIlhenny	25
For the Cause	12
A Friend	10
H J	10
Mrs Margarrety	25
Wm McAleer	25
Mary Fritch	25
A Friend	50
R W Barnes	1 00
Mrs G Lyne	15
	$15 46

LAKELOMOND AND SMITHFIELD DISTRICT.
Collected by Miss E. J. Cother.

George Scott	$0 50
Mrs G Scott	25
James Scott	25
James Curry	50
Mrs J Curry	30
Wm Curry	50
Andrew Curry	$0 25
Andrew Young	50
Mrs Wilson	25
Mrs March	25
Sarah March	10
Mary March	10
Wm March	25
Thos Armstrong	50
Mr Hays	25
Wm Hays	40
Fanny Hays	24
John Keys	50
Miss Keys	25
Mrs Kirkpatrick	25
Jas Kirkpatrick	25
John Weatherhed	25
Mrs G Crocket	25
G McIlhenny	10
M McIlhenny	10
Mrs Tredwell	25
A Tredwell	10
H Tredwell	10
J Stackhouse	25
M Stackhouse	25
Mrs E Stockhouse	25
B Stackhouse	25
S A Stackhouse	12
Jas Stackhouse	12
Wm McFarlane	20
Hugh Nelson	20
Mrs W Haywood sen	50
Mrs Wm Haywood Jun	25
Mrs Farmer	20
Miss A Rayworth	1 00
C Ratcliff	45
Mrs C Ratcliff	30
J P Ratcliff	25
H K Ratcliff	25
J C Ratcliff	25
T Ratcliff	30
W Beatty	25
James Cother	20
E J Cother	50
A Crocket	60
James Cane	25
Mr Black	50
R Stackhouse	$0 25
	$16 03

JEREMANE BROOK AND MILLICAN SETTLEMENT.
Collected by Miss M J McAfee.

Mrs F Porter	$1 00
Wm Floyd	1 00
A Millican	1 00
J McCracken	50
Thos Mallory	48
Mrs C Dunker	24
Mrs Love	20
Wm Connor	20
Wm Floyd	25
John Floyd	20
Thomison Founds	50
John Hay	50
Robert Love	25
Ann McAfee	25
Elizabeth McAfee	25
Wm McAfee	25
Andrew McAfee	20
Robert McConnel	48
John Russell	24
John Curry	68
Miss Sentell	1 00
Geo Tabor	23
Henry Fowler	15
Daniel Lynch	50
Robert McAfee	1 00
M J McAfee	50
A Friend	5
	$12 52

UPHAM DISTRICT.
Collected by Miss A Fowler and Miss Fanny Dodge.

I A Dodge Esq	$1 00
Jas R Fowler	1 00
Mrs H Fowler	25
F E Dodge	25
C E Dodge	25
G S Dodge	20

J C Upham	$2 00
Mrs C Upham	1 00
A Friend	10
Mrs Sherwood	20
Rev J R Hart	2 00
Mrs D Bacon	20
S Green	25
H Demill	30
Wm Barnes	1 00
Mrs W Barnes	1 00
C Demill	50
G Titus	50
Mrs Wm Fowler	25
Elizabeth Jordan	1 00
James Upham	1 00
Mrs J Upham	1 00
R Sherwood	1 00
A R Fowler	40
Miss Morrison	30
Mr Jordan	25
Mrs J Upham	50
Mrs N Upham	1 00
Wm Green	48
A Sherwood	1 00
	$20 18

TITUSVILLE AND SALTSPRING DISTRICT.

Collected by Miss M. Campbell.

Mrs A Campbell	$0 25
M J Campbell	20
A Simpson	25
A Friend	10
G W Morrison	20
M Simpson	20
Mrs J Morrison	10
R Simpson	25
Mrs R Simpson	25
Mrs E Smith	25
Charles Titus	20
Henry Smith	25
Miss F Acton	20
	$4 76

PATTERSON SETTLEMENT AND TYNMOUTH CREEK.

Collected by Miss M Patterson.

Hugh Bell	$0 50
A R Brown	20
S Brown	25
W Brown	36
Jane Brown	40
Jas Brown	$0 40
John Brown	30
Agnes Brown	50
Mrs J Burley	25
John Barker	40
Mrs N Floyd	50
Robert Floyd	50
S B Floyd	50
Wm Floyd	30
Michael Farrie	20
A Friend	7
H A Fritch	25
M P Howard	1 00
B Kirkpatrick	25
Mrs Lear	25
John Porter	50
George Patterson	34
T W Patterson	40
John Patterson	50
John Patterson	1 00
Geo B Patterson	1 00
S Patterson	1 00
E Patterson	50
Mary Patterson	50
Mrs Rankine	40
John Robertson	50
Mrs Robertson	50
S Shanklin	50
Mrs Smith sen	44
Daniel Smith	44
George Smith	50
Samuel Shanklin	50
J S Kirkpatrick	50
Henry Ellis	25
Charles Brown	50
Nancy Brown	25
A Friend	30
	$18 70

QUACO DISTRICT.

Collected by Miss S Melvin

Amos Melvin	$1 00
David A Melvin	60
Mrs A Lockhart	60
Allan Brown	60
George Bedford	48
Richmond Long	50
L Greer	25
Jas Moran	1 00
Jas Berry	50
George Mopey	25
Samuel Mack	25
Margaret Mopey	32
R Bradshaw	$0 20
Wm Vaughan	1 00
Lydia Moran	40
Elizabeth Vail	1 00
Henry Kerstead	20
Mrs Love	20
Wm Brown	30
Lydia Pulsifer	20
David Vaughan	50
Catherine Mosher	25
Anna Mosher	20
Mrs Whitney	14
Mrs Huskins	6
Mrs Nelson	12
Martha McClean	24
Mrs Dickinson	25
John Brown West	20
Priscilla Brown	48
Wm C Brown	24
Mrs S Brown	12
Mrs Lavina Brown	20
John Brown	20
Hiram Brown	25
David Marchbank	20
Hugh McQuenstor	20
Archibald Black	20
Mary A Burgust	12
G V Calhoun	50
Wm Cuthbert	50
A Friend	48
Mary C Cuthbert	50
John Modkins	24
Eliza Walker	50
Wm Brown	25
Isaac Melvin	25
James Davis	25
Andrew Ruddick	50
Mary Taylor	24
Robert Gilmore	50
James Samont	25
A Friend	20
A Friend	30
A Friend	15
A Friend	5
A Friend	20
A Friend	20
A Friend	25
A Friend	10
A Friend	10
A Friend	25
A Friend	15
A Friend	50
	$21 33

LANCASTER BRANCH.

The eighth annual meeting of the Lancaster Branch Bible Society was held in the School-room at the Lancaster Mills, on Monday evening, November 8th, 1863, G. C. Carman, Esq., in the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing a hymn; the Rev. W. S. Covert read the 19th psalm, and the Rev. G. A. Hartley offered prayer.

The Rev. W. S. Covert, being called upon by the chairman, read the following report:

Your Committee gratefully acknowledge the improved financial condition of this Branch Society, and feel greatly encouraged by the fact that more Bibles and Testaments have been sold from their Depository, and that the gross receipts from all sources have been greater in this than in any year since the Branch has been formed.

The work of the British and Foreign, together with that of some kindred Bible, Societies, has been marked with interesting features of progress and success during the past year.

Your Committee, while asking your attentive consideration, cannot forbear inviting you to join them in offering a tribute of devout thanksgiving to the Author of that Book, the truths of which make men wise unto salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus.

Confined to no island or continent, the agents of Bible Societies, as a body, seek their proper work in every land, and travel over every sea. Wherever there is a human mind to enlighten, there they seek to have the Bible known and understood.

Is an army called to engage in open warfare? "The obligation has been solemnly recognized that no one should be called upon to adventure his life on the battlefield, without being provided with that Heavenly weapon which is the soul's best defiance against the world, the flesh, and the devil."*

We wish every ship that sails, and every immigrant who comes to our shores, to be furnished with the Word of Life.

Engaged in an important labor of love, we desire to continue our exertions, if need be, while strength and opportunities last, and in so doing, we ask for a continuation of your earnest, hearty, prayerful co-operation.

*Vide Parent Society's Report referring to W. S.

G. C. Carman, Esq., having left the chair, and the Rev. W. S. Covert having taken the same, the following resolutions were moved, seconded, and unanimously adopted :

Moved by the Rev. George Brown, seconded by Rev. G. A. Hartley, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee be received and adopted.

Moved by the Rev. William Elder, seconded by G. C. Carman, Esq., and

Resolved—That this meeting feels an increasing interest in the progress of the Bible Society in India, and trusts that succeeding years may record fresh triumphs of the Gospel in that land.

Moved by the Rev. George Brown, seconded by John Dunn, Esq., and

Resolved—That this meeting cordially thanks those ladies in the different sections of the parish, who kindly enlisted as collectors for our Branch Society during the past year.

Moved by the Rev. William Elder, seconded by Mr. Chas. H. De Forest, and

Resolved—That the following be the office-bearers and collectors for the ensuing year:

REV. W. S. COVERT, President.
G. C. CARMAN, Esq., } Vice Presidents.
JOHN DUNN, Esq., }
Mr. WILLIAM BENNET, Secretary,
Rev. W. S. COVERT, Treasurer and Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Messrs. J. E. Knight,	L. D. Carman,	Rodolphus Trafton,
" David Clark,	Charles Quigley,	Albert Dunn,
" John Crane,	James Reed,	Robert Lowe,
" J. Armstrong,	Clayton Scott.	

COLLECTORS.

The Misses Cooper, } Lancaster Mills and District.
Miss Jane Reed, }
" H. R. Knight—St. Andrew's road, W. from M. Carman's.
Miss Hannah Donnelly, } S. side of the Musquash, the St. Andrew's road, E. from Mr. Dunn's, including the Prince of Wales District, and the residents at Musquash Harbour.
" Lavinia Balcom, }

Miss Maria Thomas, } Dipper Harbor and Chance Harbor.
" C Belmore,
Miss Yeats, } Manawagonish
" Brown,
" Bradley—Black Beach.
" Elizabeth Dean—Pisarinco.

Moved by Mr. John Crane, seconded by Mr. D. Clark, and

Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting are due to our visitors who have given us so much information respecting the British and Foreign Bible Society, and have, at the same time, ably advocated its claims.

Moved by G. C. Carman, Esq., seconded by John Dunn, Esq., and

Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to Mr. John P. Robson, for the use of this room.

The Dismissal Hymn was then sung, and the meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. W. S. Covert.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss Yeats.

Mrs E D Jewett	$2 00
" A Cushing	1 00
" Robert Fair	1 00
" Chadburn	1 00
" Wm Ellman	1 00
Charles Brisco	1 00
Mrs J D Lewin	1 00
W J Stevens	1 00
Mrs Jas Ellis	1 00
" E Sutton	1 00
M Wall	1 00
James Olive	1 00
Mrs R Thompson	1 00
A Yeats	10 00
Richard Thompson	1 00
Mrs J Quinton	50
" Jones	50
" Brundage	30
	$26 30

Collected by Miss Brown.

Mrs G Fair	$0 30
" E Stapleton	28
" Madden	20
" Robinson	20
M. M. Robinson	40
Mrs Wm Moore	0 25
Mrs Ellen Day	$0 20
" Frederick Price	25
Mr Fry	22
A Blaney	25
Mrs Wm Brown	25
" Lord	60
	$3 40

Collected by Miss M. E. Bird.

Clayton Scott	$1 00
James Reed jun	50
Robert White	50
Spencer Reed	60
George Reed sen	1 00
R Catherwood sen	25
George Cooper	50
John McKinnon	50
Thomas Foran	22
John Armstrong	50
R Parkin jun	20
M McDonald	25
N McAfee	25
James Carrel	50
Jas McNeil	30
Thos Simpson	40
Mrs Lowe	1 00
E Cassidy	1 00
Sarah Thornton	25
Mrs John Hughes	$0 24
" T McNulty	25
Miss Betts	50
M E Bird	19
Wm Boyd	84
G Miller	50
John Odell	20
Charles White	50
John Essler	50
Robert Travers	40
John P Robson	1 00
George Rose	50
Jas Reed sen	60
Thos Reed jun	60
Wm Catherwood	50
Thos Cooper	25
Andrew Doherty	25
Jamuel Jenkins	50
Edward Dillon	25
Edward S Moody	50
A Friend	25
Levi Steves	25
Louis McDonald	25
J G Clark	40
John Ellis	50
Arthur Dresser	1 00
	$21 44

Collected by the Misses Cooper.

M Galbraith	$0 25
Flora Mitchell	24
Albert Dunn	50
Robert Reed	25
Wm Bennet	50
John O'Brien	20
Henry Morrissey	25
Wm McHarg jun	25
John Mitchell	25
Mrs J Mitchell	25
Master J Mitchell	10
Master R Mitchell	10
R Catherwood jun	25
Charles Quigley	50
	$3 89

Collected by Miss H. R. Knight.

Mrs D Clark	$0 25
" Gamble	50
" Graham	25
J A Balcom	60
Mrs Hazen	1 00
Mr Sheffield	50
Mrs Haggard	25
Mr Bradley	25
John W Hargrove	50
Geo Hargrove	25
John Hargrove	25
R Gamble	25
John Gamble	25
W Sheppard jun	25
—— Crane	50
Geo Ross	25
J Parker	25
S Kitchen	50
F Miller	50
J E Knight	1 00
Ellen Knight	12
H R Knight	25
Maurice Irvin	1 50
Mrs Thompson	50
" Kerr	10
J Sheppard	12
Geo Payne	50
G C Carman Esq	1 00
L D Carman	50
F M Carman	50
Rev W S Covert	1 69
Mrs W S Covert	1 00
J S Covert	25
Mrs Wm Miles	$0 50
G M Anderson	50
	$17 38

Collected by Miss Bradley.

Thos Teed	$0 60
Sergeant Cheesman	20
Mrs R Bradley	50
E Bradly	20
Ann Bradley	25
Geo Bradley	20
Wm Bradley	20
	$2 15

Collected by Miss H Donnelly and Miss L. Balcom.

Mrs Hayward	$1 00
" Bynon	30
Col Menzies	1 00
John Dunn Esq	1 00
R C J Dunn	60
D Clark	60
T K Donnelly	20
Chas H De Forest	20
Thos Lennon	25
John Donnelly	20
Mary A Kennedy	20
D Trafton	25
R Trafton	1 00
Mrs R Trafton	56
Jas Winn jun	25
Chas Hepburn	60
Mrs Wm Home	41
Annie N Balcom	20
J A Balcom jun	20
H P Balcom	20
C Reanock	25
R Donnelly	25
	$9 72

Collected by Miss C. Belmore.

David Belding	$0 54
Mrs Cottle	26
S J Belding	20
W H Belding	20
Mrs R Thompson	24
S E Belding	9
Mrs J Thomson	20
C Belmore	25
Jose Belmore	$0 25
	$2 28

Collected by Miss M Thomas.

Mrs A Thomson	$0 20
J Thomson jun	54
Agnes Thomson	15
Margaret Thomson	15
Mary Thomson	10
Hannah Thomson	20
S B Thomson	24
A Thomson jun	20
F A Thomson	20
D Campbell sen	20
D Campbell jun	25
Wm Clark sen	20
Isabella Cox	25
R Burns	25
R McClellan	20
David McClellan	20
John McLellan	25
Mrs G Thomas	25
A M Thomas	10
Mary E Thomas	5
Maria Thomas	20
Mrs M Campbell	20
W Clark	10
Wm Thomson	25
Mrs J Campbell	50
	$5 56

Collected by Miss E. Dean.

Robert Splane	$0 25
Mary Splane	25
R A Logan	24
Rebecca Dean	25
Thos Dean sen	1 00
R Clark	30
Wm Baker	30
Sarah Splane	5
James Tiner	12
Jas Brien	20
Ellen Tiner	10
Thos Tiner	25
Wm Tiner	25
Arisia Wolf	10
R Dean jun	25
R Dean sen	50
Thos Dean jun	25
James Wolf	20

Simon Frazer	$0 50	Ellen Gilbreath	$0 20	James Gilbreath	$0 30
Thos Carter	10	Samuel Gilbreath	20	Wm Wilson	24
Henrietta Carter	10	John Gilbreath	25	John Wilson	15
Elizabeth McCavour	24	Samuel Reed	25	John Baird	25
Stephen McCavour	50	Chas Lahey	25	Thos Byers	25
Susan McCavour	24	Martha Dalzell	25	Wm Stinson	24
Ellen Cunningham	25	Henry Gilbreath	25	John Seely	60
S McMaster	10	Eliza Gilbreath	30		
S Cunningham sen	25	M Gilbreath	0 20		
Jane Knox	20				$11 56

W. S. Covert in Account with the Lancaster Branch Bible Society.

1863. —Dr—

To amount collected by Miss Yeats,	$26 30
" " " " M. Brown,	3 40
" " " " M. E. Bird,	21 44
" " " " The Misses Cooper,	3 89
" " " Miss H. R. Knight,	17 38
" " " " Bradley,	2 15
" " " The Misses Donnelly and Balcom,	9 72
" " " Miss C. Belmore,	2 23
" " " " M. Thomas,	5 56
" " " " E. Dean,	11 50
" Subscription of Mr. John Leslie,	0 20
" Cash from Depository,	27 02
" Collection at Public Meeting,	2 63
	$133 42

1863. —Cr—

By Postage,	$0 82
" Travelling expenses of speakers who attended the Public Meeting,	9 00
" Paid L. H. Deveber and Sons for Bibles, Testaments, and Portions,	40 10
" Free contribution to British and Foreign Bible Society, through N. B. Auxiliary,	83 50
	$133 42

DEPOSITORY ACCOUNT.

1863. —Dr—

To 130 Bibles, Testaments, and Portions,	$56 52

1863. —Cr—

By 129 sold and distributed,	$55 02	
" 1 on hand,	1 50	
		$56 52

W. S. COVERT.

CAMBRIDGE BRANCH.

The anniversary of this Branch was held in the McAlpine School House, on the evening of Thursday, the 17th December, 1863, the President, Leonard Slip, Esq., in the chair.

Rev. Thomas Lockey opened the meeting by giving out and singing a few verses of the 119th Psalm, reading the 19th Psalm, and offering up an appropriate prayer.

The President then made a few introductory remarks, reminding those present of God's goodness and mercy throughout the past year, and of the distinguished privilege they now enjoyed, of meeting together for one of the best and noblest of purposes. He hoped that all present would feel sensible of their position, and endeavour by commendable zeal, to promote the interest of the object for which they had been called together.

The Rev. Mr. Lockey being first called upon to address the meeting, took for the groundwork of his speech, the essence of the words that had just been sung and read—namely, the perfection of God's love, and the entrance of His Word giving light.

The speaker, in his wonted manner, did justice to his subject, giving all the glory to the author of the word of his grace; while he held forth this word as the appointed and honored means whereby Messiah's knowledge is promoted on the earth. He then, with much fervor, enjoined the duty on all present, and on all others favored with the revelation of God's will, to make it known to others, and according to the ability afforded them, to act as accountable stewards; distributing not only to the necessity of saints, but, contributing to the common cause, in sending this blessed word to the myriads who perish for the lack of knowledge; praying that it shall accomplish that which the great Jehovah pleases, and prosper in the thing whereto he sends it. The speaker concluded by giving encouragement to those who,

with self-denial, so minister, that in the day of recompence, they shall be saluted with—"Come ye blessed," &c.

The President then called upon the following persons to address the meeting: each responded in order as called. The Secretary, D. Bates; the Treasurer, D. Wright; Mr. Amasa Peoples, and Mr. John McAlpine.

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

1. That the thanks of this Branch are due and are hereby tendered to the several Collectors for the last year.

2. That the Collectors for last, be re-appointed for this year.

3. That the Rev. Thos. Lockey be Collector on the Washademoac Lake, and all the upper part of Cambridge.

4. That Mr. James McLarry, Mr. James McDonald, Mr. John McAlpine, Junr., Mr. Wm. Colwell, and Mr. N. B. Cottle, be added to Committee list.

The meeting was closed by singing the Doxology.

The Committee of this Branch, instead of furnishing a formal Report would be silent, adoring him in whose hand are the hearts of all men, and who has once more favoured this Branch, even beyond the most sanguine expectation. Collectors return not empty—so that both office-bearers, together with the rest of the members of the Branch, are constrained to say that the Lord has prevented with His goodness.

The thanks of Committee are due, and are hereby respectfully tendered, to the Rev. Thos. Lockey, for his attendance at our meeting, and for his exertions in collecting in the parts of the parish where heretofore little had been done. All contributors in those parts are cordially received as members, and their names, with much pleasure, we enrol on our list.

OFFICE BEARERS.

LEONARD SLIP, Esq., President.

JOHN COLWELL,
WILLIAM COLWELL,
JOHN GUNTER,
REV. THOS. LOCKEY, } Vice Presidents.

DAVID BATES, Secretary and Depositary.

DAVID WRIGHT, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE.

Messrs. Richard Gunter,	Joseph Hendry,	John McAlpine,
" Leonard Dunphy,	Geo. W. Smith,	Chas. McAlpine,
" John McAlpine, jr	Wm. Colwell,	N. B. Cottle,
" James McLarry,	James McDonald.	

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Rev Thos Lockey.

Rev Thos Lockey	$1 00
Jas H Wilson	25
Daniel Wilson	25
Mrs S Wilson	30
" A Cory	1 00
Mark Cox	50
W H White	50
Mrs E White	60
J U Rurnet M D	1 00
A G Todd	50
J Hetherington	25
Mrs L Hetherington	25
S H Gilchrist	50
S A McKenzie	25
J Montgomery MD	1 00
John Robertson	50
Isaac Straight	25
Wm Murray Esq	1 00
E Murray	50
Mary H McLean	34
J H McDonald	50
Mrs J McDonald	25
Isaiah Carpenter	24
John Belyea	50
D H Gilchrist	25
C J Belyea	20
N Belyea	20
Jas McAllarry sen	50
Jas Gilchrist sen	1 00
A McDonald	50
L McDonald Esq	25
J A McDonald	50
C McDonald	50
J McAllarry	50
P Heustis	1 00
J Ferris Esq	2 00
John Watt	50
S V White	1 00
R Dykeman	25
B Titus	50
Joseph Hendry	1 20
Thos O'Donnell	50
	$23 58

Collected by Mr L. Dunphy.

Reuben Ebbett	$2 00
Mrs R Ebbett	2 00
Elvira Ebbett	20
Osker D Ebbett	20
W D Ebbett	12
W H Ebbett	0 12
CL Peters(deceased)	3 00
Mrs W Robinson	60
George L Robinson	10
David Ebbett	50
Mrs Wm Penery	1 00
" W Penery jun	50
Joseph Penery	50
John Slip	1 00
Mrs John Slip	30
Thos Slip	20
Anna Phillips	30
Elisha Slip	1 00
J W McAlpine	1 50
Leonard Dunphy	1 00
	$16 24

Collected by C H McAlpine.

C H McAlpine	1 00
D Ebbett Esq	1 00
Joseph Ebbett	50
Wm Fox	50
Jeremiah Gaunce	25
John Gaunce	25
	$3 50

Collected by Miss Eliza Slip.

Leonard Slip	$1 00
Gilbert Slip	50
Robert Slip	1 00
Jas McAlpine	1 00
Mrs Jas McAlpine	40
John McAlpine	60
John McAlpine sen	1 00
Amasa Peoples	1 00
John Colwell	1 00
Mrs John Colwell	1 00
Jas Colwell	1 00
Mrs Leonard Slip	50
Mrs Hannah Slip	50
Wm Colwell	1 00
	$11 50

Collected by Miss A L Foshay and Miss A E Gidney.

Wm Foshay Esq	$1 00
Mrs W Foshay	1 00
Miss Foshay	50
Henrietta Foshay	50
C Foshay	50
A L Foshay	50
I D Foshay	50
J N Foshay	50
Mrs J N Foshay	50
Mrs J W McG Foshay	25
Mrs Scovil	2 00
Miss McMonagle	2 00
Miss Gidney	1 25
Wm Williams	50
W Williams	1 00
G Williams	1 00
Mrs Williams	50
Mrs I Williams	50
Miss Williams	40
Edmund Buzza	60
Mrs E Buzza	30
David Bates	1 00
Mrs D Bates	1 00
Jas Bates	1 00
Wm Bates	1 00
R Thompson	50
M A Deuplessay	50
John Porter	50
James Porter	50
Rev Mr Shaw	50
Margaret Heustis	50
L R Heustis	50
Mrs G Sharp	25
Elias Scribner	25
G H Dykeman sen	20
B M Dykeman	25
Jas Dykeman	25
Rebecca Dykeman	25
A Dykeman	50
Mrs Jas Wright	50
D E Wright	50
Mrs D E Wright	50
A Friend	24
Mary Heustis	50
	$27 49

Total amount is Eighty-two Dollars and Thirty-one cents.

DAVID E. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

SACKVILLE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Sackville Branch Bible Society was held in the Wesleyan Chapel on Tuesday evening, the 15th Dec., 1863. In consequence of the unfavorable state of the weather and roads the meeting was but thinly attended.

After singing a hymn, and prayer being offered by the Rev. Mr. Botterell, the Rev. Dr. Pickard, President of the Society, in an appropriate address, set forth the object of the Meeting and gave an interesting outline of the operations of the Society during the year now closing. The Report, with the Treasurer's financial statement, was then read by the Secretary, after which the following resolutions, being moved and seconded, were unanimously adopted:

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Botterell, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Roberts—

1. That the Report now read, and the financial statement therewith, be adopted and forwarded to the Secretary of the N. B. Auxiliary.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Allison, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Todd—

2. That this Meeting desires to express its devout thankfulness to Almighty God for the signal success attending the circulation of His Word amongst almost all kindreds and tongues of men.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. DeWolf, seconded by Mr. Wood, Esq.—

3. That this Meeting would recognize its obligations to the Author of the Inspired Word in committing this trust to his Church, and would pledge itself to the full recognition of its obligations both to God and man in relation to the universal dissemination of the Scriptures.

Moved by Charles Dixon, Esq., seconded by Mr. Robert Bowser—

4. That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the office-bearers and collectors for their services during the past year, and that the following persons be appointed office-bearers and collectors for the ensuing year :—

REV. DR. PICKARD, President.
REV. J. SNOWBALL, } Vice Presidents.
" THOMAS TODD, }
MR. H. B. ALLISON, Treasurer.
" EDWARD COGSWELL, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. Allison,	Charles Dixon, Esq.,	Thomas Carter, Esq.
Mr. M. Wood,	Mr. Chris. Harper,	Mr. J. B. Bowser,
Rev. G. G. Roberts,	S. F. Black, Esq.,	Dr. T. W. Knapp,
Mr. Wm. Morice,	Mr. James George,	Mr. Wm. Cole,
	James Anderson, Esq.	

The Rev. Mr. Allison moved an addition to the last resolution—That the Rev. Mr. Botterell be added to the Committee, which being seconded, passed unanimously.

A collection amounting to $2.68 was taken up, after which the Doxology was sung, and the Rev. Dr. DeWolf having pronounced the benediction, the meeting separated.

REPORT.

Your Committee rejoices in being able to report a greater degree of activity in this Branch of the Auxiliary this year than usual. Early in the year much interest was felt in the circulation of the Word of God in the remote settlements of the Parish, where destitution was supposed to exist. Committees were appointed to visit these localities, and this benevolent purpose has been carried out with considerable success. Several copies of the Scriptures have thus been circulated in families who had no Bibles, while others have been induced to purchase copies for themselves. The Committee meetings during the year have been well attended, and general interest is felt in the community in the welfare and progress of this noble Society.

Your Committee cannot allow this annual meeting to pass without adverting to the loss which this as well as other benevolent and religious associations has sustained in the death of a valued member and officer—Joseph F. Allison, Esq. His earnest and untiring zeal in circulating the Scriptures, and in promoting the welfare of the Society was largely and beneficially felt in the community, and this Society mourns his sudden removal to another world. Your Committee would express their strong desire to exert their influence with augmented zeal to send the Word of the Lord to the utmost ends of the habitable earth.

Your Committee, in view of the present state of the funds of this Society, and with a prospect of increased subscriptions, would recommend that the sum of twenty pounds be appropriated as a donation to the Parent Society.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss Susan Bowser.

Rev Dr Pickard	$2 00
Joseph F Allison	5 00
Rev Thomas Todd	1 00
Robert Bowser	1 00
Edward Cogswell	4 00
Miss Mary Allison	1 00
Mrs M L Allison	1 00
T Pickard	60
Miss M J Bowser	1 00
Leonard Dixon	1 00
S O Spencer	60
A Friend	25
Mrs Mackelvie	2 00
Rev J Allison	1 00
	$21 45

Collected by Miss C Dixon and Miss Sarah Boultenhouse.

H B Allison	$4 00
J G Smith	2 00
P Hall	1 00
John Bowser	1 00
G B Easterbrooks	50
Mrs Call	50
Mrs A King	50
Mrs E B Dixon	24
Robert Hallett	50
James Murray	50
C Boultenhouse	1 00
E Kinnear	50
F S Hallett	25
W Robinson	25
Alexander Gray	25
J Lowerson	25
John Ford	20
Hugh Gallagher	50
L M Donald	25
John Richardson	25
Mrs C Richardson	25
C Richardson	20
E Richardson	$0 12
Issac Lowerson	15
H Humphrey	95
Mr Humphrey	1 00
James Dixon	75
Charles Dixon	1 15
Capt R Dixon	50
	$19 51

Collected by Miss Cole.

Bedford Barnes	$1 00
Submit Barnes	50
Rev Mr Milligan	2 00
John Dixon	50
Rev J Snowball	2 00
Mrs D Purinton	1 00
Rev C DeWolf D D	2 00
Wm Cole	1 00
	$10 00

Collected by Miss Eliza Evans.

Mrs D Hutchinson	$0 12
" W Hutchinson	8
" Allan Robinson	20
" Henry Purdy	10
Miss M Purdy	10
Mrs George Lawrence	20
" John Purdy	12
Miss Mary Evans	25
Mrs John Caston	24
Rev G G Roberts	$1 00
Miss Murray	1 00
Mrs Judson Cole	20
" J. Evans	22
" Joseph Atkinson	50
" Prescott Miller	10
" Edward Barnes	24
Simon Outhouse	48
James T Crocker	10
Miss Rebecca Barnes	12
Mrs Stephen Barnes	$0 24
Stephen Clark	20
Mrs Charles Russ	20
Miss Aletha Barnes	5
	$6 06

Collected by Miss Harper.

Laban Lawrence	$4 00
Marion Wood	2 00
J L Black	2 00
Mrs J L Black	2 00
Christopher Harper	1 00
Hiram Read	50
Mrs Robert Bell	25
Mrs S Black	25
Wm Ayer	25
Edward Read	50
	$12 75

Collected by Miss George.

Mrs Thomas Hicks	$0 25
Arthur Chase	50
Robert Dobson	12
James George	1 00
Wm F George	50
Charles W George	50
Martha Chase	25
	$3 12

Collected by Miss Carter.

Mrs A Beckwith	$0 30
" A Herder	24
" J Bulmer	25
Charles Sears	30
Ira Patterson	25
John Harris, Esq	1 00
Thomas Carter, Esq	1 00
	$3 34

The Sackville Branch Bible Society in Account with H. B. Allison, Treasurer and Depository.

1863. —Dr—

Jan. 2.	To cash paid donation to Parent Society, - - - - -	£10	0	0
Nov. 16.	" cash Messrs. DeVeber for Bibles and Testaments per bill, - -	4	7	2½
	" freight do. per schr. Bella, - -	0	0	9
Dec. 14.	" balance on hand carried down, -	22	12	4½
		£37	0	4

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1862.								
Dec.	8.	By bal. on hand per acc.'t rendered, - -	£10	13	9½	£37	0	4
1863.								
Mar.	2.	" amount col. at Public Meeting, - -	2	8	3			
Dec.	2.	" sales Bibles and Testaments in 1863, per ac.	4	17	2			
	14.	" cash per E. Cogswell, Esq., per subscript'ns,	19	1	1½			
						37	0	4
1863.								
Dec.	14.	By balance on hand brought down,				£22	12	4½

H. B ALLISON,

Sackville, Dec. 14, 1863. *Treasurer and Depository.*

SUSSEX VALE BRANCH.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of this Branch was held on the 24th day of December, 1863.

The President occupied the chair.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously:

Resolved—That we have abundant cause to thank Almighty God for a goodly measure of His favor extended to this little Branch of the Great Vine. Yet we deeply deplore that sectarian feeling which would lead some individuals among us to suppress the circulation of the Scriptures rather than have them disseminated, except through their own instrumentality. The Secretary then read the following

REPORT:

In submitting their Annual Report, your Committee cannot refrain from directing your attention to the manifold mercies of Him who hath said, "They that honor me I will honor, but they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." While anarchy and confusion has prevailed among European nations with wars and rumors of war, that nation of which we rejoice to form a part, (and in which this Society had its origin, of which we are met as a small branch) stands like its own sea

girt isle, firm and unshaken, and we, the inhabitants of this highly favored Province, enjoying the protection of the British throne, and the privilege of British institutions, have also enjoyed the blessings of peace, and your Committee are happy to state that the inhabitants of this parish are not insensible of their obligations in this respect; and have shown their gratitude, by their freewill offerings, to this the best of causes. Your Committee fully endorse the sentiments expressed in the Report of the Parent Society, that to "Divine Revelation, whose free circulation and influence amongst ourselves, we gratefully trace the elevation, peace and prosperity with which Providence has so abundantly favored our land."

The following Office-bearers were elected:

A. C. EVANSON, Esq., President.
WILLIAM STONE, Esq., } Vice Presidents.
Mr. HENRY HAYWARD, }
Mr. F. H. PEARSON, Treasurer.
" ROBERT McCULLY, Secretary.
" J. B. CALKIN, Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

James McNaughton, Esq.,	Mr. William Wallace,
William S Teakles, Esq.,	" R. C. Weldon,
Dr. F. P. Taylor,	" William Norris,
Mr. John H. Flewelling,	" Robert Ellison,
" William R. Arnold,	" Ezekiel J. Flewelling,
" Peter Snider,	" Edwin Freeze.

COLLECTORS.

Miss Eliza C. Parlee,	Miss Leonora Teakles,
" Eliza M. Sharland,	" Susan O. McCully,
" Marion Smith,	C. R. Palmer, Esq.

Resolved—That the cordial thanks of this meeting be presented to the several Collectors, and that they be requested to continue their efforts.

Resolved—That the next Annual Meeting be held in the Temperance Hall, on the 27th day of December, 1864, at two o'clock, p.m.

Depositary Reports on hand, 1 Bible, 4 Testaments,	£0	6	10
" " Cash,	1	14	8
	£2	1	6

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss M. Smith.

Dr F P Taylor	$1 00
Wm Smith	50
Mrs Wm Smith	50
R K Arnold	60
Susan Myers	50
Ernest Smith	20
Mrs H McMonagle	50
Miss McArthur	50
G M Harvey	25
John Cougle	25
Onin Hays	25
E Stockton	50
Jas A Sinnott	50
Jas Rainnie	50
R C Barnes	50
Geo Gale	25
F C Buchannan	25
Mrs Baxter	60
" McCready	54
A Friend	20
Jas Macky	1 00
Capt Thos Beer	1 00
A C Evanson Esq	1 00
Mrs Evanson	50
Mrs C McIntyre	25
Thos Holmden	20
Jas A Reeve	60
Edwin Arnold	1 00
G C Wheeler	1 00
Wm A Smith	1 00
Helen Vail	40
R Morrisson Esq	1 00
J B Calkin (two yr's)	2 06
Chas Benson	50
Jas Smith	20
	$20 60

Collected by Miss E. C. Parlee.

Peter Snider	$1 00
Mrs J L Harrison	25
H McEwing	25
Hugh Teakles	25
Eddie Snider	20
H H Freeze	20
L H Flewelling	1 00
Wm Creighton	50
Henry Deforest	50
Medley Parlee	20
B Colpitts	50
A Colpitts	$0 60
S Colpitts	50
	$5 85

Collected by Miss S. O. McCully.

H Hayward	$1 00
Mrs H Hayward	50
E F Flewelling	1 00
Mrs G Barnes	50
Mrs Jas Titus	50
G W McCready	50
Joseph Spear	25
Willie Spear	02
Robert McCully	4 00
Mrs R McCully	1 50
Susan O McCully	50
Silas C McCully	20
Oscar J McCully	20
Alonzo McCully	20
F A McCully	14
Abigail A Wilber	20
Wm Norris	2 00
F H Pearson	2 00
A faithful Friend	20
	$15 41

Coll'ted for Miss E M Sharland

Robert Ellison	$0 50
George Ellison	50
Andrew Aiton	25
Wm R Arnold	50
Mrs Wm R Arnold	50
S Lawson	50
Oliver Hallett	1 00
Mrs Oliver Hallett	50
H B White	1 00
N Arnold Esq	1 00
R Arnold Esq	1 00
Mr Leites	30
A Friend	50
Joseph Hallett	50
T O Arnold Esq	1 00
	$9 55

Collected by Miss L. Teakles.

C McLeod	$0 50
Allada Dunfield	05
F A Teakles	12
Jane Kinnear	$0 10
Mrs N Jonah	20
" Geo Jonah	25
" F Hayward	07
" B Kinnear	25
" L Graves	07
" M Smith	25
John McLeod	1 00
Jas Dunfield	50
W O Dunfield	25
Andrew Kinnear	60
Geo Hayward	25
Hanford Hayward	25
J McNaughton Esq	1 00
C E Lockhart	1 00
Geo Budd	50
John O'Neil	50
Samuel Teakles	50
T L Dunfield	20
Alfred Dunfield	20
Duncan McLeod	50
S McCully	1 00
J McQuinn	10
S Ketchum	60
M Graves	20
Wm Teakles	1 00
R A Stuart	24
Jacob Godrey	30
Wm McNaughton	20
N Jonah	25
W S Teakles Esq	1 00
	$14 00

Collected by C. R. Palmer Esq.

Edwin Freeze	$1 00
Mrs C Freeze	1 00
A Friend	20
J W Geldart	50
S McCready	48
L E B McCready	60
J McLeod Esq	1 00
M McLeod	25
S Morton	60
S F Morton	24
W F Morton	24
Mrs E Morton	1 00
Wm Morton	50
D McPherson	25
Mrs J Murray	1 00
M Penning'on	50

C R Palmer	$1 00	W Stone Esq	$0 50	R C Weldon	$1 00
E Roach	50	Oliver Stone	25		
G L Slip	50	Wm Wallace	1 00		$14 59
Rev T Stone	48				

ST. STEPHEN'S BRANCH.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Abbott P M	$1 00	Graham W W	$0 50	Quin Mrs A	$1 00
Andrews J D	1 00	Hill G P	1 00	Rose W T	1 00
Brown D	50	Hutton Henry	40	Rose J H	50
Bridges J	50	Halliday John	25	Ryder John	50
Bolton John	1 00	Heath C B	25	Ripley H	1 00
Banard N	50	Harmon Stephen	1 00	Stevens W H	2 00
Blackton Chas	1 00	Hitchings S H	1 00	Sands Geo E	25
Blair Mrs S H	1 00	Hitchings Mrs S H	1 00	Stewart Robert	50
Butler Thos W	1 00	Inches Jas A	1 00	Smith Thos J	1 00
Boardman G A	3 00	Johnston Wm	1 00	Smith J	13
Bixby Jas P	25	Johnston Robert	25	Stevens Jas G	1 00
Chipman Z	2 00	Johnston Mrs G R	1 00	Thomson Wm junr	50
Chipman Mrs Z	2 00	King W B	50	Todd W H	1 00
Clark Jas M	75	Lindsay M	1 00	Todd F H	2 00
Clewley W J	1 00	Lindsay G M	50	Trimble George	50
Cottrell Thos	25	Maxwell G	1 00	Temple A	50
Dennett E	50	McBride A	25	Tool Thos	1 00
DeWolf W H	50	McElroy Isaac	1 00	Todd Hon Wm	10 00
Darling S	1 00	McAllister S H	1 00	Todd Geo F	1 00
Eaton C B	1 00	McCullough A	2 00	Todd Chas F	2 00
Eills Wm	1 00	McNeil W	1 00	Upton Mrs D	1 00
Eaton Joseph E	5 00	McCully C G	3 00	Vroom Wm	25
Eaton H F	7 00	Murchie Jas	3 00	Watson Robert	2 00
Ferguson B	2 00	McAdam John	4 00	Watson Wm	25
Friend	3 00	McAllister W E	1 00	Waddell Jas	1 00
Friend	12	Malloch E	1 00	Robinson J B	1 00
Grant J F	1 00	Neil James	1 00	Hardy Thos	50
Grant Jas A	1 00	Norwood J M	50	Robinson Wm	1 00
Grimmer Wm	50	Owen Henry	50		
Grimmer John	1 00	Owen Wm	50		$28 38
Gregg A	50	Porter Mrs J	2 00	Discount on U S	
Grimmer G S	1 00	Porter G M	3 00	Funds	$31 67

—Dr—

The Branch Bible Society at St. Stephen in Account Current with R. Watson.

1864.
Feb. 18. To R. Watson's check on S. J. Scovil, - - $145 65

—Cr—

1864.		
Feb. 13.	By Subscriptions at St. Stephen 1863, nett -	$83 23
	" Sales of Bibles and Testaments by J. A. Grant	44 17
	Do do G. A. Boardman and Co. -	15 25
		$142 65

Geo. A. Boardman and Co., Depositaries, in Account with St. Stephen Branch Bible Society.

—Dr—

1861.		
Dec. 17.	Bibles and Testaments on hand at this time cost - - - -	$16 27
	Bibles and Testaments got of James Grant at this time - - - -	8 64
		$24 91

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1864.		
Feb. 12.	By Bibles and Testaments on hand at this date - - - - -	$9 86
	" check for balance - - - -	15 05
		$24 91

Saint Stephen Branch, New Brunswick Auxiliary Society, to James A. Grant.

—Dr—

1863.		
Mar. 13.	To cash to Mr. Chipman - - -	$40 00
	" amount Books gratis distributed - -	45
	amount Books on hand at this date - -	29 94
		$70 39
1864.		
Feb. 9.	To cash paid Mr. Chipman - - -	$44 17
		$114 56

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By amount Books at last Report - - - -	$79 86
" Invoice May 15, '62 - - - -	34 70
	$114 56

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 9, 1864. JAS. A. GRANT.

The following statement and list came in April 1863, which was too late for insertion in the former Report:

Rec'd from G Boardman and Co. Depositaries	$10	00	J F Grant	$1	00	Wm Johnston	$0 33
			Rev Wm Elder	1	00	Wm Owen	33
			Isaac McElroy		67	J H Owen	17
" J A Grant junr	26	67	C B Eaton		67		
R Watson	2	00	N Lindsay		67		$47 84
Z Chipman & Mrs C	4	00	Jas Bixley		33		

Of this Branch the following are the Office-bearers:

HON. WM. TODD, President.

JOHN McADAM, Esq.,
ROBERT WATSON, Esq.,
JAMES G. STEVENS, Esq.,
GEORGE S. GRIMMER, Esq.,
} Vice Presidents.

ROBERT WATSON, Esq., Treasurer.

REV. WILLIAM ELDER,
L. CHIPMAN, Esq.,
} Secretaries.

JAMES A. GRANT,
G. A. BOARDMAN,
} Depositaries.

COMMITTEE.

G. M. Porter,	Harrison Thompson
Robert Clark,	W. T. Rose,
A. H. Thompson,	Samuel Darling,
H. F. Eaton,	Henry Webber,
W. Annett,	Timothy Crocker,

With the Clergymen of the Parish, who are Members of the Society.

SHEDIAC BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, 8th December. The President in the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th verses of 108th Psalm. Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong read a chapter in Isaiah, and Rev. J. I. Dunlop engaged in prayer. The Secretary then read the following

REPORT.

Mr. Chairman, friends and supporters of the Bible Society—Your Committee in laying before you their report of 1863, are much gratified by the fact that the amount collected during this year is considerably in excess of last year's collec-

tions, which we trust is an indication of a new and stronger interest being awakened here in favor of the Bible Society. For this gratifying result your Committee feel that they are indebted to the kindness of Rev. Thos. Todd, for his able sermon preached in October last, in behalf of this Society, as also to Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong, for his interesting lecture on the same subject, and at the same time to the noble efforts of the Lady Collectors of this Branch, who have been, if possible, more zealous than ever in their desires to advance the interests of the Society. May we not hope that the contributions will thus continue to increase year by year, as the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to the support of all Christian people, become more generally known and felt among us? Your Committee, during the past year, have made a small donation of six Bibles and twelve Testaments, to the Wesleyan Sabbath School, and the cash sales at the Depositary, amount to $8.17, besides the sales at the Cocaigne, amounting to $1.23. A large stock of Bibles and Testaments remain on hand at the Depository, for sale at cash prices. Your Committee would suggest that the balance of funds on hand after paying necessary expenses, be remitted to the St. John Auxiliary as a free donation for the general purposes of the Society.

Your Committee feel that you have much cause to be thankful for the blessing which has attended past labors, and trust that the blessing of Almighty God may continue to rest on the efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society *and its several* Branches.

It was moved by Mr. C. P. Smith, seconded by Rev. J. I. Dunlop, and unanimously

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee be received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. W. J. M. Hanington, seconded by Mr. Thos. Irving, and

Resolved—That the present Office-bearers be re-appointed for 1864, and that Jas. G. Wilbur, J. H. Bateman, and Jas. G. Evans, Esqrs., be added to the Committee.

Moved by Mr. Ovid Chapman, seconded by Mr. Jas. J. Evans, and unanimously

Resolved—That the thanks of this Society are cordially tendered to the Lady Collectors, for their kindness in collecting subscriptions for the Bible Society, and they are respectfully requested to continue their efforts in the same capacity.

Rev. J. Irvine Dunlop then addressed the meeting, exhibiting and explaining some Diagrams of ancient Bible writings and languages; the Modern Printing Establishment and Bible House of the Society in London, &c. &c., which was very interesting, and was well received by the audience.

Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong then followed in a very eloquent discourse, relating many instances of the blessed effects which have resulted from the distribution of the Holy Scriptures by the Society, and urging upon all the importance of supporting and assisting it by their means and influence.

After the speeches, it was moved by Mr. C. P. Smith, and unanimously

Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting are most heartily tendered to these rev. gentlemen, who by their presence and speeches, have so kindly assisted us this evening.

The collection was then taken up, and after singing the Doxology, the meeting was dismissed by Rev. George M. Armstrong.

Office bearers for 1864, will be as follows:

R. W. ABERCROMBY, President.

W. J. M. HANINGTON, And Resident Clergymen, } Vice Presidents.

R. W. ABERCROMBY, Depositary.

OVID CHIPMAN, Treasurer.

T. B. HANINGTON, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Philip Chapman, Esq.,	Thos. Irving,
Robert Craig,	G. Williams,
H. A. Allison,	Wm. Copp,
Jas. Webster,	C. P. Smith,
Wm. Stevens,	J. H. Bateman.
Rev. J. I. Dunlop.	

LADY COLLECTORS.

Miss Hillson,	Miss McDougall	Miss Kennedy,
" Chapman,	" Hanington,	" J. Chapman.

DEPOSITARY REPORT FOR 1863.

1863.			
Jan. 1.	To Bibles and Testaments on hand	-	$52 61
May.	Received from St. John Depositary	$18 92	
Aug.	" " "	32 99	51 71
			$104 32

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By Bibles and Testaments sent to Botsford Branch Bible Society	$5 15	
" 12 Testaments 120 cts., and 6 Bibles 132 cts., given to Wesleyan Sabbath School	2 52	
" Bibles and Testaments supplied to Branch Depositary at Point Du Chene	21 65	
" Bibles and Testaments supplied to Branch Depositary at Cocaigne	4 18	
" Bibles and Testaments on hand	62 65	
" " " sold at Depositary	8 17	
		$104 32

R. W. ABERCROMBY, *Depositary*

Shediac, N. B. 8th Dec., 1863.

Memorandum of Bibles and Testaments on hand at Depositary.

1 French Bible 50 cts., 1 Bible each $2.40, $2.60, $1.80 and 75 cts.	$8 05
2 Bibles @ $1.20, 2.40; 6 @ 80, 4.80; 3 @ 40, 1.20; 4 @ 23, 92,	9 32
37 School do @ 22, $8.14; 13 do do @ 19, 2.47	10 61
36 Pearl Bible @ 22	7 92
" " @ 60	4 80
16 French Testaments @ 30	4 80
5 Testaments @ 60, $3.00; 2 @ 37, 74; 36 @ 10, 3.60; 3 @ 35, 1.05	8 39
8 do @ 20, $1.60; 3 @ 17, 51; 3 @ 13, 39; 41 @ 10, 4.10	6 60
8 " 27 cts.	2 16
	$62 65

R. W. A. *Depositary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1863.

—Dr—

To amount collected at Rev. Thos. Todd's sermon	$8 65
" " Subscription, Thomas Irving, Esq.,	1 00
" " Collected by Miss McDougall	5 11
" " " " Hillson	4 14
" " " " Kennedy	11 16
" " " " Hanington	13 75
" " " " Chapman	7 60
" " " " Jane Chapman	15 41
" " Sales of Books at Depositary, Shediac	8 17
" " " " " Cocaigne	1 23
" " Collected at Annual Meeting	6 60
	$82 82

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By Printing, Postage, Freights and Incidental Expenses	$5 83
" Balance remitted St. John Auxiliary	76 99
	$82 82

T. B. HANINGTON, *Secretary.*

Shediac, N. B., 8th Dec., 1863.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss Hanington.

Armstrong Miss	$0 30
Bell Mrs John	1 00
Bell Mr George	25
Bateman J H	1 00
Gilbert W J	1 00
Hanington Mrs D	76
Hanington S	40
Hanington Miss S J	50
Hanington W	50
Inglis Mrs	12
McQueen Mrs A	25
Powell Miss	50
Robinson Mrs T	20
Robinson Henry	24
Stevens Wm	1 00
Stevens Mrs W	1 00
Smith Mrs T E	52
Scovil Mrs A H	24
Smith Evelyn	24
Sewell Jane	25
Wilbur Mrs John	1 00
Wilbur Lemuel	50
Wilbur Mrs L	50
Wilbur Jas G	1 00
Withers Mrs	37
A Friend	11
	$13 75

Collected by Mis McDougall.

Cruikshank Geo	$0 12
Duff Alexander	20
Ford Thos	25
Grammell L A	25
Irving Mrs	20
Lucas Jas	30
Lucas S E	18
Mackie Rev J	1 00
McLane Hugh	10
McLane Mrs H	10
McWilliams A	$0 15
McWilliams Mrs	10
McWilliams L	5
McWilliams A jun	5
McWilliams Wm	5
McWilliams A	5
McWilliams Miss S J	5
McDougall John	25
McDougall A	25
Murray Allen	20
McNeil A	20
Steeves J L	20
Seeley Jane	25
A Friend	14
Omitted by Secretary last year, list being mislaid	42
	$5 11

Collected by Miss Chapman.

Calder Mrs	$0 60
Henderson J A J	25
Hanington T B	1 50
Hanington Mrs T B	1 00
McKean S	1 00
Snarr A W	25
Smith C P	1 00
Smith E J	50
Tool J T	50
Webster Jas	1 00
	$7 60

Collected by Miss J. Chapman.

Abercromby RW	$1 00
Armour Mrs R	24½
Chapman P Esq	1 10
Chapman Mrs P	1 00
Chapman Ovid	1 10
Chapman Miss	50
Chapman A D	1 00
Chapman Jane	$0 20
Cleveland Mrs	50
Copp Wm	1 00
Cook Mrs	40
Dunlop Rev J I	1 00
Dunlop Lucy	20
Dunlop Matilda	20
Dunlop Catherine	10
Davison H C	50
Davison Capt C	50
Evans Jas J	35
Evans Mrs	24½
Evans Frank	12½
Evans Edith	12½
Harper D S	50
Hannah C	20
Inglis Samuel	12
Nesbit Miss S	1 00
Ralphs F	20
Scovil Mrs R C	1 00
Sears Mrs	25
Taid Mrs	25
Underwood John	50
	$15 41

Collected by Miss Kennedy.

Atkinson Capt	$0 75
Allison H E	60
Allingham Geo	50
Adams M	25
Creighton Capt	48
Cobb Robert	10
Chase R	50
Cameron Capt D	60
Davidson Mrs A	50
Green Martha	25
Hanington W J M	2 00
HaningtonMrsWJM	50
Keith Henry	25
Matthews Capt	1 00

Murray R B	$0 50	A Friend	$0 10	McBeath Mrs	$0 10
Mooney Mary	25		$11 16	McDonald Jas	25
Seward Capt	48	Collected by Miss Hillson.		Stronach Mrs A	25
Sherard T F	25	Atkinson Mrs G E	$0 20	Smith Mrs E J	25
Simpson Anthony	20	Calder John	25	Smith Mrs C	50
Schurman Mrs P	25	Frier John	20	Taylor Mrs A R	25
Schurman Mary J	25	Forest Mrs	50	Welling James	24
Schurman Eliza	25	Hillson Mrs Jas	15	A Friend	24
A Friend	10	Hillson Geo	10	A Friend	10
A Friend	25	Hillson Miss M	20	A Friend	20
		Mahood Augusta	16		$4 14

CARLETON BRANCH.

The Anniversary of this Branch Bible Society was held in Basement of the Wesleyan Church, on Monday, 4th January, 1864.

A large and respectable audience convened.

After singing and prayer by the Rev. J. Armstrong, the President, Mr. Salter, read the 19th Psalm, and made a few opening remarks.

The Rev. Messrs. Armstrong, G. A. Hartley, and McKeown, as named, addressed the meeting.

The speakers appeared quite happy in their work, and a deep feeling of responsibility in connection with the Bible cause, seemed to rest upon the whole assembly. We supposed every heart was responding, "I will love my Bible more, and I will do something more than I have done for the circulation of the Word of Life."

The Rev. Mr. Baird, whose heart is in this work, was, we regret to say, unable to attend the meeting, in consequence of severe indisposition.

A collection was taken in aid of the funds of the Branch.

The meeting was then closed by singing the Doxology, and Benediction by Rev. Mr. McKeown.

It is generally admitted that this anniversary was one of the most interesting we have ever held.

In consequence of the severe and continued illness of the mother of Miss Drake, one of our excellent collectors, the duty devolved at a late hour upon Miss H. Clark, who kindly consented to take the entire work, which she has performed well, and had more time been given her, the receipts, no doubt, would have been equal to last year.

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S. STRANGE, Esq.,
J. McLAUCHLAN, Esq.,
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ISAAC OLIVE, Esq., Treasurer.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. Wm. Beatty,
" John Christopher,
" Wm H. Shaw,
" Robert Stackhouse,
" John Strange,
Mr. Charles Ketchum,
" Robert Lowe,
" Daniel Clarke,
" Henry Colwell,
" John A. Mace.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss H. Clarke.		Mrs S Wetmore	$0 50	MrsHolmes	$0 25
J McLauchlan Esq	$2 00	" J Mace	50	J M Cougle	1 00
Mrs J McLauchlan	2 00	" Smith	30	J C Littlehale Esq	60
Rev G A Hartley	2 00	" J Coram	30	A Friend	15
Mrs G A Hartley	1 00	Jas Drake	1 00	Mr Morrison	50
Dr J Waddell	4 00	W J Clark	1 00	A Friend	25
Mrs McLauchlan	1 00	A Friend	20	Wm Beatteay	1 00
" B Cushing	1 00	Rev J Armstrong	3 00	Mrs Jas Beatteay	50
" J D White	50	Mrs Robilleard	1 00	" More	50
Master W White	15	Rev J Baird	2 00	" Z Adams	1 00
R N Knight	1 00	A Friend	20	" John Clark	1 00
Dr J D White	50	Miss E Mace	50	G S Baker	1 00
J M Jenkins	20	Isaac Sharp	50	Charles Baker	1 00
I McDougall	25	W H Olive	1 00	A Friend	25
A Friend	60	A Friend	25	A Howard	50
A Friend	25	E Davis	25	Jas Stackhouse	1 00
S Strange Esq	1 00	Wm Shaw	1 00	C Ketchum Esq	1 00
Mrs T Allen	50	Mrs S Brittain	50	J T Peters	50
" Bissett	25	" Belyea	20	John Strange	1 00
" W Olive	60	" E D Gore	1 00	Mrs Cunningham	50
" J Clark	50	" Lane	30	Mr Coldwell	50
Isaac Olive jun	1 00	" Whelpley	20	Wm Clark jun	1 00
A Friend	25	" Wakefield	15	D W Clark Esq	1 00
E H Lapham	30	" Blair	1 00	A Friend	25
Rev H McKeown	1 00	" E Davis	25	A Friend	60
J N Taylor	1 00	" E Wetmore	1 00		
R Salter Esq	2 00	Miss Campbell	25		$68 75
A C A Salter	1 00	George Bedford	50		
Isaac Olive Esq	2 00	Geo H Robinson	1 00	Pub'c Col. $7 30	
Mrs Isaac Olive	1 00	Mr Griffith	50	Less exp'ses 1 50	$5 80
Mrs J Greene	50	Mr Lowe	1 00		
" Thompson	1 00	A Friend	20		$74 55

PETERSVILLE BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the Petersville Branch Bible Society was held in the New School House, at Welsford, on the 29th day of September, at two o'clock, Robert Bayard, Esq., M. D., President, in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong.

The opening address was delivered by the chairman, after which the following resolutions were put to the meeting:

Moved by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, and seconded by Charles R. Bayard, Esq.,

Whereas—The report of the 59th Annual Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, has expressed its grateful sense "of the goodness and mercy which have hitherto followed its labors,"—"its trust in the same gracious guidance—its desire to engage with renewed activity in the great work, and its invitation to all for earnest prayer and co-operation," that the light of the Gospel may speedily shine upon the lands of darkness, superstition and ignorance; therefore resolved, that this Branch of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, acknowledges its gratitude to Almighty God for His blessing upon the labors of our Parent Society, and also its call upon us, and upon every well-wisher to the cause, for increased contributory exertions.

Moved by the Rev. Wm. Alves (Pres.), seconded by the Rev. T. S. Ritchey (Epis.),

That one of the great principles of the Bible Society is an uncompromising union in the belief that the Bible is the Word of God, inspired in its teachings, and consequently authentic in all of its historical details, and that the platforms of the Parent, Auxiliary, and Branch Societies, demonstrate this union, irrespective of questions affecting Church organization.

There was also a resolution moved after the previous one, by the Rev. G. Brown (Pres.),

I regret that the resolution and remarks made on it by the reverend gentleman have been lost or mislaid, as it was a very interesting and appropriate address on the subject of our noble Bible associations.

Moved by the Rev. A. Stirling (Pres.), seconded by Mr. Parks:

That the gentlemen who formed the Committee, as also the

same officers of the Branch for the past year, be chosen to serve for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, seconded by the Rev. Wm. Alves,

That the thanks of this meeting be given to those Ladies, who cheerfully and zealously performed the troublesome duty of collecting the contributions to this Society, and that they be respectfully requested to continue their labor of goodwill.

There was also a meeting in the Presbyterian Church, (Gagetown Road), at eight o'clock, p.m., thereby calling on the people in each extremity of Petersville, on the same day, in support of the circulation of the Word of Life.

The previous resolutions were again moved, seconded, and put to the meeting, by the rev. gentlemen who did so at Welsford.

A vote of thanks was given by the meeting to the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rev. Wm. Alves, Rev. T. S. Richey, who so kindly gave us their support in advocating the cause of the Bible, and coming a distance of forty miles from their homes, to strengthen our hands, and advocate the beauty and happiness of "holding forth the Word of Life."

Our meetings and collections this year have been a decided success, showing that God will bless the day of small things, and that His Word will not return to Him void. May we all hold forth the Word of Life, as set forth by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, in his beautiful and interesting address to the meeting.

At a meeting of the Committee held on Saturday, the 5th inst., the collectors lists shewed an amount of $72.59 in addition to amount realized by sale of books, of $12.03. Collected at the Annual Meeting at Welsford, the sum of $6.51, and at the meeting in the Presbyterian Church, $2.01, making in all the sum of $93.14, less incidentals, 70 cents; leaving in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of $92.44 for the purposes of the Branch.

Therefore resolved—That the sum of $60 be sent as a free gift to the Parent Society, and the remainder be expended in Bibles and Testaments for the Branch.

OFFICE BEARERS.

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JOSEPH B. PERKINS, J. P., } Vice Presidents.
THOMAS L. PENDER, Esq., }

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THOS. LEONARD, Secretary and Depositary.

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Charles R. Bayard, Esq.,
Charles Perkins, Esq.,
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Mr. John Pender,
" James Pender,
" Norman McLeod,
" John Moore,
Mr. Andrew Hamilton,
" William McKenney,
" John Robb,
" James McCracken,
" James Kerr,
" William Polley,
" Isaac Watters.

THOS. LEONARD, *Secretary.*

Petersville, Q. C., 26th Dec. 1863.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss Hoffman at Welsford.

C R Bayard Esq	$2 00
Mrs C R Bayard	2 00
Miss Bayard	1 00
Miss Hoffman	2 00
R Bayard Esq M D	6 00
Mrs R Bayard	1 00
F Woods Esq J P	1 00
S Parks Esq	50
Mrs S H Parks	30
Mrs McRoberts	50
D Wark	50
Mrs R Wark	20
Mrs W Henderson	25
Jas Griffith	50
Mrs Nallis	25
M Buchanan	50
Jas McDonald	25
Rev T S Richey	1 00
Mrs T S Richey	50
John Godfrey	25
Geo Godfrey	25
John Gillis	$0 25
	$21 00

Coll'ted by Miss M. R. Pender.

John Pender	$2 00
Miss M R Pender	1 00
Jas Boyle	25
L T Pender	2 00
Miss J Simpson	60
Jas Pender sen	$1 20
Miss A E Pender	25
" Janet Pender	25
" M A Pender	25
" Isabella Pender	25
Rev A Stirling	2 00
Miss M H Graham	1 00
" B A Graham	40
Mrs M A McKenney	60
Miss E McKenney	40
Wm Polley	60
E D Millar	1 00
Mrs M Corbitt	0 50
Geo Dunne	50
Jas Wilson	50
S Corbitt	60
Wm Corbitt	25
Wm Daly	20
J A Pender	40
John Simpson	1 00
	$18 00

Coll'ted by Miss M. A. Murphy.

N McLeod	$1 00
D N Murphy	60
Wm Wilson	60
A Hamilton	1 00
D J Hamilton	1 00
Thos Leonard	1 00
Geo A Mahood	40
Miss A Mahood	20
T Covey Esq J P	50
A Friend	$0 12
A Friend	12
Thos Cooper	25
James Bell	25
Wm F Graham	90
Wm Woods	60
John White	25
Mrs F Woods	70
Miss E J Miller	9
Mrs A Graham	12
Miss M A Murphy	50
J Murphy Esq	25
Jas Quinn	50
Mrs Jas Quinn	24
Thos Graham	50
Wm Graham	25
Mrs J Martin	12
Jas Martin	25
Thos Treadwell	10
Wm J Rolsten	50
Miss A A Quigley	25
John Allingham	25
	$13 41

Collected by Miss S. Galey.

Joseph Galey	$0 60
James Kerr	60
Wm Nelson	40
Thos Moore	$0 30
Jas McCracken	60
Mrs J McCracken	25
Miss J McCracken	25

Richard Graham	$0 25
James Heasty	25
William Scott	60
Miss M Graham	25
Joseph Kerr	50
Jas McKinney	60
Mrs Sheals	20
James Deal	24
	$5 89

Collected by Miss B. A. McCullum.

John Moore sen	$0 60
John Moore jun	60
Wm Curry	40
S Corbitt sen	30
John Kerr	25
Wm McKinney	50
John McKinney	50
T Williamson	$0 24
Mrs Emery	10
S Tumuth	25
Mrs Barton	25
Jas B Corbitt	25
Thos M Corbitt	0 20
	$4 44

Coll'ted by Mrs. G. A. Perkins.

George Mills	$0 50
Wm Lowrie	50
Master F Martin	20
Mrs G H Lyon	40
Henry Watters	20
John McCracken	50
Gabriel Fowler	50
Geo H Lyon	60
Chas Perkins Esq	1 00
Jas B Lyon	30
Thos Trott	$0 50
James Doak	25
P S Lyon	50
Wm McCracken	40
Mrs J Armstrong	50
Simon Nelson	25
John Smith	20
Hugh Quinn	30
Mrs J Hamilton	60
Mrs Wm Lyon	25
John Armstrong	40
J B Perkins Esq JP	1 00
	$9 85
Loyal Orange Lodge No. 4	$2 00
Loyal Orange Lodge No. 99	2 00

MONCTON BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Methodist Chapel, on the evening of the 24th of November, 1863. The President, James McAllister, Esq., occupied the chair. After singing a hymn, and prayer by the Rev. G. M. Barratt, the President, in a brief speech, gave a succinct account of the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society during the previous year. The principal speakerrs of the evening were Rev. Mr. Barratt, Rev. Stephen Humphrey, Mr. E. Taylor, and the Secretary.

A number of resolutions were put to the meeting, and unanimously adopted. The following is the

REPORT:

Your Committee, in preparing the Report, did not deem it proper to enter into details concerning the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for we have full particulars of its doings in the Annual Report of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, which is freely circulated in this part of the country. We recommend all who can get copies to read them for their own satisfaction.

This Branch Society owes a debt of gratitude to those Lady Collectors who have succeeded so well in raising funds to promote Bible circulation. The Parent Society, the Auxiliaries in the Colonies, and their various branches, are under deep obligations to Lady Collectors, for their services. It is a branch of the service indispensably necessary for their successful operation.

Amidst many discouragements, it is a source of consolation to those persons who feel a deep interest in Bible Societies and kindred institutions, that there are to be found some few individuals in every civilised community, who will sacrifice time, and put themselves to many inconveniences in order to be able to promote benevolent objects.

Your Committee report funds in hand as follows:

Cash value of Books on hand not sold at the Depositary - - - - -	$75 74½
Cash in hands of Treasurer for Books sold, amounting to - - - - - -	$29 43½
Total amount of Subscriptions - - -	$51 15

Error in last year's report, instead of John Bennett one dollar, it should be Rev. G. M. Barratt one dollar.

The following are the Office bearers and Committee elected for the year 1864:

JAMES McALLISTER, Esq., President.

Rev. G. M. BARRATT,
Rev. WM. ALLAN,
Rev. STEPHEN HUMPHREY, } Vice Presidents.

Mr. EZEKIEL TAYLOR, Treasurer and Depositary.
Mr. H. D. CHARTERS, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Humphrey, Sen.,	Mr. Jonathan Wier,
" John Read,	" J. G. Simpson,
" Bliss Botsford,	" J. G. McCurdy,
" Thomas Sime,	" Thos. M. Brown,
" William Watherston,	" Wm. L. Bowser,
" Thomas Robb,	" Jas. Robertson, Sen.,
" Alexander McLean,	" Thos. N. Robertson,
" Frederick Butcher.	

H. D. CHARTERS, *Secretary.*

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Mrs. J. McAllister.

Jas McAllister	$3 00
O Jones	2 00
Dr A H Chandler	2 00
Mrs Allan	1 00
" B Botsford	1 00
" McAllister	1 00
W C Jones	1 00
G M Barratt	1 00
Mrs C B Record	1 00
Jonathan Wier	1 00
Mrs Denoon	75
" P King	60
" W Robinson	1 00
" J Robertson sen	60
" J Robertson jun	60
" Adams	60
" Butcher	50
" Wortman	50
Amos Fawcett	50
S D Angus	50
Neil McLean	50
A McWilliams	50
A Friend	50
Miss Nisbet	50
A Gift	50
Wm Duncan	48
Mrs Lorrie	40
John Wright	36
Geo Murdock	25
Wm McAllister	25
Mrs Torrie	25
D McWilliams	25
Mrs T M Brown	25
Mrs M Stewart	25
Miss Grant	$0 25
John Grant	24
	$25 88

LOUISVILLE VILLAGE.

Collected by Mrs. M. Cochran.

J Humphrey, jun	$1 50
Unknown Friend	1 00
Robert Bishop	1 00
Wm Hains	75
S C Carney	50
John Weldon	50
Stephen Mills	50
Abner Jones	54
L McDonald	50
Charles Jones	41
E Cochran	40
Ann Mills	30
George Thomas	25
B Lutez	25
Mrs McRobie	25
" Nicholson	25
Edward Scott	25
David Wilber	25
Jas Cummins	24
Robert Cochran	24
Wm Haley	30
Francis Snow	24
Fanny Scott	24
Mary J Harris	24
Mrs Scott	20
" Danville	20
" Snelgrove	12
Mary Cochran	12
Alfred Stulz	$0 10
A Snow	10
Juvenile Donations	26
	$12 00

Coll'ted by Mrs. G. M. Barratt.

Mrs Summer	$1 02
" A Robertson	1 00
" McCurdy	1 00
J G Simpson	75
Mrs Thos Ewin	50
" G M Barratt	50
W L Bowser	60
Sarah King	25
Mrs L Colpitts	25
" E Miles	24
" Faulk	20
A Friend	48
	$6 79

Collected by Mrs. Jas. Robertson, Sen.

E Taylor	$1 50
John L Harris	1 50
C P Harris	1 50
Mrs C Anderson	48
" C A Holstead	50
" McCarthy	25
" Pitfield	25
" Thos Robertson	25
" Perrigo	25
	$6 48

CHIPMAN BRANCH.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Chipman Branch Bible Society was held in the Temperance Hall, on Saturday evening, the 26th December, 1863. The President, E. L. Burpee, Esq., in the chair.

The meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. Elias Kierstead; the President then made some appropriate remarks concerning the importance of an increased exertion on the part of the inhabitants of Chipman, to throw in their mite for the spread of the Gospel. The Rev. Mr. Kierstead was

then called upon and occupied nearly an hour in advocating the Bible cause, and was listened to with great attention, and, no doubt, what he advanced was of much benefit to all present. Some other members of the Society made some good remarks, and all appeared to be well received.

Your Committee, in sending in this their fifth report, have reason to thank the giver of every good and perfect gift, for sparing their lives until the present moment, and also for the many blessings conferred upon them both spiritual and temporal. We have the pleasure to inform you that the subscriptions here this year, exceed those of last year some ten dollars. And we feel grateful to the Ruler of all things that He has put it in the hearts of the people to give. We have unanimously resolved to forward you forty dollars of this year's subscription, wishing you to dispose of it where most needful in the Bible cause, and we hope and trust it will be the means of doing much good. The balance of this year's subscription is to be appropriated to the enlargement of our stock of Bibles and Testaments for the Depositary.

Moved by Isaac C. Burpee, seconded by William H. Fleming, and

Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting be given to those young ladies, who have so successfully collected for this Society the present year.

OFFICE BEARERS.

EBENEZER L. BURPEE, Esq., President.
WILLIAM H. FLEMING, Esq., } Vice Presidents.
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JOHN CHRISTY, Treasurer.
ISAAC C. BURPEE, Secretary.
CHAS. C. LANGIN, Esq., Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

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John Fraser, William H. Fleming,
Geo. G. King, William Henderson,
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John W. Goldfinch, Esq.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss C. Elliott.

E L Burpee Esq	$4 00	Miss M A Burpee	$0 25	Master C L Burpee	$0 20
Mrs E L Burpee	1 00	" Adaline Burpee	25	" J W Burpee	10
		Master C D Burpee	20	" Wm H Burpee	10

Miss J E T Burpee	$0 05
" S J Burpee	05
D McKinnon	50
B Lafferty	48
John Davidson	50
Jas Davidson	50
Mrs Rattray	50
Miss C Elliot	50
Miss A Cochran	25
R English	1 00
J S Langin	1 00
John Howlett	50
Mrs J McDougall	50
John Arthor	50
J Mercereau	28
Wm Hare	30
Mrs Wm Hare	30
John Christy	60
Wm McColough	10
M McGinnis	50
P Cordiner	50
R Johnson	48
Jas Young	25
Edwin Langin	25
Geo Wilson	50
Robert Clyde	50
	$17 49

Collected by Miss M. Bishop.

Isaac C Burpee	$1 00
Wm H Fleming	26
Mrs R Demons	$0 24
" Bishop	20
B Bishop sen	1 00
Miss Mary Bishop	24
John Black	25
Miss Jane Bishop	50
Chas C Langin Esq	1 00
	$4 69

Collected by Miss M. J. Fulton.

F Fulton	$1 00
Mrs F Fulton	25
Miss R Fulton	25
John Fulton	25
F Fulton jun	25
Jas Fulton	50
Wm Calhoon	25
Miss S Fulton	25
S Briggs Esq	50
Mrs Briggs	20
Miss M A McColough	25
Jas A Gray	20
Miss S C Gray	25
Jas Gray sen	45
James Lamb	20
Thos Fulton	25
Jeremiah Smith	25
Donald Brown	25
John Wilson sen	50
Miss Isabella Wilson	25
Stephen Wilson	25
C McLaughlan	$0 25
Mrs Gordon	17
Wm Kelley	20
	$7 42

Collected by Miss M. Bennison.

Mrs G Bennison	$0 50
Daniel Peers	50
Mrs Wm Stewart	30
" S Moore	20
Geo Ramsey	20
Mrs Jane Fowler	05
Peter Cordiner	50
Thos Lloyd	25
Miss A Bennison	06
Jas Ackerman	25
Miss R Parker	10
Andrew Dunn	20
Henry Conners	20
Mrs G McCollum	12
Henry Lunt	30
Albert E Kirk	60
Miss S Dunn	10
Wm Stewart	50
Mrs Richardson	25
S Langin	48
John Glenn	20
Elijah Demons	44
	$6 30

ST. ANDREW'S BRANCH.

The following is a part of the letter which was addressed to the Auxiliary Society, by J. W. Whitlock, the Treasurer:

It has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events, to remove from among us, our venerable and respected President, who was always most forward in the great and good cause of the Bible Society. Since his death we have not yet had a meeting, and consequently have no President.

OFFICE BEARERS.

DAVID MOWATT, Esq., Vice President.
J. W. WHITLOCK, Esq., Treasurer.
A. T. PAUL, Esq., Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

C. R. Hatheway, Esq., Thos. Wyer Esq.,
A. W. Smith, Esq., R. Stevenson, Esq.,
Hugh Morrison, Esq., Thos. T. O'Dell, Esq.,
M. S. Hannah, Esq.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by the Misses Mowatt and Morrison.		Mrs Green	$0 50	Rev Mr Ketchum	1 00
		Mr Richards	60	Mrs R E Smith	1 00
Mrs Coburn	$2 00	" Kelly	62	H Hatch	68
Rev Mr Moore	1 00	" Glenn	1 00	Mrs S Maloney	50
Mrs E Stinson	1 00	Mrs Harrison	50	E Lorimer	50
Rev Mr Ross	62	Miss Mowatt	50	Mrs J H Whitlock	1 00
Mrs D W Jack	1 00	A Friend	25	Geo Moore	50
Dr Parker	1 00	Mr Holton	50	Miss Stinson	35
Mr Greathead	1 00	" Anderson	1 00	Mr Bradford	25
Mr Bull	1 00	R Stevenson	1 00	" Cole	27
Mrs Ames	50	Mrs Day	60	C E Gove	25
Mrs C Grant	50	C Stevenson	50	Mrs Gunnison	25
E Wilson	50	D Clark	50	James Stoop	50
Miss L Sprague	50	Mrs J Wilson	50		
Mrs G Street	1 00	" D Johnson	1 25		$28 49

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Jan. 8.	To cash remitted to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary Society as a donation - -	$40 00
	" Paid to Messrs. L. H. Deveber and Sons, for Bibles and Testaments - - -	18 61
	" Postages - - - - - -	54
	" To balance on hand - - - -	25 45
		$84 60

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Feb. 21.	By balance on hand - - - -	$43 09
Jan. 7.	" Collection received from Misses Morrison and Mowatt - - - - -	28 49
	" Cash received from O'Dell and Turner, for sale of Bibles, &c., - - -	13 02
		$84 60

J. H. WHITLOCK, *Treasurer.*

St. Andrews, 8th Feb., 1864.

STUDHOLM BRANCH.

Jan. 15th, 1864.

My Dear Sir,—I transmit to you a report of Studholm Branch Bible Society, which held its Annual Meeting on the 16th of December last, when the following officers were elected:

RICHARD S. FOLKINS, President.
WILLIAM COATES, Esq., } Vice Presidents.
B. S. CHAPMAN, Esq., }
PETER Z. PARLEE, Treasurer.
JOSEPH A. McNAUGHT, Depositary.
JAMES C. PARLEE, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Brown Harrison, J. A. Fenwick, Esq.,
J. N. Coates, Samuel Gosline,
Lewis Folkins, Joseph McNaught,
Isaac Z. Parlee.

COLLECTORS.

Miss Sarah E. Manning, Miss Eleanor Ryan.

Resolved—That the next Annual Meeting be held in the School-house near William Sinnott's, on the third Wednesday in December, at seven o'clock in the evening.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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Jan. 12.	By cash Joseph A. McNaught - -	$10 59
" "	" Miss E. Ryan - - - -	11 40
" 18.	" Miss S. E. Manning - -	28 90
		$50 89

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Jan. 20.	To amount for Books - - - -	$16 00
" "	" amount to Auxiliary - - -	34 89
		$50 89

PETER Z. PARLEE, *Treasurer.*

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Coll'ted by Miss S. E. Manning.				Collected by Miss E. Ryan.	
Mr & Mrs D Fraser	$3 00	Mrs J King	$1 00	Hon J H Ryan	$1 00
B Harrison	1 00	Mrs J B Blair	1 00	J A Fenwick	1 00
J A McNaught	1 00	" P Z Parlee	1 00	R L Folkins	1 00
S Gosline	1 00	" J A Gosline	1 00	James Ryan	1 00
J N Coates	1 00	" J C Parlee	1 00	W McLeod	2 00
Peter Z Parlee	1 00	" R Murray	40	Lewis Folkins	1 00
Joshua Oldfield	1 00	" W Coates	50	John S Benson	1 00
J M Stockton	1 00	" E McAllister	25	Amasa Keneda	50
Wm Coates Esq	1 00	Martha N Gosline	25	S Fenwick	50
S W Stockton	1 00	Isabel Cunningham	10	F A Wilson	50
G C Stockton	1 00	Thos Pearce	50	Jas Urquart	40
John Gosline	1 00	J M Hallett	40	Mrs G Musgrove	25
John McArthur	1 00	R Knollin	40	Wm Musgrove	25
J McArthur Esq	1 00	David Sinnott	35	Jacob Wilson	25
Thos Coates sen	1 00	A M Cook	25	W W Teakles	25
G A Coates	1 00	A Friend	25	A Teakles	25
Miss C McCully	1 00	A Friend	25	Geo Brown	25
Mrs D Hayward	1 00		$28 90		$11 40

BLACK RIVER BRANCH.

OFFICE BEARERS.

WILLIAM HAWKES, Esq., President.
JOHN WALLACE, } Vice Presidents.
WILLIAM DALEY, }
DANIEL SMITH, Secretary.
WILLIAM EVANS, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE.

Peter McLeod, Sen., James Hawkes,
John Moore, John Morrison,
Richard Evans, John Parks.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected at Annual Meeting.					
Daniel Smith	$1 50	Jas Hawkes	$0 50	Wm Francis	$1 00
John Wallace sen	1 00	John Morrison	1 00	Mrs Wm Francis	1 00
Mrs R Wallace	1 00	Wm Wallace	1 00	Miss S Crozier	25
Wm Daley	1 00			Jas Crozier	25
Peter McLeod	1 00		$10 50	Mrs Harbel	20
Mr Magee	50	Collected by Miss L. Collins.		Mrs A Crozier	25
John Moore	1 00	John Parks	$1 00	Jas Howard	25
Wm Evans	1 00	Wm Murphy	50	John Jackson	24
				Miss M A Bond	20

Mrs Brooking	$0 20	Collected by Miss A. Parker.		Henry Dewar	$0 50
Master C Hunter	25	J S Parker Esq	$1 00	Alex Dewar	0 50
John Dean	50	Mrs J S Parker	50	Mrs Wm Forbes	0 60
Mrs H W Dean	25	Mrs Ellis.	1 00	Jas E Black	50
David Collins	50	Geo S Parker	1 00	J C Kindred	30
Lizzie Collins	50	Geo Anderson	50	Samuel Daley	50
Miss Murphy	25	Lydia Brown	20	M H Daley	1 00
Wm Murphy	25	Jas Kingston	30	John Benjamin	25
H Bunker	60	Mrs F McGanny	06	Jos Benjamin	25
Wm Boyer	25	" S Lochry	10	Isaac Cleveland	50
Lawrence Fearon	25	" S Fraser	60	R Lovatt	1 00
Jane E Smith	40	" Armstrong	18	R E Lovatt	1 00
Jas Braydon	25	Robert Wallace	1 00	A Lochry	25
Mrs Fisher	14	Wm Sulleck	1 00	John McGauny	25
Mrs Shelton	25	J J Wallace	1 00	Henry Floyd	25
Isaac Shelton	40	Mrs J Wallace	50	Wm Lochry	25
Jas Davidson	25	Mrs D Smith	40	Annie E Lovatt	50
Thos Dallon	17	R Cunningham	25	Wm Wallace	1 00
	$10 80	Jas Dewar	1 00		$20 00

RICHMOND BRANCH.

Richmond, 7th Dec., 1863.

SIR,—Enclosed we remit you $40.00, the amount collected in this parish on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society, during the past year, viz.—

Collection after sermon by the Rev. James Kidd, $3.83; Bibles and Testaments sold, $4.00; and $32.17 obtained by subscription, according to the given (enclosed) list.

Our Annual Meeting was held within the Methodist Chapel here on the 24th inst. The weather was very stormy, and the attendance very small. The annual essay was read by the Rev. James Kidd, A. M. Subject—"The development of Christianity from the parable of the mustard seed." It was marked by many excellencies. The Rev. Mr. Currie also made a telling speech on Bible operation. The same office bearers were appointed for another year.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

JNO. HUNTER.

William Seely, Esq., Treasurer, St. John.

OFFICE BEARERS.

SILAS P. PLUMMER, Esq., President.
COUNCELER HEMPHILL, } Vice Presidents.
ALEX. KILPATRICK, Esq., }
JOHN HAYAL, Esq., Treasurer.
ROBERT KENT, Secretary.
JOHN HUNTER, Cor. Secretary.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Robert Kent.

Robert Kent	$1 00
Mrs Kent	50
Edward Benn	50
Thos Gibson	25
A Dickieson	25
Silas Ladurnie	50
Hugh Davis	50
Jas Bryden	25
John Duff	50
S Knowlton	25
S Kerr	25
S T Plummer	50
Mrs S T Plummer	50
C W Plummer	25
Evy Plummer	25
C McKenzie	25
Mathew Lyttell	25
Hugh Grahams	25
T Kirkpatrick	25
W Kirkpatrick	25
Alex Carson	25
Mrs McDougal	25
Dougal Nickol	25
Jas Martin	25
Mrs Jas Martin	25
Andrew Blair	50
Wm Hall	50
David Lawrence	25
Jas McNerlin	25
Jas Kirkpatrick jun	50
	$10 75

Collected by Oliver Hemphill.

Oliver Hemphill	$0 50
S Hemphill	50
John Johnston	12½
Sarah Speer	$0 25
Jas Speer	25
Robert Speer	25
Mrs R Speer	12½
Wm Hunter	25
Mrs Wm Hunter	25
H De Beck	25
Jas Bell	50
Geo Tracy	25
Robert Kerr	25
	$3 75

Collected by John Guy.

John Guy	$0 50
Samuel Neal	50
Marion Morrison	25
Wm Guy	50
Wm Neal	25
Wm Grant	25
	$2 25

Collected by C. McDougall.

C McDongal	$0 50
Charles Bell	12½
Mrs Bell	12½
E Smith	12½
D Kennedy	25
S McIntyre	25
	$1 37½

Collected by C. Henderson.

Rev Jas Kidd	$1 00
A Kirkpatrick Esq	50
Mrs A Kirkpatrick	25
R Kirkpatrick	50
R Henderson	$0 50
Thos Henderson	50
Robert Bailey	35
Mrs M McKenzie	40
A B McKenzie	25
Ellen Gilchrist	25
John Y Hoyt	50
Mrs J Y Hoyt	25
Zebina Hoyt	10
Capt I Hilburn	45
Geo DeBeck	50
Mrs G DeBeck	50
C Henderson	1 00
D Alexander	50
S Kenada	50
Mrs S Kenada	25
M M Wilson	75
John Hunter	50
Mrs John Hunter	50
Letitia Hunter	12½
Isaac Hatfield	25
Chas Sherwood	20
Wm Alexander	22
	$11 59½

Collected by Wm. Crawford.

Geo Ivey	$0 25
Mrs M Doherty	25
" Johnston	25
" W Johnston	25
" J Laverty	25
John Lions	20
Robert Benn	25
W Crawford	50
C Crawford	25
	$2 45

GRAND LAKE BRANCH.

At the Meeting House near Douglas Harbor, on the evening of the 26th December, 1863, was held the Twenty-eighth Anniversary of the Grand Lake Bible Society; the President in the chair. The meeting opened by reading a portion of the Holy Word, and Prayer. After able vindications of the cause by several speakers, the following persons were chosen officers for the ensuing year:

DANIEL C. STILWELL, President.
JESSE CLARK, Vice President.
WM. E. WHITE, Treasurer and Depositary.
DAVID PALMER, Secretary.
ISAAC A. PALMER, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

John H. Hunter,	Isaac A. Palmer,
Charles H. Balmain,	Stephen J. Clark,
Sylvester S. Earle,	Alexander R. Stuart.

REPORT:

Swiftly on the wings of time another year has flown, and enjoined upon your Committee the pleasing task of laying before you the wonderful doings of that noble institution to which it is your high privilege to lend your aid. It is delightful to learn that even war with its profuse expenditure does not materially affect its interest—war did not hinder its birth, nor does it retard its growth, for the circulation of the Book of God among the nations, is but the wielding of the sword of the Spirit for the destruction of the Man of Sin, and the conveying of that soothing balm which heals the wounds that he has made.

Your Committee, being favored with the monthly extracts of the Parent Society, have it in their power to assure you, that the general interest of that wonderful institution suffers no defalcations, but like a beauteous evergreen, it continues to take root downward, and to bear fruit upward, to the glory of God, and the best interests of our ruined race. Since then God hath given His Word, and so abundantly increased the company of those who publish it, let it be our great concern to feel its cleansing influence, and to speed its flight far as the curse extends.

Your Committee regret that it was not convenient for Mr. Smith, the Bible Agent, to visit us in his tour through the Province, for we, as a Branch, need stirring up to greater exertions. But small as is the amount of our means, we give it all as a free contribution.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by John H. Hunter.	
S Colwell	$0 50
Miss A Colwell	30
Mrs Jane Hunter	25
Wm Denton	50
John H Hunter	50
Mrs J H Hunter	25
Miss H D Hunter	25
Mrs Wm Clark	55
Jesse Clark Esq	1 00
Mrs Jesse Clark	25
A N Clark	20
Thos A Clark	20
A D Clark	30
J L Hunter	35
	$5 40

Collected by S. J. Clark, last year.	
Jas Hunter	$1 00
Alex Clark	1 00
P G Clark	1 00
S J Clark	50
	$3 50

Collected by S. J. Clark.	
Alex Clark	$1 00
Mrs Alex Clark	50
Jas Hunter	1 00
P G Clark	1 00
John Palmer Esq	1 00
A R Stuart	1 00
Albert James	25
Mrs Mary Davis	25
Stephen J Clark	1 00
C B Clark	05
	$7 05

Collected by Isaac A. Palmer.	
Isaac A Palmer	$1 00
Mrs I A Palmer	50
W E Palmer	25
Hon John Earle	1 00
S S Earle	1 00
David Palmer	1 00
John Marshall	1 00
Wm E White	1 00
James Palmer	1 00
Mrs Jas Palmer	50
D C Stilwell	1 00
John P Stuart	50
Daniel Palmer	50

C H Balmain	$0 20
Mrs C H Balmain	20
J B Balmain	05
Thos Vandine	75
Thos Carle	50
Z Olmstead	50
A Friend	20
By sales	1 22
Col. less postage	78
Jacob Brill	50
S A Cameron	20
Joseph Carle	1 00
Stephen Thorn	1 00
Mrs S Thorn	25
R S McDonald	1 00
Mrs Wm Balmain	25
" H Balmain	50
J H Balmain	25
H J Balmain	25
Miss S Balmain	25
Alfred Denton	1 00
Geo S McKenzie	50
	$21 60
Total amount,	$37 55

LEPREAU BRANCH.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Lepreau Branch Bible Society was held in the Temperance Hall, Lepreau, on Monday evening, December 14th, 1863, Wm. K. Reynolds, Esq., President, in the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing a hymn—"From Greenland's icy Mountains."

President read part of the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel, and Rev. J. Shenton engaged in prayer.

Hymn—"Millions there are on heathen ground."

The meeting was then addressed by Rev. J. Shenton, from St. John; by Messrs. Thos. Goss, Alfred Rawley, D. Shaw, and R. Seely, Junr., of Lepreau, ably advocating the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Moved by Mr. John Reynolds, seconded by Mr. John Matthews,

Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting are due to those Ladies who kindly engaged in collecting fer the funds of our Branch Bible Society.

Moved by Mr. John Gibson, seconded by Mr. John McDermid,

Resolved—That the following be the Office bearers and Collectors for the ensuing year:

OFFICE BEARERS

WM. K. REYNOLDS, Esq., President.
Mr. THOS. B. GOSS, } Vice Presidents.
" JOHN MATTHEWS, }
" DAVID SHAW, Treasurer.
" JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.
" R. SEELY, Jun., Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Thompson, Mr. John McDermid,
" C. Robinson, " Randal Jordan.

LADY COLLECTORS.

Miss G. McDermid, } Lepreau.
" Mary Jane Courtney, }
" Elizabeth Coffrey, Mace's Bay.
" Sarah Prescott, New River.

Moved by Mr. A. A. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Henry Clarke,

Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to those gentlemen who have so ably advocated the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Hymn—"The heathens perish."

Meeting was brought to a close by Rev. J. Shenton pronouncing the benediction.

Our free contribution to the New Brunswick Auxiliary is $35.00.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1863. —Dr—

Dec. 14.	Amount in hands of Messrs. DeVeber and Son	$3 61
" " "	" from last year - - -	12 71
" " "	collected by Miss G. McDermid -	20 77
" " "	" " Mary G. Courtney	14 63
" " "	" " Elizabeth Caffrey	2 47
		$54 19

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Dec. 14.	Free contribution to N. B. Auxiliary - -	$35 00
" "	Amount on hand for general purposes of Society - - - - -	19 19
		$54 19

A. A. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Mis G. McDermid.

W K Reynolds Esq	$5 00
R Seely jun	1 00
John Gibson	1 00
A S Crawford	50
David Shaw	50
John Robinson	50
John Hazlewood	50
Mrs Mary Jordan	48
John Jordan	50
Mrs Wm Teare	12½
" Mary Reynolds	50
H McLeod	50
M J C McDermid	12½
Mrs C Boyle	25
Robert Gregory	50
John McDermid	50
Mrs C Robinson	50
D V Baker	62
Friend	40
David Stewart	1 00
Mrs Prescott	45
" Lawrence	1 00
Peter Proud	50
Friend	$0 62½
Wm Goodard	25
Richard Narin	25
John Matthews	50
Miss S J McDermid	25
A A Robinson	50
Friend	20
Miss C G McDermid	25
Geo W Stafford	50
Geo P Reynolds	25
Miss J Thompson	25
	$20 77½

Collected by Miss Mary Jane Courtney.

R A Courtney	1 00
D F Courtney	1 00
A Rowley	75
J H Courtney	50
Thos A Whisker	75
Edward Keys	1 00
Thos B Goss	1 00
Henry Clarke	1 00
Wm Goss	80
David Shaw	$0 50
Samuel Shaw	58
John Reynolds	1 00
Mrs Robert Shaw	1 00
Mrs Mary Shaw	50
Moses Shaw	50
J Thompson	2 00
H Matthews	25
Miss M J Courtney	50
	$14 63

Collected by Miss E. Caffrey.

R Mawhinney	$0 29
D Mawhinney	28
J McGowan	25
Mrs D Gray	20
" A Craft	20
" Caffrey	25
Thos Caffrey	25
Miss M Caffrey	25
" E Caffrey	25
Mr Pettingell	25
	$2 47

SPRINGFIELD BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of this Branch was held on Tuesday, 6th October. The President, Mr. B. Gray, in the chair.

The following are the Office bearers elected:

BENJAMIN GRAY, President.
JAMES E. JOHNSTON, Vice President.
WM. BURNETT, Jun., Treasurer.
B. C. MARVEN, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Carmel Secord, John Howe,
W. G. Sherwood, Simon Lake,
George Sherwood, Harding Ellsworth,
William Brittain.

Resolved, that the next Annual Meeting be held in the Free Baptist Meeting House, Middleland, third Tuesday in October, 1864, at six o'clock, P. M.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss Jane Lake.	
Simon Lake	$0 50
Mrs Simon Lake	25
Robert Burnett	1 00
Sarah Lake	25
James Case	50
C F A Northrop	1 00
Nicholas Lake	50
Wm Brittain	75
B Gray	1 00
Mrs John Case	25
Mrs H E Burnett	50
A Friend	25
Scovil Smith	3
Mrs W Greenslade	50
Elisha Case	25
Wm Burnett	50
	$8 03

Collected by Miss J. S. Titus.	
G D Titus	$1 00
David Watson	88
W G Sherwood jun	20
W H Sherwood	$0 10
Moses Price	0 60
Henry Sharp	50
Mrs Henry Sharp	20
John Sharp	60
S L Marven	60
Mrs S L Marven	20
J E Johnson	1 25
Louisa Johnson	50
John Sherwood	25
A Friend	24
E B Frost	25
Eliza A Frost	25
Hugh Walker	1 00
H Ellsworth	1 00
W G Sherwood sen	50
Mrs W G Sherwood	50
A Friend	50
G W Sharp	1 00
John Menzie	50
Thos Menzie	50
B C Marven	1 00
	$14 12

Collected by Miss A. Sherwood.	
S Blair	$1 00
E Almond	50
John Murphy	50
W Scott	24
Wm Walker for 1862	25
	$2 49

Collected by Mrs. C. Colpitts.	
A Colpitts	$0 50
Mrs C Colpitts	25
Enoch Colpitts	25
Wm Guion	25
Thos Walker	25
Wm S McMoran	25
D McLeod	75
Mrs D McLeod	25
S Webster	25
Isaac Guion	50
Hannah H Colpitts	10
	$3 60

Collected by Miss E. Parlee.		Elisha Sharp	$0 25	John Howe	$0 50
Carmel Secord	$1 00	Mrs S Huggard	25	Mrs H Howe	25
Mrs E Secord	25	Margaret M Case	25	C R Howe	25
John A Parlee	50	John O'Neil	50		$4 00

CLIFTON BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of this Branch Bible Society was held in the Masonic Hall, Clifton, Feb. 5th, 1864. The President, J. S. Wetmore, Esq., in the chair.

Although the evening was unfavorable, there was quite a large attendance, showing an increasing interest in the Society.

The amount of the subscriptions is not nearly so great as we could wish, owing, partly, to a scarcity of money here at present, and partly to the shortness of the time taken for collecting, being only two days.

After some remarks from the President, showing the object of the meeting, and the necessity of doing our utmost to extend the circulation of the Scriptures, a hymn was sung by the audience.

The Secretary then read a report showing that of the $11.83 remitted for the purchase of Bibles and Testaments last year, $7.00 had been expended, leaving a balance in favor of the Society of $4.83.

Mr. Burnett and others then addressed the meeting, and several hymns were sung.

After subscriptions had been solicited from the audience, the meeting closed by singing the Doxology. The evening having, on the whole, passed profitably and pleasantly.

OFFICE BEARERS.

JUSTUS S. WETMORE, Esq., President.
WM. P. FLEWELLING, Esq., Vice President.
D. P. WETMORE, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.

COMMITTEE.

J. E. Puddington, Ormond E. Flewelling,
J. E. Flewelling, Wm. W. Wetmore,
Robert J. Flewelling.

DAVID P. WETMORE, *Secretary.*

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected at Public Meeting.

J S Wetmore Esq	$4 00
W P Flewelling	4 00
D P Wetmore	2 00
R J Flewelling	1 00
Miss C A Flewelling	40
Wm W Wetmore	1 00
E M Wetmore	60
J E Puddington	1 00
Miss A Whelpley	20
E H Merritt	10
Mrs R J Flewelling	30
H Bruce	10
H D Wetmore	25
A J Flewelling	25
W P Flewelling jun	40
Geo Brien	46
A Friend	12
Mrs G Brien	20
J B Wetmore	$0 20
C Mabey	40
Ellen Brien	10
H O Wetmore	20
Mary A Brien	25
	$17 53

Collected by Miss C. A. Flewelling.

Mrs D Catheline	$0 12
" Kilpatrick	25
N E Gorham	50
Mrs G Puddington	20
" E Flewelling	25
Wm Jenkins	50
Mrs M W Flewelling	25
" F Flewelling	25
" D P Wetmore	60
Agnes Wetmore	$0 20
	$3 12

Col'ted by Mrs. G. C. Wetmore.

John Howe	$1 00
Lewis Trites	30
Jas Brien	1 00
John D Brien	50
A Friend	50
A Friend	30
G C Wetmore	50
James Bates	40
Mrs Jas Bates	20
Chas Dow	60
Allen Dow	50
H Redmore	50
Miss C Emery	35
	$6 65

NORTHAMPTON AND LOWER WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The Public Meeting of this Branch was held 5th Feb., 1864, in the Methodist Chapel. From shortness of notice, and other causes, the attendance was not as large as usual. In the absence of the President, the Rev. H. J. McLardy, V. P., took the chair, and made a few remarks, advocating the claims of the Bible Society to the cordial support of all Christians, and exhorting the members of this branch to prosecute their efforts with zeal, which indeed the members present appeared resolved to do.

£6 15s. or $27.00, were ordered to be remitted to the Treasurer at St. John, to be forwarded as a free contribution to the funds of the Parent Society. A small sum still remains in the hands of the Depositary, &c.

The sale of books during the year has been small, most of the people of the district being supplied.

It was resolved that hereafter the annual meeting shall be held each year early in November, commencing with next November.

OFFICE BEARERS.

Mr. JAS. RANKIN, Jun., Presieent.
" WM. P. TOMPKINS, Vice President.
R. HEMPHILL, Esq., Treasurer.
Mr. WM. HAY, Secretary.
JAS. RANKIN, Esq., Sen., Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. Joseph Hemphill, Mr. James Caldwell,
" William Rodgers, Robert Hay, Esq.,
" William Monteith, Mr. Charles Grant,
Mr. Aaron Tompkins.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Coll'ted by Miss J. Wolverton.		Collected by Miss A. Rogers.			
Rev H J McLardy	$1 00	Wm Monteith	$0 50	Gideon Yerxa	$0 25
J Rankin jun Esq	4 00	L Frederick	25	Mrs M Sproul	25
Miss A J Gillespie	50	Mrs McCrea	25	W G Graham	25
Mrs N Rogers	50				
Jas Hemphill	25		$1 00	Total collected	$10 60
S Latta	25			Balance received from the late Treasurer, and forbookssold&c	$16 40
J Rankin jun Esq	30	Collected by Miss M. Sproul.			
Mrs Rankin	30	Robert Irvine	$0 25		
		R Hay Esq	1 25		
	$7 10	John Johnson	25		$27 00

HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.

OFFICE BEARERS.

Rev. B. MERRITT, President.
WM. SLIP, Vice President.
GEO. CLARKE, Treasurer.
JAMES SLIP, Esq., Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Stephen Smith, Benjamin Palmer,
Albert Palmer, Reed Slip,
Thomas Crawford.

The inhabitants of the Parish of Hampstead have subscribed and paid the several amounts, amounting to twenty-five dollars and fifteen cents; and as the amount is but small, we make it a free contribution for the benefit of the Parent Society for the present time, hoping that we may see the time when we can swell the amount, and make a much better report than at the present time.

January 5, 1864.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Thomas Crawford.

Jas Slip Esq	$1 00
George Clark	60
Stephen Smith	60
Thomas Crawford	50
David E Dunham	50
James W Stults	25
A McKay	40
S W Carpenter	20
Malcomb Watson	50
Mrs C Vanwart	25
John Vanwart	25
Garrett Vanwart jun	25
Joseph Wason	25
Rev Thos Connor	40
Joseph B Slip	50
William Clark	25
George G Slip	$2 00
J McMonagle MD	40
A T Thompson	1 00
John Slip	50
Michael Dunham	50
Mrs L Slip	40
John Smith	25
Samuel Stockford	25
	$12 00

Collected by Albert Palmer.

S Palmer	$1 00
B S Palmer	1 50
Mrs B S Palmer	50
Albert Palmer	60
Miss F A Palmer	25
Miss S A Palmer	$0 60
Bradford Palmer	50
George Palmer	50
Geo Crothers	60
Rev B Merritt	1 00
Mrs B Merritt	1 00
" John Cameron	1 00
Miss E Cameron	40
R Hewlett	60
E W Slip	1 00
Miss Sarah Slip	50
Wm Slip sen	50
Reed Slip	55
D Palmer jun	60
	$13 15

NEW JERUSALEM BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of this Branch Bible Society was held in the Baptist Meeting House, on Wednesday evening, the 23d of December, 1863. In the absence of the President, Mr. Alexander Machum was called to the chair. The Rev. Mr. Stirling opened the meeting by reading the 35th chapter of Isaiah, and the Rev. Mr. Scott engaged in prayer.

Mr. S. Mahood, in the absence of the Secretary, read the

REPORT.

Friends of the Bible Society,—Your Committee have to apologise for the very brief report they have to lay before you this evening, in consequence of the absence of Mr. Smith, your Secretary. Yet they have done what they could to

obtain the assistance of gentlemen to address this meeting on behalf of the Bible. To aid in the distribution, and to obtain funds to assist the British and Foreign Bible Society in this good work, we are met here this evening; and they feel assured that the same zeal and liberality still exist, which have heretofore characterised the members and friends of this Branch.

Your Committee rejoice to know, that, through the blessing of God on the labors of the British and Foreign Bible Society, many thousands of copies of the Holy Scriptures have been put into circulation this last year; and what is more encouraging, the power of the Holy Spirit has accompanied the private study thereof, and in many instances souls have been brought out of darkness into light, without the aid of the living missionary. And when your Committee hear from the monthly reports the blessed effects produced from the circulation of the Bible, in France, Italy, India and other countries, shedding divine light on these benighted nations, they feel that we have great reason this evening to thank the God of the Bible for what he has already done, and to give our influence, and our prayers, for the prosperity of the Bible Society in the great and good work in which it is engaged.

The sale of books from the Depository of this Branch for the present year, has far exceeded that of the previous one, and as the Lady Collectors' accounts have not all come to hand, the financial statement could not be prepared to lay before this meeting, but will appear in the Report when printed.

The following Resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

Moved by Mr. H. Brown, and seconded by Mr. A. Machum, Sen.,

Resolved—That the report now read be adopted.

Moved by the Rev. A. Stirling, seconded by S. Mahood,

Resolved—That the great success vouchsafed to the British and Foreign Bible Society, should stimulate its friends to greater exertion, in aiding the good work of supplying the destitute with the Word of Eternal Life.

Moved by the Rev. D. B. Scott, seconded by Mr. Hugh Brown,

Resolved—That this meeting believe it a duty and a privilege, to offer earnest prayer for the universal and successful circulation of the Holy Scriptures, that the Word of the Lord

may have free course and be glorified in the world's conversion and salvation.

Moved by Mr. S. Mahood, seconded by Mr. N. Inch,

Resolved—That the Members of this Society give thanks to the Ladies, who so kindly aided in collecting contributions on its behalf, and hope their services will be kindly continued.

While the collection was being taken up, the Christmas Hymn was sung, after which the Office-bearers and Committee were elected. The Doxology was then sung, and the meeting closed, by the Rev. A. Stirling pronouncing the Benediction.

OFFICE BEARERS.

JAMES POLLEY, Esq., President.
GEORGE INCH, } Vice Presidents.
DAVID MOORE, }
ALEX. MACHUM, Jun., Treasurer and Depositary.
SAMUEL MAHOOD, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

William Burgess,	John Jackson.
Richard Polley, Jun.,	Robert Lowrey,
Nathaniel Inch, Sen.,	Mark Short,
Alex. Machum, Sen.,	James Smith,

Rev. J. G. McKenzie.

At a meeting of the Committee, held on the 28th December, 1863, it appeared from the Treasurer's and Depositary's accounts (hereto annexed), that the amount on hand from contributions and sale of books, was $31.27, less 27 cents, incidental expences, and $7.00 paid DeVeber and Son, leaving a balance of $24.00 available; whereupon it was

Resolved—That the sum of $24.00 be remitted to the New Brunswick Auxiliary, as a free donation to the Parent Society, which sum you will please hand to the Treasurer.

JAMES SMITH, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

—Dr—

1863.		
Jan. 1.	To cash on hand	$0 07
1864.		
Jan. 1.	" for Bibles and Testaments sold	8 48
" " "	collected by Miss Lydia Sleep	7 44

Jan. 1	To collected by Miss Isabella Brown,	$7 06
	" " " Sarah H Jackson	7 38
	" at Annual meeting	84
		$31 27

1864. —Cr—

Jan. 1.	By incidental expenses	$0 27	
	" cash paid DeVeber and Sons	7 00	
	" " on hand	24 00	
			$31 27

DEPOSITARY ACCOUNT.

1863. —Dr—

Jan. 1.	To 32 Bibles and 68 Testaments on hand	$19 53	
June 10.	" 16 " from DeVeber and Son	7 00	
			$26 53

1864. —Cr—

Jan. 1.	By 27 Bibles, 30 Testaments sold	$8 48	
	" 21 " 38 " on hand	17 58	
	Discount on sales	47	
			$26 53

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

LIFE MEMBER—R. POLLEY, JUN., ESQ.

Collected by Miss Lydia Sleep.

William Burgess	$1 00
James Moore	25
Mrs E A Polley	30
" Mary Smith	25
" W Harrison	25
Noah Webb	60
Mrs Sarah M Short	10
Mark Short	60
Samuel Moore	24
Miss Prudence Wallis	25
David Moore	60
George Inch	60
Mrs Jane Inch	25
Frederick Webb	25
Rev J G McKenzie	60
Wm H Redston	60
Master J A Sharp	05
" R J Letts	05
Samuel Mahood	60
	7 44

Coll'd by Miss Isabella Brown.

Nathaniel Inch Sr	$1 00
Miss E M Brown	25
" S A Porter	25
Mrs Anne Inch	25
" Hugh Wallis	25
James Machum	60
A Machum Jun	1 00
James Polley Esq	1 00
Thomas Bogle	12
A Friend	24
James Smith	60
A Friend	10
Rich'dson Hutchinson	20
Alex Machum Sen	60
Samuel Machum	06
	7 06

Coll'ted by Miss S. H. Jackson.

John Jackson	$1 00
Osborne M Flewelling	25
Robert Lowry	$1 00
Mrs M J McHarg	25
Miss M J McHarg	25
William Tilley	25
Raymond Vincent	20
John Tilley Sen	20
William Gordon	20
Samuel Elder	24
William Derrah	25
Mrs M Cochran	25
Isabella J Cochran	10
Marcus Golding	20
Miss S A Golding	10
A Friend	12
John Tilley Jun	20
J Edward Flewelling	60
Thomas Derrah	1 00
A Friend	05
An Old Friend	05
Olinville D'bat'g S'ciety	62
	$7 38

LOWER SUSSEX, STUDHOLM AND UPPER NORTON BRANCH.

The Annual meeting of this Branch was held in December. Amount collected $23.28, which as a free contribution is now remitted to the Auxiliary Society.

Mr. JAMES SECORD President.
Rev. JAMES GRAY, A. M., Vice President.
Mr. SETH McLEOD, Treasurer.
Mr. JAMES STARK, Secretary.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Rev Jas Gray AM	$1 00
William Hay	1 00
L N Sharp Esq MD	1 00
Richard Davidson	50
John McPherson	25
James H Morton	25
J B Fenwick	50
James Howe	50
Wesley Colpitts	50
Samuel G Harvey	20
Mr James Stark	50
	$6 20

Collected by Miss McLeod.

Rev W Knollin	$1 00
" E Wayman	1 00
Edward Wayman	50
Jane Wayman	50
Eliza A Wayman	1 00

Robert McLeod	$1 00
Jonathan McLeod	50
David Johnson	1 00
Nathaniel Johnson	1 00
George W Johnson	25
William McLeod	1 00
	$8 75

Coll'ted by Mr. Amos Campbell.

J D Baxter Esq	$1 00
Mrs Mary Bolton	40
Henry Haney	25
O Sproul	24
F Erb	20
Hiram Mercer	24
J O Secord	20
Andrew Wilcox	30
	$2 83

Collected by Mr. Seth McLeod.

Matthew Fenwick	$1 00
R C Wayman	1 00
R Burgess	25
A Sproul	25
B Sproul	20
A Sproul	25
	$2 95

Collected by Miss Mary Secord.

James Secord	$1 00
Miss Scoular	20
George Secord	35
Seth McLeod	1 00
	$2 55

KINGSTON BRANCH.

OFFICE BEARERS

E. B. SMITH, Esq., President.
WILLIAM PYWELL, Esq., Vice President,
MOSES M. PERKINS, Secretary and Treasurer.
SAMUEL FOSTER, Esq., Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Thaddeus Scribner, Joseph Kierstead,
Wm. Cosman, Jeremiah Mabee,
John C. Dunn.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

E B Smith Esq	$2 00	M N Perkins	$0 50	George Purves	$0 50
Bennidick Crawford	80			William Thomson	60
Ritchy Bostwick	25		$10 73	John Thomson	50
Susan Bostwick	25			George Thomson	50
Raymond Gorum	40	Collected by Miss E.S. Raymond.		Miss P Eliza Vincent	40
Andrew Anderson	1 00	Amelia Peters	$0 60	William Gilliland	25
Maria Rodgers	30	Mrs Ellison	25	Alexander Gilliland	25
Jacob Vanwart	30	" James Waddell	25	Mrs Alex Gilliland	25
Edward Goram	33	James Waddell	60	—— Prince	25
Shulor Cossman	60	Mrs M E Pitt	25	Thomas Lamb	20
Ellen W Dougal	40	" David A Lyon	20	James Cookson Esq	50
John O Dann Esq	50	Matilda Lyon	20	Mrs Cookson	50
William Sterritt	50	Miss E Flewwelling	25	" Mary Mabee	25
William Cossman	50	Mr Snider	50	Cash	42
Joseph Kierstead	50	Joseph Gorham	60	Louisa Lyon	25
Daniel Northrup	50	Mr and Mrs Russell	44	Margaret P Lyon	25
Samuel Foster Esq	50	Master Robt Andrews	05		
T Scott M D	60	" John Andrews	05		$10 16
James Coffee	50	" Robt L Purves	05		

BOTSFORD BRANCH.

OFFICE BEARERS.

JOSEPH AVARD, Esq., President.
REV. JAMES TWEEDIE, } Vice Presidents.
MR. ADAM SCOTT, SEN., }
WM. AVARD, Secretary, Treasurer and Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Richard Dobson, Robert Copp,
A. C. A. Wells, John Blacklock,
Josiah B. Marvin, John Raworth, Esq.,
Frederick Chapman.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Joseph Avard Esq	$4 00	Mrs Wm Avard	$0 50	Charles Avard	$0 50
Robert Copp	50	J H Avard	50	Mrs Charles Avard	50
Mrs Robert Copp	50	G Lewis Avard	50	Rebecca Copp	50
E B Phelin	50	John Avard	50	Bradford Purdy	50
Rev Jas Tweedie	1 00	Hazen Copp	50	Lewis Wells	50
Mrs Tweedie	1 00	William Duncan	50	Bal pd by Presid'nt	5 00
Richard Dobson	50	J B Marvin	50		
William Avard	50	Mrs J B Marvin	50		$20 00

DEPOSITARY ACCOUNT.

1843. —Dr—

Dec. 29. To Bibles and Testaments on hand - - $3 33
" cash sent herewith - - - 1 82

$5 15

1863. —Cr—

Mar. 2. By Bibles and Testaments from Shediac Branch - - - - $5 15

WM. AVARD, *Secretary.*

Bristol, Botsford, Dec. 26, 1863.

BRUNSWICK AND HAVELOCK BRANCH.

OFFICE BEARERS.

JOHN HAGARTY, Esq., President.
WILLIAM A STOCKTON, Esq.,
WILLIAM BASKIN, Esq.,
Mr. RUFUS CALLUM,
Mr. WILLIAM PERRY,
} Vice Presidents.
Mr. SIDNEY S. STOCKTON,
Mr. ROBERT B. TAYLOR,
} Treasurers.
W. M. KEITH, Secretary.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

John C Price Esq	$1 00	Mrs Steph P Taylor	1 00	Wm H Buckerfield	$0 60
Mrs Price	50	Mary Buckerfield	20		
George H Sharp	1 00	Lucy Clarke	25		$11 55
Benjamin R Keith	1 00	Samuel C Thorne	50		
Daniel Jones	1 00	Albert Teakles	50	Collected by Mr. Robt. B. Taylor.	
J Nelson Price	1 00	Amos Hicks Jun	75	Wm A Stockton Esq	1 00
Robert B Taylor	1 00	George Coates	25	Mrs W A Stockton	50
G Myles Bleakney	1 00			Julia Stockton	12

James Corey	$0 10
Master E W Stockton	05
Joseph Chapman	25
Daniel Keith	25
Ezra Keith	1 00
Daniel Keith	25
Thomas Keith	34
John E Alward	34
James Carson	20
Rufus Hicks	10
Mrs Wm H Keith	60
" Owens Keith	50
Elizabeth Atkinson	$0 20
Robert Dobson	25
	$6 05

Collected in New Canaan by Miss Annie McHagarty.

John Hagerty Esq	$1 00
Sidney S Stockton	1 00
George Perry	1 00
William Perry	1 00
Ralph Perry	$0 25
Cecilia Perry	25
Ann Clark	20
George W Taylor	20
Mrs G W Taylor	20
Robert A Hagarty	50
Edwin Hagarty	50
Joseph Rider	50
Benjamin Keith	40
	$7 00

GREENWICH BRANCH.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of this Branch was held on the 27th day of October, 1863, Mr. Benjamin Williamson in the Chair. The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

ISAAC HAVILAND, Esq., President.
CHARLES PEATMAN, Vice President.
J. L. FLEWELLING, Esq., Treasurer.
J. A. WHELPLEY, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Thomas Whelpley, John R. Jones, George F. Flewelling

COLLECTORS.

Miss Amelia Peatman, Miss Mary Belyea,
Miss Nancy Belyea.

The sum of $16.35 has been collected, which amount we now forward as a free contribution to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss Nancy Belyea

Geo T Flewelling	$0 40
J L Flewelling	30
John R Jones	1 00
Mrs G T Flewelling	20
George Lounder	$0 20
Annie Gorham	20
D H Whelpley	25
Joseph M Belyea	25
William Short	20
Mrs D Andrews	$0 20
A Friend	14
A Friend	20
J B Short	50
J A Whelpley	40

E H Whelpley	$0 25
Master W T Whelpley	26
Thomas Whelpley	60
Annabella Bogle	20
James Bogle	25
Mrs Samuel F Belyea	25
	$6 24

Col. by Miss Amelia Peatman.

Mrs Hugh Brown	$0 20
Sarah French	12
Mrs George Worden	25
" Hogan	10
Isaac Haviland Esq	50
Benjamin Williamson	50
Mrs W B McKiel	1 20
W B McKiel Esq	1 50

Mrs Edward Phipps	$0 20
" Jedediah Pitt	29
Joseph A Pitt	25
Mrs Isaac Pitt	09
" Abraham Mabee	20
Miss Elston	20
Philip Walsh	40
Mrs Jacob Haviland	20
" Elizabeth Wallis	20
Thomas Wallis	20
Mrs Joseph Wallis	22
Charles Peatman	25
Mrs Chas Peatman	20
Amelia Peatman	25
L Adeline Peatman	25
A Friend	10
John Menzie	20

Margaret Menzie	$0 20
	$8 18

Collected by Miss Mary Belyea.

William Vincent	$0 20
James P Vincent	20
W H Belyea	05
John J Mahony	20
James Menzie	25
R J Francis	06
John Steene	25
Robert Belyea	25
Charlotte Belyea	25
Mary J Belyea	25
	$1 94

HILLSBOROUGH BRANCH.

DEAR SIR—Enclosed you have seventeen dollars and twenty cents, a donation from the Hillsborough Branch Bible Society to the British and Foreign Bible Society, raised as follows, viz:

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collection at Meeting, Baptist Chapel, Feb. 7th	$3 21
William Wallace	1 00
Rev P Duffy	50
Peter Duffy	1 00
R E Steeves	1 00
John Duffy	1 00

John Wallace	$1 00
William Irving	1 00
R A Gross	1 00
W J Lewis M D	50
Rev H McLatchey	1 00
Simon Steeves	50
Robert J Duffy	50

Atsel Steeves	$0 50
Christian Steeves	1 00
Alexander McRae	50
John Beatty	1 00
E B Ketchum	1 00
	$17 21

The Officers stand the same as last year.

By order of Society.

R. E. STEEVES, *Secretary.*

MILKISH, LAND'S END, AND KENNEBECCASIS BRANCH.

REPORT.

Your Committee, with gratitude, acknowledge the privilege of being permitted to prepare a report of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of our Branch, with a continued desire to use our utmost endeavour to promote the circulation of the Scriptures.

The Word of God, and portions thereof, which the British and Foreign Bible Society has circulated, even for the past year, in England and her dominions,—in France, Russia, Sweden, Norway, Italy, and other parts of Europe—Africa, and many remote countries—as contained in the Parent Report being far more numerous than our report can reasonably be expected to mention.

That blessed Book, which unfolds the grandest discovery which a gracious Providence has made to our sinful world. In how many a Moslem tent, how many an African krael, how many an Indian camp, and on the shores of many a coral island in the sunny South, in how many a cheerless and desolate spot in the frozen North, in what countless circles the world over, will the Scriptures, issued by the Parent Society, even during the past year, find a grateful welcome, and be led to adore the blessed Redeemer who died and rose again for the salvation of sinful man. In contemplating on the above important transactions, we are led to adore the mighty God, who reigns Omnipotent, and we sincerely hope the inhabitants of our own Province may take those important matters into serious consideration, and willingly contribute according to their ability, to assist in printing and circulating the Scriptures to the destitute in our own Province, and not be unmindful of the destitute in foreign regions of the globe. In consequence of the scarcity of money, and we fear in some instances, for the want of a due consideration of the importance of circulating the Scriptures, the amount of our Collections are less than we hoped to obtain. The amount realized is fifteen dollars and sixty cents. Eighty-eight cents were paid to the Depositary for Bibles, the remainder, fourteen dollars and seventy-two cents, were paid to the Treasurer of the New Brunswick Auxiliary, as a free donation for printing and circulating the Scriptures.

OFFICE BEARERS.

JOHN WIGHTMAN, Esq., President.
ELDER RICHARD WILLS, Vice President.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN, Treasurer.
JOSEPH BARLOW, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Thomas Fenwick, Thomas Johnston,
John Kirk, Samuel Sleep,
John Linton.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Collected by Miss Mary A. Barlow & Miss Charlotte E. Davie.

J Wightman Esq	$1 00
George Wightman	50
John Wightman Jun	25
James Davie	25
Mrs Mary Davie	25
J F Davie	25
Joseph Barlow	50
Charles Blackman	20
Frederick D Wells	25
Chas E Wightman	25
James Linton	20
A Friend	25
John Glendenning	15
Mrs James Long	15
Peter Lennan	25
George McBey	11
Mrs Buckley	10
" Baxter	25
Mrs Richard Wagner	30
Robert Logan	15
Mrs Smith	12
Alexander Lennan	10

Charles Gibbins	$0 60
	$5 83

Collected by Thomas Fenwick.

Thomas Fenwick	$0 25
George Worden	48
William O Theale	50
Catherine Theale	50
John Kirk	25
Mrs. John Kirk	25
James Kirk	20
Thomas Kirk	20
Anderson G Worden	25
Mrs McKim	17
	3$ 05

Collected by Thomas Johnston.

Thomas Johnston	$0 20
Elder Richard Wells	20
William Charleton	20
William Keefe	12
Mrs Isabella Strayhorn	20
Amelia Keefe	$0 10
	$1 02

Collected by John Linton.

Loyal Orange Lodge, No 15	$1 00
Loyal Orange Lodge, No 37	1 00
John Linton	25
John Parker	25
Samuel Sleep	25
Mrs Elizabeth Sleep	25
William Henderson	25
William Porter	20
William McConamy	25
William Snider	25
William McCulgan	20
Wm Haslett member of Lodge No 15	20
Joseph Haslet	50
Samuel Linton	25
	$5 10

WAKEFIELD BRANCH.

G. R. BOYER, Esq., President.
RICHARD HOLMES, Secretary.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Withim Taylor	$1 00	George R Boyer	$1 00	John W Connoly	$0 50
James W Boyer	1 00	Mrs J W Boyer	25		
Israel Merritt	1 00	Moses Boyer	60		$7 35
George W Boyer	1 00	Henry M Stephen	1 00		

BUCTOUCHE BRANCH.

From the President of this Branch, as is recorded in our Report, six dollars were received. And we have now occasion to announce that sixteen dollars and sixty-two cents, were given to us lately by the Secretary of that Branch, the half of which were to be devoted to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments. Though we rejoice in this, yet we feel grieved because we have not received a list of Subscribers for publication in this Appendix.

The following list, belonging to the Chipman Branch (which you will find in page 110 of the Appendix), had escaped our view at the printing of the Chipman Branch Subscribers:

Collected by Miss Mary Jane Elliott.		Mrs McDonald	$0 25	Rebecca Robertson	$0 20
		Mrs Nathaniel Farris	25	John Boak	24
Mrs Elliott	$0 25	Margaret Lamb	55		
Miss Mary J Elliott	20	A Friend	20		$1 84

SUBSCRIBERS

TO THE

New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Ansley, Daniel Esq.
Armstrong, Rev. John
Barker, T. B. Esq.
Berryman, Mr. John
Botsford, Dr.
Demill, Nathan, S. Esq.
Duncan, John, Esq.
Fitch, Dr.
Jardine, Robert Esq.
Lawton, Wm. G. Esq.
Livingston, H. Esq. (Richibucto).
Mackay, G. Esq. (St. Andrews).
Manners Sutton, Hon. J. H. T.
McClellan, A. R. (Hopewell)
McLeod, Rev. E.
O'Halloran, Capt. (69th Regt.)
Parker, Hon. Judge
Paterson, Matthew, Esq.
Sears, Edward Esq.
Tilley, Hon. S. L.
Wark, Hon. David (Richibucto)
Wedderburn, William Esq.
Wiggins, F. A. Esq.

Collected by Capt. S. Pickance

Almon, L. J.	$1 00	Barnes, J. E.	$1 00	DeVeber, B.	$1 50
Adams, W. H.	2 00	Bill, Rev. I. E.	1 00	DeVeber, Rev. W. H.	2 00
Armstrong, Rev. W.	4 00	Burnham, C. E.	1 00	Daniel, T. W.	4 00
Armstrong, Rev. G.	2 00	Bennet, Rev. J.	1 00	Dunn, J. L.	4 00
Armstrong, John & Co	2 00	Berryman, —	1 00	DeMill, N. S.	4 00
Armstrong, John	2 00	Bell, Joseph	1 00	Duncan, John	8 00
Allison, Edward	1 00	Blizzard, Stephen G.	1 00	Donald, Rev. Dr.	2 00
Alves, Rev. W., A. M.	1 00	Berton, S. D.	1 00	Daniels, Rev. W. H.	1 00
Ames, H. T.	1 00	Berton, W. J.	1 00	Davidson, W.	2 00
Austin, M. D.	1 00	Chubb, H. & Co.	1 00	Dougall, W.	1 00
Akerley, J. H.	1 00	Cudlip, J. W.	4 00	Drury, W. C.	2 00
Barker, T. B.	20 00	Clawson, W.	50	Eaton, Aaron	2 00
Boyd, John	4 00	Crookshank, R. W.	4 00	Ewing, H. W.	50
Barker, F. E.	1 00	Coleman, John	4 00	Ferguson Brothers,	3 00
Burpe, Isaac	2 00	Coleman, Charles W.	1 00	Ferguson, Mrs. B.	2 00
Brown, J. C.	1 00	Collins, David	1 00	Fraser, John	4 00
Barr, T. G.	2 00	Clementson, F.	2 00	Frith, W. H.	2 00
Bent, G.	1 00	Chaloner, J.	1 00	Frost, Edwin	2 00
Baird, J. W.	1 00	Corbet, J.	1 00	Fisher, John	4 00
Bayard, R.	4 00	Cosgrove, F. A.	1 00	Fairweather, C. H.	2 00
Botsford, L. B., M. D.	8 00	Christy, John	1 00	Foster, S. K.	1 00
Bayard, E., M. D.	1 00	Carvill, L.	1 00	Ferguson, Francis	4 00
Bayard, W., M. D.	2 00	DeVeber, L. H.	8 00	Flewelling, James	2 00
		DeVeber, R. S.	1 50	Fisher, E.	1 00

Gilmore, T.	$1 00	Lockhart, G. A.	$2 00	Roop, John	$1 00
Gilmore, A.	1 00	Leonard, R. J.	4 00	Roop, William	1 00
Gable, Z. G.	1 00	Lindsay, M.	1 00	Rankine, Thomas	1 00
Grindley, R. R.	1 00	Logan, W.	1 00	Richey, Rev. Dr.	2 00
Gillis, John	4 00	Longmaid, R. M.	1 00	Robertson, Robert	4 00
Gray, Rev. Dr.	5 00	Lockhart, E. E.	1 00	Robinson, F. P.	2 00
Grant, J. M. Capt. R.E.	1 00	Livingston, John	1 00	Robertson, D.	2 00
Gaynor, J. B.	3 00	Livingstone, Dr. W.	1 00	Raymond, T. F.	1 00
Gilbert, H. T.	2 00	McNichol, James	1 00	Sears, Edward	4 00
Gilbert, Henry	4 00	McGrath, John	2 00	Sears, Robert	2 00
Gray, Hon. J. H.	1 00	McLaughlin, D. J.	2 00	Sears, John	2 00
Gerow, James	1 00	McGivern, R. P.	1 00	Spurr, J. DeW.	4 00
Garrison, G. A.	1 00	Magee, A.	1 00	Sheraton, R.	4 00
Grier, Alexander	1 00	Melick, C. J.	1 00	Sullivan, J.	1 00
Girvan, William	2 00	Millidge, Thomas E.	1 00	Stymest, G.	1 00
Gardner, S.	1 00	McAfee, Robt. Jun.	1 00	Starr, W. J.	1 00
Hall, D. H.	1 00	Masters, J. F.	1 00	Skinner, C. N.	1 00
Hall, —	1 00	McIntosh, J. C.	1 00	Smith, James	2 00
Howard, J. Q.	2 00	McNutt, Rev. G. A.	1 00	Stavely, Rev. A. McL.	2 00
Harrison, W. H.	1 00	Mackay, W.	1 00	Sancton, G. P.	1 00
Harris, James	2 00	McArthur, R. D.	1 00	Swaby, R. M.	2 00
Hunter, Robert	1 00	Melick, H.	1 00	Scovil, Rev. W.	4 00
Horsfall, J.	2 50	Merritt, Charles	2 00	Sayre, John E.	1 00
Hall, J. W.	4 00	McKay, Rev. N.	1 00	Steeves, Hon. W. H.	2 00
Hamilton, Dr. G. A.	2 00	Moarilyan, E., R. N.	1 00	Steeves, G. M.	1 00
Humphrey, Dr. W. F.	2 00	Moran, Capt. R. G.	1 00	Stevens, D. B.	1 00
Huyghue, S.	1 00	Nicholson, J. W.	1 00	Stevens, W. J.	1 00
Hamm, J. B.	1 00	Narraway, Rev. J. R.	1 00	Seely, A. McL.	2 00
Howe, John	1 00	Owens, John	2 00	Seely, R.	1 00
Hanson, Vernon	1 00	Owens, Mrs. John	1 00	Sancton, W. B.	1 00
Inches, P. R.	1 00	Parker, Hon. Judge	20 00	Snider, G. E.	4 00
Irish, J. W. M.	1 00	Parks, Thomas	2 00	Sparrow, C.	50
Jardine, Alexander	4 00	Pritchard, Captain	4 00	Thurgar, John V.	2 00
Jack, William	2 00	Philips, Thomas	1 00	Thomas, George	2 00
Jack, Henry	1 00	Purington, J. W.	1 50	Thomas, J. U.	1 00
Johnston, James	1 00	Peters, William	1 00	Thomson, S. R.	2 00
Jarvis, W. M.	2 00	Paterson, Jas. LL. D.	4 00	Turner, J. S.	1 00
Jordan, Thomas	1 00	Patton, Charles	2 00	Taylor, James	1 00
Jones, S.	1 00	Perkins, D. C.	1 00	Tuck, W. H.	1 00
Jones, T. R.	1 00	Parks, W.	2 00	Troop, J. V.	2 00
Kirkpatrick, C.	2 00	Pickance, B.	1 00	Trueman, James	1 00
Kerr, D. S.	1 00	Parks, John H.	1 50	Trentowsky, A. C. O.	1 00
Kinnear, Hon. W. B.	4 00	Peters, A. N.	50	Tuck, Moses	1 00
Kedey, R.	1 00	Pine, G. J.	1 00	Turnbull, Chas. G.	25
Kinnear, C. F.	1 00	Payne, Robert	1 00	Underhill, B. J.	2 00
Kennedy, W.	1 00	Payne, Wm. R.	50	Underhill, J. D.	2 00
Keans, W. H. A.	2 00	Ray, C. R.	1 00	Vaughan, Thomas	2 00
Lingley, B.	2 00	Robinson, J. M.	4 00	Vaughan, Rev. Mr.	1 00
Lovett, G. L.	1 00	Ranney, H. R.	2 00	Wishart, John	8 00
Logan, James	2 00	Ranney, Mrs.	2 00	Walker, John	4 00
Lunt, E.	2 00	Ring, Z.	2 00	Walker, J. M.	2 00
Lewin, J. D.	1 00	Reed, J. & R.	4 00	Wright, W. & R.	4 00
Lawton, W. H.	1 00	Reed, Thomas M.	1 00	Wiggins, F. A.	20 00
Lawton, W. A.	4 00	Reed, J. R.	2 00	Whiteside, H.	2 00
Lawton, W. G.	2 00	Robinson, Rev. S.	1 00	Williams, James	1 00
Lloyd, E.	1 00	Robinson, B.	4 00	Wetmore, O. D.	1 00

Whitney, G. W.	$1 00	Wedderburn, W.	$1 00	Woodward, I., Mayor,	$2 00
Weldon, C. W.	1 00	White, Gilbert	1 00		
Weldon, J. W.	1 00	Whittekir, J. E.	1 00		
Whitney, J. A.	1 00	Wright, William	2 00		
					$502 25

THE NEW BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY,

In Account with the Depositary.

1863. DR

Jan'y. 10.	Paid duties,		$19 69
"	" Treasurer,		469 51
July 11.	Duties from Woodstock Branch,		2 97
Aug. 11.	" on Reports, &c.,		1 30
Dec. 21.	Cartage, and other expenses, in forwarding Books to Branches,		1 78
	Commission on sales, &c.,		70 70
	Balance,		622 33
			$1,188 28

1863. CR.

Jan'y. 1.	Balance,		$468 75
" 9.	Cash from Branch,		31
" 10.	Chipman do.		20 75
" 10.	Moncton do.		6 00
" 10.	Indiantown do.		4 50
" 10.	Sheffield do.		21 15
" 17.	Studholm do.		7 97
" 24.	Hopewell do.		23 38
Feb. 4.	Petersville do.		21 41
April 2.	Books sold,		2 75
May 5.	Rev. Mr. Tweedy,		13 69
June 11.	Do. do.		6 00
July 17.	French Bible,		50
" 25.	Havelock Branch,		6 04
Aug. 17.	Kingston do.		6 12
" 22.	Rev. J. Neales—subscription,		2 00
Nov. 16.	Sackville Branch,		17 44
" 28.	Richibucto do.		20 00
Dec. 9.	Richmond do.		4 00
" 16.	Moncton do.		29 42
" 19.	Lepreaux do.		12 70
" 22.	Petersville do.		16 60
" 26.	Germain Street Baptist Sabbath School,		5 50
" 31.	Botsford Branch,		1 82
	Books sold,		469 48
			$1,188 28
Dec. 31.	By balance,	$622 33	

Saint John, Dec. 31, 1863. E. & O. E. L. H. DEVEBER & SONS.

Examined, and found correct.
W. J. STARR, } Auditors.
EDWARD SEARS, }

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1863.

Delivered to Order.

BIBLES.

119 at 19 cents,	....	$22 61
610 at 22	....	134 20
44 at 25	....	11 00
65 at 40	....	26 00
3 at 45	....	1 35
37 at 50	....	18 50
29 at 60	....	17 40
70 at 70	....	49 00
9 at 80	....	7 20
1 at 100	....	1 00
9 at 150	....	13 50
2 at 160	....	3 20
8 at 180	....	14 40
3 at 240	....	7 20
3 at 260	....	7 80
1 at 325	....	3 25
1 at 550	....	5 50

TESTAMENTS.

1	....	07
785 at 10	....	78 50
35 at 13	....	4 55
11 at 17	....	1 87
23 at 20	....	4 60
6 at 22	....	1 32
40 at 33	....	13 20
36 at 40	....	14 40
1 at 20	....	1 20
1952		$462 82

Cash Sales.

BIBLES.

53 at 19 cents,	....	$10 07
370 at 22	....	81 40
57 at 25	....	14 25
32 at 40	....	12 80
3 at 45	....	1 35
14 at 50	....	7 00
59 at 60	....	35 40
40 at 70	....	28 00
9 at 80	....	7 20
12 at 90	....	10 80
4 at 100	....	4 00
2 at 120	....	2 40
18 at 180	....	32 40
8 at 240	....	19 20
7 at 260	....	18 20
6 at 325	....	19 50
9 at 550	....	49 50

TESTAMENTS.

2 at 7	....	14
975 at 10	....	97 50
34 at 13	....	4 42
3 at 17	....	51
5 at 20	....	1 00
2 at 22	....	44
26 at 40	....	10 40
1 at 160	....	1 60
1751		$469 48

Memorandum showing to whom the Books were delivered.

BRANCHES.

Chipman,	....	84
Havelock,	....	43
Hampton,	....	48
Jerusalem,	....	16
Kingston,	....	22
Lepreaux,	....	76
Lancaster,	....	105
Moncton,	....	368
Petersville,	....	94
Richibucto,	....	57
Studholm,	....	24
Shediac,	....	240
Sackville,	....	66
St. Stephen,	....	50
Wakefield,	....	65

SCHOOLS &c.

East St. Martins,	....	36
Brussel Street Baptist,	....	56
St. Martins,	....	24
Charlotte County,	....	36
Brussel Street Episcopal,	....	24
Exmouth St. Methodist,	....	48
Germain St. Baptist,	....	50
Rev. J. McGivern,	....	12
" W. Armstrong,	....	1
" Mr. Goldrup,	....	24
" " McKay,	....	1
" " Cady,	....	20
Miss Kinnear,	....	168
" Deblois,	....	5
Mrs. McDougal,	....	2

Mr. Matthews,	10	Wm. Warwick,	24
Poor persons,	11		
The Gaol,	18	Bibles and Testaments,	1952
Military Hospital	24		

BOOKS IN THE DEPOSITORY DEC. 31, 1863.

17 Bibles, at	19 cents.	714 Testaments, at	10 cents.
647 "	22 "	245 "	13 "
41 "	50 "	53 "	17 "
67 "	60 "	63 "	20 "
36 "	70 "	14 "	27 "
79 "	80 "	1 "	22 "
1 "	150 "	29 "	33 "
9 "	160 "	19 "	35 "
1 "	180 "	46 "	40 "
10 "	240 "	48 Gospels, at	4 "
7 "	260 "	72 "	5 "
9 "	325 "	1 Testament, at	220 "
2 "	550 "		
3 "	120 "	2295 Bibles and Testaments.	
31 Testaments, at	7 "		

RECAPITULATION.

Books in Depository December 31, 1863,	2,295
" delivered to order,	1,952
" sold for cash,	1,751
	5,998

CONTRA.

Stock, January 1, 1863,	3,009	
Imported,	2,989	
		5,998

Examined and found correct.

W. J. STARR,
EDWARD SEARS, } Auditors.

The New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, in account with William Seely, Treasurer.

1863.			Dr.	
May	19.	To cash paid Chubb & Co. for Report, &c.,	....	$247 53
1864.				
Jan.	6.	" " G. E. Fenety, notice of Annual Meeting, Jan.'63,		90
"	7.	" " Dr. Jas. Paterson, gratuity per President's order,		200 00
"	14.	" " Capt. Pickance, collector, 5 per cent. on $502 25,		25 11
Feb.	15.	" " for Bill of Exchange on London, at 60 days, £490 8s. 2d. stg., at 10½ per cent.,	....	2,408 46
"	20.	" " Mechanics' Institute, for Annual Meeting,	....	14 00
"	29.	" " for Bill of Exchange on London, at 60 days, £186 8s. stg., at 10½ per cent.,	....	915 43
		" " for postage,	....	35
		" balance carried down,	....	249 73
				$4,061 51

1863.			Cr.	
March	3.	By balance, per account, due the Society,	....	$298 55
"	11.	" amount from Wakefield Branch,	....	5 95
April	18.	" " Saint Stephen Branch,	....	47 84
"	18.	" " Henry Livingston, Richibucto,	....	20 00
May	18.	" " T. E. McDonald's musical class, Wickham,		5 39
Nov.	20.	" " Milkish Branch,	....	14 72
"	29.	" " Black River Branch,	....	38 00
Dec.	7.	" " Moncton do.	....	40 00
"	9.	" " Richmond do.	....	36 00
"	22.	" " Shediac do.	....	77 00
1864.				
Jan'y.	1.	" " Lepreaux do.	....	35 00
"	1.	" " Botsford do.	....	20 00
"	1.	" " New Jerusalem Branch,	....	24 00
"	2.	" " St. Mark's Church Sunday School, St. John,		33 00
"	4.	" " Hampton and Lower Norton Branch,	....	100 00
"	4.	" " Sackville Branch,	....	80 00
"	4.	" " Lancaster do.	....	80 00
"	5.	" " Sheffield do.	....	148 00
"	6.	" " Chipman do.	....	40 00
"	6.	" " Springfield do.	....	32 24
"	6.	" " A. R. McClellan, President of the Hopewell and Harvey Branch,	....	20 00
"	7.	" " Carleton (St. John) Branch,	....	74 55
"	7.	" " Cambridge do.	....	82 31
"	8.	" " Hampstead do.	....	25 15
"	8.	" " St. Andrews do.	....	40 00
"	8.	" " Kingston do.	....	20 89
"	9.	" " Lower Sussex, Studholm, and Upper Norton,		23 28
"	9.	" " Friend—St. Patrick,	....	2 00
"	11.	" " proceeds of Annual Meeting,	....	107 48
"	11.	" " Greenwich Branch,	....	16 36
"	12.	" " Victoria and Becaguimic Branch,	....	7 35
		Carried forward,	....	$15,95 06

1864.			*Brought forward,*	$1,595 06
Jan'y.	13.	By amount from	St. John Ladies' Bible Association, ...	690 42
"	14.	" "	Petersville Branch, ...	60 00
"	15.	" "	Lancaster Branch, ...	3 58
"	18.	" "	Richibucto "	160 00
"	27.	" "	Havelock "	20 00
"	27.	" "	Studholm "	34 90
"	30.	" "	Sussex Vale "	80 00
Feb.	5.	" "	Moncton "	8 00
"	6.	" "	Upham "	85 00
"	10.	" "	Clifton "	30 00
"	10.	" "	Northampton "	27 00
"	10.	" "	Buctouche "	6 00
"	11.	" "	Grand Lake "	36 55
"	17.	" "	St. Stephen "	83 23
"	17.	" "	Hillsboro' "	17 21
"	17.	" "	collected by Capt. Pickance in St. John,	502 25
"	29.	" "	L. H. DeVeber & Sons, ...	622 33
				$4,061 51
1864.				
Feb.	29.	By balance brought down due the Society,	....	$249 73

Examined and found correct.

W. J. STARR, EDWARD SEARS, } Auditors. [E. E.] WM. SEELY, *Treasurer.*

St. John, N. B., Feb. 29, 1864.

The Secretary of the Auxiliary Society may state here for the information of the Branches, that a notice has just come from the Parent Society, that the Rev. H. Gill is to come in April to visit the Auxiliary Societies in Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.