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LAWS AND REGULATIONS
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BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

I. The designation of this Society shall be the **BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY**, of which the sole object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment: the only copies in the Languages of the United Kingdom, to be circulated by the Society, shall be the Authorized Version.

II. This Society shall add its endeavours to those employed by other Societies, for circulating the Scriptures through the British Dominions; and shall also, according to its ability, extend its influence to other countries, whether Christian, Mahometan, or Pagan.

III. Each Subscriber of one Guinea annually shall be a Member.

IV. Each Subscriber of Ten Guineas at one time shall be a Member for Life.

V. Each Subscriber of Five Guineas annually shall be a Governor.

VI. Each Subscriber of Fifty Pounds at one time, or who shall by one additional payment, increase his original Subscription to Fifty Pounds, shall be a Governor for life.

VII. Governors shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Meetings of the Committee.

VIII. An Executor, paying a bequest of Fifty Pounds, shall be a Member for Life: or of One Hundred Pounds, a Governor for Life.

IX. A Committee shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society, consisting of Thirty-six Laymen, Six of whom shall be Foreigners, resident in London or its vicinity; half the remainder shall be members of the Church of England, and the other half members of other denominations of Christians. Twenty-seven of the above number, who shall have most frequently attended, shall be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year.

The Committee shall appoint all officers, except the Treasurer, and call Special General Meetings, and shall be charged with procuring for the Society suitable patronage, both British and Foreign.

X. Each Member of the Society shall be entitled, under the direction of the Committee, to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the Society's prices, which shall be as low as possible.

XI. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in May, when the Treasurer and Committee shall be chosen, the Accounts presented, and the Proceedings of the foregoing year reported.

XII. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, shall be considered, *ex officio*, Members of the Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REGULATIONS

Adopted at the Annual General Meetings of the Society in 1826 and 1827.

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

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

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

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

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

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

NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

PATRON.

His Excellency Lieut. General **SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B.**
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By Donation of Ten Pounds and upwards, at and since the formation of the Society.

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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

HELD IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, POPLAR GROVE, HALIFAX.

Tuesday Evening, April 29, 1851.

Hon. J. W. JOHNSTON, in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. John Scott.

The Report of the Committee having been read by the Secretary, it was, on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Crawley, seconded by the Rev. George W. Hill,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

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

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Maturin, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Nicol, supported by the Travelling Agent,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the continued and efficient co-operation of the Branch Societies and Associations during the past year, is regarded by this meeting as highly satisfactory and encouraging.

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Twining, seconded by the Rev. Alexander Forrester,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That a review of the labours and successes of the Parent Society as exhibited in their last Report, calls for the most lively expressions of gratitude to Almighty God, for his continued favour and blessing;—and that the aspect of the present times demands renewed and increased exertion.

On the motion of the Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by the Rev. John McMurray,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the warmest thanks of this meeting are due to the Parent Society, for the liberality evinced to this Auxiliary, in continuing for another year, a grant towards the maintenance of a Travelling Agent.

On the motion of Peter Lynch, Esq., seconded by Charles Robson, Esq.,—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the services rendered to this Society by the various officers, be gratefully acknowledged by this Meeting; and that the following Gentlemen be the Committee for the present year:—Revs. Dr. Twining, John Scott, R. F. Uniacke, John Martin, Dr. Crawley, P. G. McGregor, A. W. McLeod, William Bullock, Ephraim Evans, George Hill, John Miller, Alex. Forrester, Professor King, Professor Lyall, E. Maturin, John McMurray, F. Nicol,—Honbles. M. B. Almon, Hugh Bell, W. A. Black, A. Keith,—Dr. Avery, James N. Shannon, George N. Russell, David Allison, J. H. Anderson, A. MacKinlay, Henry Pryor, Henry Ince, S. Selden, T. A. Brown, W. C. Silver, T. A. S. DeWolf, James Thomson, J. G. A. Creighton, Charles Robson, Peter Lynch, John W. Ritchie, Esquires.

On the motion of Dr. Avery, seconded by William Pryor, Junr., Esq.—

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the cordial thanks of this meeting be presented to the Chairman, for his kindness in presiding on the occasion.

The Meeting was closed with the Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the Rev. Mr. Uniacke.

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REPORT.

THE Committee of the NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY beg leave to lay before their friends, at this their Annual Meeting, a statement of the progress of their institution during the past year.

In presenting the details of the operations of this Auxiliary, your Committee are happy to announce that their efforts have not been without a measure of success, their Agent during the past year has been most active in promoting the circulation of the Word of Life throughout the Province, a greater interest in the cause of the Bible has been awakened in the hearts of our population, and your Committee trust that under the blessing of the Almighty, the results will be evidenced in the improved moral tone and condition of our fellow-countrymen.

Before adverting particularly to the progress of our Auxiliary during the past year, your Committee would turn your attention to the operations of the Parent Society during that period, taken from their published Report. And in doing so, your Committee, aware that the information contained in its pages, is accessible to but few among the friends of the cause in this Province, deem no apology necessary for the somewhat copious extracts which they have taken from it. The Committee of the Parent Society commence by referring to the year which had passed, in the course of which, they say, some of the darker lines of Providence are found intermingled with much that is bright and hopeful and animating. In directing attention to the foreign operations they begin with the Continent of Europe.

In France, they state, the work of the Society has been carried on during the year in the face of many and increased difficulties. For though tumultuary scenes of revolution have not been witnessed, yet political jealousy on the one hand, and ecclesiastical interference on the other, have done much to impede the labours of the valuable colporteurs on whom their hopes for the dissemination of the Scriptures in that country so much depended. Still, notwithstanding these hindrances, they were able to state that the issues from the depot in Paris have surpassed those of the preceding year, amounting to 108,338 copies; viz., 9,802 Bibles and 98,536 New Testaments, of which 93,757 copies had been taken and distributed by 81 colporteurs.

The Society's Agent in this Country, describes, in his interesting narrative, the difficulties with which these zealous labourers in the cause of the Bible have been surrounded, in the midst of the increasing embarrassments arising from the political circumstances of the Country. Common uneducated peasants, or workmen, as they almost all are, he says, there would

have been nothing surprising, had some of them been rather imprudent, or had they sometimes shown misplaced zeal, so as to injure seriously the holy work, which, it is desirable, should be accomplished everywhere with peace, tact, and prudence. But this has not been the case. Except two of them (who having through ignorance, neglected to conform to some police formalities, were prosecuted, imprisoned, and fined,) the whole have made their calling of Bible Colporteur, and their profession of the principles of Jesus Christ honourable, and that openly—in season and out of season. Several of them have received from Magistrates, at first ill-disposed towards them, positive marks of esteem, confidence, and respect. Indeed in many departments, the Agents of the Government after strict enquiries into the nature of the Bible Colportage work, have declared that it was a powerful means of calming men's passions, and have expressed sincere wishes for the abundant and complete success of such useful labourers. They have also received the affectionate approbation of the people whom they have visited. Their language always bearing the impress of peace and devotedness; their simple, sober, and modest habits, the lively and vivid exposition of their christian feelings, and their charitable eagerness to impart these feelings to others—all this has made them welcome everywhere. Many interesting narratives of the success of their labours are given, from which one or two incidents may be extracted.

In a certain place, one of the Colporteurs was entering an apparently respectable house for the purpose of offering his books to the inmates. The owner of the house, who happened to be Mayor of the village, stopped him, and informing him that he suspected him of propagating Socialist principles, ordered him to produce his papers as well as merchandize. "Take care that the first," said he, "are in good order, and that among the last you have no books that are prohibited." The Colporteur obeyed accordingly. His papers were, of course, acknowledged to be correct, and as to his knapsack, the Mayor found to his surprise that it contained only one kind of book, the New Testament, and nothing else. "I fear," cried the Mayor, "that in my haste I may have wronged you. So far from being a Socialist, you appear to me to be a worthy man; and the explanation you have given me respecting the object of your work, and the admirable contents of the book which you seek to distribute, are so satisfactory that I shall be happy to purchase one of your copies." Nor was this all: of his own accord the friendly Mayor drew up a certificate, in which he spoke in high terms of the character of the Colporteur, and of the excellence of the work in which he was engaged, recommending it both to the protection and aid of all into whose hands it might fall.

Another Colporteur writes,—“I have been in a commune (Ardennes) where I entered a house. The mistress had been looking about in a shop for some trifling article, which was given to her wrapped up in a leaf of a New Testament. Her husband, to pass away time, picked up the leaf and commenced reading it. ‘A man must be very wicked and profane,’ cried he, ‘to lay no store whatever by the Book to which this page belongs, for in it is contained an account of the most wonderful things that man can conceive.’ It was a fragment of the fourth chapter of St. Luke. ‘Poor as I am,’ continued the reader, ‘what would I not willingly give to become

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possessed of this interesting Book!" Scarcely had he uttered these words, when I made my appearance at his door with a New Testament in my hand. As soon as he discovered what book it was that I offered him, he ran to his cupboard, and fetching out the page which he had preserved there, produced it carefully rolled up, and immediately sought the corresponding page in my New Testament. Oh, how great was his delight, when he found that it formed a part of the sacred volume! He wept for joy, and praised and blessed the Lord for having rendered him the possessor of such an invaluable treasure."

In Belgium, Holland, and Germany, the success of the Parent Society's operations has been most cheering. More than 76,000 copies of the Scriptures, have been issued from the depot under the charge of their Agent. It is stated in the Agent's report, that this year has been marked by a very interesting fact in Bible work. "I allude," he writes, "to the facilities afforded us by the Prussian and other governments." In Hanover it is stated that "in some instances, the wonderful book, distributed by the Colporteur, seems as it were, to have set the whole country on fire. A remarkable desire to obtain the Scriptures has been evinced. The farmers will sometimes come two and three hours distance to seek out our Colporteur, fearing he will not come to them, or impatient of further delay. Surely we may feel encouraged in our work when the people crowd round the Lord's word, as in ancient times they did around his sacred person."

The late convulsions in Germany, it is said, have not been without their fruits, and among these may be mentioned the liberty of colportage granted in Prussia. The highest authorities, who have now officially acknowledged the right of Bible Societies to distribute the Scriptures by colportage, have, it would seem, come to the conviction, that the Gospel alone can fill the mind of the people with proper sentiments towards God and man. This is also the principle which has led to the establishment of the Association for Home Evangelization, which is rapidly spreading its branches over Germany, and considers the dissemination of the Scriptures as one of its most important objects. Looking at the general aspect of affairs, "I can say," writes the agent, "that our work is extending almost every day. We shall be most happy to be enabled to supply all the demands—hitherto we have found this to be exceedingly difficult."

The following touching incident will show the eagerness with which the precious truths of the Gospel are devoured:—"The Agent of the Society had opened a shop for the sale of the Bible. He states that a girl, about fifteen years of age, used to come regularly every morning, about half-past nine o'clock, to read a chapter in the Bible which was placed in the window. Every morning when the shop was opened a fresh leaf was turned over, and shortly after the girl would come. She did not, like most others, stare at the foreign editions, but immediately went to her own book, read through her page, and went away. This lasted for about three months. Latterly we have not seen her. She may have been taken off by the cholera, which has been violent also in Cologne. Perhaps we shall find the sequel to this simple story in a better world."

The war in Hungary, as stated last year, greatly interrupted the labours of the Society in that and the surrounding country. A few humble and

courageous Colporteurs indeed, even during that stormy period, ventured forth with the volume of consolation and mercy in their hands, and succeeded in keeping up a small sale among the people; but the work at large, promising as it had previously been, was necessarily suspended.

In Switzerland the operations of the Society have been attended with their usual success, particularly in Lausanne.

In Italy a cloud now rests on the hopes and labours which presented so bright a picture in the last year's Report. Lieutenant Graydon, the Society's Agent, was left last year exulting in the unexampled openings which he had found for the introduction of the Scriptures into Lombardy and Piedmont. He was then just returning from a visit to Turin, Genoa, and Nice, whence he had been driven by the approach of contending armies, but in each of which places he had succeeded in effecting a considerable sale, and in establishing depots, from which books might be issued after he had left, and from which very considerable numbers were sent forth, until the authorities interposed, and either wholly or in part stopped the work.

In Tuscany and the Papal States too, through the mysterious dispensations of Divine Providence, the spectacle is presented of blighted prospects, and suspended hope. The political revulsions, which have taken place in those countries, have given ascendancy again to a Church, that has ever shown itself averse to the free circulation of the Scriptures. The last report alluded to the fact of 4000 copies of the Italian Testament printed and in the course of binding in Rome. When the city became invested by the French forces, these books were placed in the custody of the American Consul, who kindly undertook the charge of them, and under the seal of the Consulate they yet remain.

The authorities of the restored Tuscan Government adopted prompt measures to stay the work that was commencing with so much promise in that territory. 3000 copies of Martini's New Testament, just printed at Florence, though the translation of one of their own Archbishops, were quickly seized and locked up; the presses were forcibly stopped in which other editions were in progress, the paper and even the type carried off, the printer subjected to a civil process, and a British officer, who had distinguished himself by his zeal in promoting this and similar objects of benevolence, was with his family banished from the country at a few days notice. Measures have been taken to obtain redress, but the final result of these proceedings is not yet ascertained.

The Committee state that they do not regret that steps had been taken to improve the openings while they existed in Italy. Though considerable expense has been incurred, yet a goodly number of copies of the Scriptures have found their way into the hands of the people, and the avidity with which they were received and bought by all classes, inspires a confidence that the present obstruction is but temporary, and that the wave of biblical truth shall yet ere long, by God's favour, spread over and fertilize the plains of Italy.

From Sweden, Norway, and Russia, the Committee report a continuance of success. At the last Anniversary meeting in Stockholm, the King of Sweden and his four sons were present, and took a warm interest in the proceedings.

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In Spain and Portugal the Society's operations are still suspended, but from Malta and Greece interesting accounts are received, particularly with reference to the purchases made in the depot at the former place to supply the wants of the neighbouring Italians, now that the direct means of doing so has been closed.

In Turkey the former encouraging accounts have been continued, particularly among the Protestant Armenians. Their numbers, it is said, augment daily; and the instance is given of a town, which lies about four caravan days' journey to the North of Aleppo, in which the Armenian Protestant Church had, by last accounts, a congregation of upwards of 200 adults. This good work has sprung up mainly by the simple reading of the Scriptures, and similar delightful results have taken place in several other places in Turkey. The number of Evangelical and Protestant Churches is now eight, two more than reported last year. Persecution has in a great measure, ceased in those places where Churches are formed. But in every new place where the light breaks forth, a struggle must be undergone before they learn that the Sultan was in earnest, when he assured the British Ambassador that he would tolerate no persecution for religion during his reign, especially among the Christian races.

From Jerusalem the Lord Bishop writes, "here in Jerusalem, I believe that all those who wish and dare to read the Word of God, are pretty well supplied with Bibles; and of late there have been many evening parties, of ten to fifteen individuals, who meet on purpose to read the Bible under the direction of a Bible reader."

In India the good work is advancing, and there are encouraging prospects of further success. In so large and densely populated a country, bound in the chains of superstition and idolatry, the progress of divine truth is comparatively slow. Still, the various agencies at work for the conversion of the natives, are beginning to tell upon the minds of the people, and, it is stated, that the result of Bible effort, particularly in Southern India, is now apparent in many Native Christian Churches with their Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.

From China the Parent Committee report that the revised translation of the New Testament, for some years in the course of preparation by the joint efforts of European and American Missionaries, is now brought nearly to a close. They have granted aid for the employment of a Colporteur in distributing such portions of this revised edition as had been already printed, and they have also assisted Dr. Gutzlaff in his operations in the translations of the New Testament, into Chinese and Japanese.

Passing over the other portions of the Society's labours from which equally gratifying accounts are given, we turn to the mother country, where we find that the receipts of the Society during the past year amount to £91,634 12s. 7d., being somewhat less than the receipts of the previous year, which however had been principally increased by the contributions to the Special Fund for continental operations. The regular income of the Society shows an increase of £2023 14s. 7d. The issues of the year have amounted to 1,136,695 copies, being 29,177 more than the preceding year. The total issues have now amounted to 23,110,000 copies.

Much interesting information is given of the success of local agents throughout the United Kingdom, but none is more gratifying than that

which refers to the religious movement that is now going on in different parts of Ireland, produced, as the Committee are assured, by the reading of the Scriptures in the Irish language. As a specimen of the cheering intelligence which is continually received from that quarter, the following extracts are of interest:—

“The setting sun,” it is said, “witnesses young men and maidens, old men and children, leaving their homes to steal, under cover of the shades of evening, to the lonely cabin on the mountain side, to search the Scriptures by the light of the bog-wood splinter. Daring and ferocious Ribbonmen meet with the strange book, and read it, and become clothed and in their right mind, and are found sitting at the feet of Jesus.”

The Superintendent of the Castlebar Branch of the Mayo District, thus writes:—

“The Irish work is encouraging; the Word of Life in the vernacular language is obtaining entrance into the most retired parts of the mountain districts. The desire to learn to read the Scriptures is increasing. Places even desire schools, where some short time since, there would have been no hope of succeeding. Many acknowledge that the blood of Christ alone can cleanse them from their sins. This takes place in the remotest and wildest glens.”

Your Committee would now turn your attention to the operations of your Auxiliary during the past year.

Mr. Smith, the Agent of the Society, has been constantly employed during the whole period in extending the cause by visiting nearly all parts of the Province and the Island of Cape Breton. In the course of his journeys he has visited the several Branch Societies, and urged them to continue and increase their exertions in this sphere of usefulness. He reports among the Societies an increasing zeal for the cause, and a returning confidence in their ability to assist in supporting it, and thus it may be hoped that ere long the efforts which have been made will result, not only in the increased circulation of the Scriptures throughout the Province, but also in affording means for the permanent employment of a Travelling Agent. In the course of Mr. Smith's tours in the month of November last, he met with a serious accident, which for a short time disabled him from the performance of his duty, but your Committee would gratefully state that by the blessing of the Almighty he was soon restored to his usual strength and was enabled to resume his labours.

He has furnished your Committee with a journal of his proceedings and several reports, an outline of which will be found in the appendix.

The period of Mr. Smith's engagement being about to expire this year, your Committee have corresponded with the Parent Committee to ascertain their views in reference to the continuance of the agency, and they have much pleasure in announcing that the Parent Committee have determined to continue their grant of £100 sterling for this purpose for another year. Your Committee have therefore, gratefully to acknowledge this mark of confidence, and to state that they have in consequence engaged Mr. Smith's services for the ensuing year.

Your Committee have also to express their obligations to the Ladies' Societies of this City, for their continued exertions in the cause of the Bible.

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And by the Treasurer's account there remained a balance in hand at the end of the year of £117 8s. 7d.

Your Committee having presented these details, cannot conclude their Report without again earnestly recommending the cause to its friends and patrons in this Province, and urging them to strengthen their hands in the furtherance of the work. Enough has been shown, they trust, in the extracts from the Parent Society's Report, to convey an idea of the vast extent of their operations, and of the great benefits conferred by their exertions—benefits for time and for eternity. And the present is peculiarly a time when every possible assistance should be given to them in their great undertaking. In these days of trial, and of conflict, the best weapon to be used both for defence and offence is the Bible, and to aid in the circulation of it, is to effectually oppose every system of error, and to lead the dark and benighted mind to the feet of a crucified Redeemer. And if this be truly felt, your Committee trust that not only will the usefulness of this Auxiliary be increased, and a corresponding benefit be conferred upon our own population, but that additional means will be placed in their hands for the purpose of aiding the Parent Committee in their noble task of co-operating in the evangelization of the world.

APPENDIX.

Second Report of the Halifax Ladies' Bible Association.

Blessed be God, may we well say, Christian friends; blessed be God that our undertaking has prospered beyond our most sanguine expectations. The Committee of the Ladies' Bible Association feel that they have reason to rejoice, that the favour of God has again rested upon their feeble efforts for the advancement of his cause, and that a somewhat larger sum than that which they gladly received in the first year of their existence, has crowned their exertions with success. They trust also, they may with con-

fidence state, that they have not been idle with regard to the circulation of "the Word," and that the inhabitants of some spiritually destitute neighbourhoods, and the children of some poor, ignorant, or indifferent parents may be found to rise up in the great day of account and call *them* blessed, who have contributed by their money or by their endeavours to the objects of this Association.

While, therefore, they thankfully acknowledge past favours, they still appeal to their friends and subscribers, to place in their hands further means for the accomplishment of the good which they desire. As Protestants, they feel that it does not become them to sleep while the enemy is making extraordinary efforts to deface the Chart of their pilgrimage; as Christians they cannot be idle, while attempts are being made to banish the Book, which testifies of the "Author and Finisher of their faith." They may be told that women have nothing to do with such matters, but as Christian women they cannot forget that those of their sex who were "wise hearted" wrought for the service of the tabernacle, and that St. Paul commended those *women who laboured with him in the Gospel*. It is true that there are many, who, if asked to relieve the bodily wants of their fellow creatures, would be found most willing, but if urged to aid in procuring food for their immortal souls, feel that they care for none of these things; but of such the enquiry may justly be made: "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul?" The Committee, however, have no cause to complain, but much rather to rejoice, that, during a season of commercial depression, such kind and liberal aid has been afforded them, without interfering, they believe, with the just claims of any other Society, and that few have been the instances in which they have not been kindly received and generously assisted, proving they trust, that there exists in this community much interest both in the spiritual and bodily necessities of their brethren.

The Committee beg leave to lay the following statement of their proceedings, before their friends and subscribers:—

Sum received in Subscriptions and Donations, and from the sale of Bibles and Testaments, £71 4s. 4½d. In hand from last year, £3 9s. 4d. £72 have been paid to the Nova Scotia Bible Society, for the purposes of that Society, and this Association has received and distributed 242 Bibles and 39 Testaments, to the amount of £19 4s. 8d. from the Society. £1 6s. spent in defraying incidental expenses of the Association. Remaining in hands of the Treasurer, £2 5s. 7d.

Mrs. W. H. ROBINSON, *President*.

Mrs. S. N. BINNEY, *Treasurer*.

Miss BRAINE, *Secretary*.

Committee.

Mrs. Twining, Mrs. R. F. Uniacke, Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. Heudebourck, Mrs. P. G. McGregor, Mrs. N. Clarke, Mrs. T. B. Livingston, Mrs. J. Liddell, Mrs. Loveland, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Sawers, Mrs. R. Tremain, Mrs. W. Howe, Mrs. D. McN. Parker, Mrs. F. Passow, Mrs. Robson, Mrs. J. Bell, Miss Creighton, Miss Charman, Miss Black, Miss Forrester, Miss Starr, Miss Hierlihy, Miss K. Boggs, Miss Richardson, Miss Ross, Miss DeWolf, Miss Anderson.

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EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

From Mr. Smith, the Travelling Agent.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY:

Gentlemen,—In presenting to you a Report of my labours during the past year, as Travelling Agent of your Society, I would commence it with an expression of gratitude to God for his goodness and mercy to myself, and for granting a measure of success to my feeble and unworthy efforts in his cause.

Since the last anniversary of your Auxiliary, I have made three extensive tours through the various parts of the Province, but have not been able to reach all the places I had formerly visited—though I was in many growing Settlements which I had not seen before. One cause for this omission was, the want of time;—it was only a little more than nine months and a half from the day on which I left the City in the spring, to the time of my return from the third tour on the 11th instant,—and during that period I was laid aside more than a month by a severe accident in which I had the misfortune to fracture my leg. I was delayed some weeks also during the winter by severe snow-storms, which not only retarded my progress, but often compelled me to retrace my steps, and alter my mode of travelling, thereby adding to my journeys more than two hundred miles.—Another cause was, the pressing request made by some of the Branch Societies in the Western parts of the Province—that I should visit them in the winter, to enable many persons who leave their homes during the summer and return, and others who are more at leisure after the busy season is over, to attend our meetings.—This, it will be remembered, I was instructed to accede to, in the hope that I should be able to visit all the Branches once, and those in the Western parts of the Province twice during the season.

In my first tour I visited thirty-one places west of the City, in which something was done for the advancement of my object,—eight of these were new,—and held twenty-seven Meetings, many of which were well attended, and well sustained by Ministers and other influential persons, who cheerfully and effectively rendered their assistance. I made numerous calls also, on persons likely to take an interest in the cause, especially in places where meetings could not at the time be convened,—in order to gather up funds, or prepare for another visitation. In most of these places I found excellent friends, whose valuable co-operation tended to give a new impulse to some of the old Societies, and enabled me to form four new Branches under circumstances which warrant the hope for successful and

continued activity.—These were at Milton, Clements, Hillsburgh, and West-Port on Brier Island. At New Germany, Caledonia, Pleasant River, and some other places, I had warm invitations to return, with promises of assistance to form Branch Societies there also.

In my second tour, which was Eastward and included Cape Breton, I visited twenty-two places, in most of which meetings were held—in some of them two, and in others three. Many of these meetings, as well as those held while I was on my Western tour, were of a most stirring and interesting character, and could hardly fail to be productive of good. Here also I was favoured with the assistance of Ministers and others, some of whom had called upon me to offer their aid, induced by the peculiar events of the times, to unite in a cause which seemed to be so Providentially adapted to the emergencies of the day, as well as to promote at all times the best interests of mankind. While on this tour I visited Louisburgh, Gaberus Bay and Cape Gaberus,—though with difficulty on account of the badness of the roads. But I was amply repaid, for I found a people anxious to hear something about the word of God, and desirous of an increased circulation of it among them. This was deemed the more important too, from the circumstance that Mormonism had just made its appearance, and there was no stated Gospel Ministry to oppose its progress. I had no difficulty in convening meetings, scattered even as is the population, and on the short notice in some instances of but a few hours. Notwithstanding much has been done in Cape Breton, by a pious lady in Scotland, of whom I have spoken before, and also by other persons,—much remains to be done, especially in remote districts not easy of access. It is indeed cause for thankfulness that there are not many Protestant families, comparatively speaking, either in Cape Breton or Nova Scotia, who are wholly destitute of the Scriptures; but I have sought to impress, on all I found accessible, the importance of every individual possessing a Bible, and of making a daily and proper use of it,—which is the grand object of Bible Societies, and which is by many in the Province ardently desired.

In my third tour, I visited nineteen places, and held twenty-one meetings. The first was at Margaret's Bay, whence I proceeded to Barrington and returned, fulfilling my engagements in all the intermediate places, and also at Caledonia, Falmouth, Windsor, Newport, Rawdon and Maitland. In most, if not in all of these, a feeling of increased interest in the cause was manifested; and help of the best description, towards getting up and rendering our meetings effective, was in many instances cheerfully accorded—especially in Barrington, Milton, Lunenburg, Windsor and some others. Reports of our meetings in those places, embracing an outline of particulars, might be introduced with good effect,—but it may suffice to say that the proceedings and addresses were listened to, with the most lively emotions, as also in many other places, by large and intelligent audiences; and protracted in some cases to a late hour without any sign of weariness or diminution of feeling.

While I was on this tour two new Branch Societies were raised up;—one in Caledonia, called—*The Branch Bible Society of the Northern District of Queen's County*;—the other at Avondale. In the latter place operations

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had been commenced by an Association in connexion with the Newport Branch; but it was desired that in future it should be conducted independently, or in immediate connexion with the Nova Scotia Auxiliary; and from the regularity which has hitherto characterized these operations, it is not too much to expect that they will be rendered efficient and permanent. In Caledonia there is a large sphere of action, and a disposition friendly to the object; the establishing of a Bible Depository where copies of the Scriptures can be had at the low prices of the Parent Society, cannot fail therefore to be productive of good; and there is reason to believe that something will be done also in the way of free contributions.

From these statements, taken with the Report of last year, it will be found that the number of Bible Societies and Associations now in the Province, in connexion with the British and Foreign Bible Society, is Sixty-seven,—three Auxiliaries, fifty-eight Branches and six Associations, viz:—

AUXILIARIES.

The Nova Scotia Bible Society, Pictou Bible Society,
Yarmouth Bible Society.

BRANCH SOCIETIES IN CONNEXION WITH THE NOVA SCOTIA AUXILIARY.

Margaret's Bay	Avondale
Chester	Rawdon
Lunenburg	Maitland
Bridgewater	Parrsborough
Mill Village	Five Islands
Liverpool	Economy
Milton	Lower & Middle Londonderry
Northern District, Queen's Co.	Upper Londonderry
Shelburne	Truro
Barrington	Stewiacke
Weymouth	Middle & Lower Musquodoboit
Digby	Upper Musquodoboit
Sandy Cove	St. Mary's & Sherbrooke
West Port	Guysborough
Hillsburgh	Cape Canso
Clements	Manchester
Annapolis	Strait of Canso
Bridgetown	Arichat
Lawrencetown	Sydney
Aylesford	Sydney Mines & North Sydney
Cornwallis	Margarie
Horton	Hillsborough & Mabou
Windsor	Port Hood
Newport	

BRANCH SOCIETIES IN CONNEXION WITH THE PICTOU AUXILIARY.

Merrigomish	Tatamagouche
New Glasgow	New Annan
East River (Pictou)	Wallace
West River	Pugwash
River John	River Philip

Amherst—in connexion with the Auxiliary of St. John.

The Halifax Ladies' Association	} Associations in connexion with the Nova Scotia Auxiliary.
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St. Ann's Do.	

New Glasgow Ladies' Association—in connexion with the Pictou Aux.

Yarmouth Ladies' Association—in connexion with the Yarmouth Aux.

All these Societies, except one which was recently formed, have been carried into operation; and though some have not done much as yet, almost every Branch has its Depository well stocked with Bibles and Testaments, and if properly managed will be nearly self-sustaining,—the proceeds of sales sufficing, with a little addition, to renew the supplies, except in a few places where more of gratuitous distributions are required. The free contributions will therefore be much augmented, if that attention to the object be given to it, which its importance demands. Last year the amount of remittances from the Branches and Associations, to the Auxiliary in Halifax, exceeded that of the preceding year by nearly sixty pounds; and a gradual increase may be easily attained without any great sacrifice of time or means, or any interference with local objects of a kindred character. But there will be a direct and immediate advantage arising from these Bible Depositories which should not be overlooked: The pure and unadulterated Word of God, is now, or soon will be introduced to the notice, and placed within the reach of almost every individual in the Province; and attention to the importance of giving practical effect to this, has been recently awakened both by the friends, and by the foes of Bible circulation—though quite undesignedly by the latter. But “the wrath of man,” which “worketh not the righteousness of God,” will be thus made to “praise him,” and “the remainder of wrath will he restrain.”

In all my journeyings from the commencement, I have met with the utmost kindness, both personally and in reference to my object, from those who have favoured me with their intercourse, and the circle is being gradually enlarged. Many occurrences too, which were highly interesting to myself, and not always soon to be forgotten by others, have come under my notice, some of which it may not be improper to mention. But I have not been thrown so directly and constantly into those scenes which are more fruitful of remarkable incident, as I should have been if my work had been simply the distribution of copies of the Scriptures, and that among a people altogether unacquainted with Divine truth.

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In another and still more distant part of the Province, I had the happiness to visit a lady who was afflicted with a disease which seemed to bid defiance to medical skill. But she had been directed by her Bible to a Physician whose favour is “better than life,” and through whom she found a remedy for all her diseases. The story of the cross was applied as a balm for every wound, and all she wanted was there. Before I returned again she had passed away; but her eldest daughter, who has since followed her to the tomb, and a servant of the house, had been made, through her pious conversation and triumphant death, partakers of “like precious faith.” As the earthly house of her tabernacle was being dissolved, she called them to her bedside, to point them for the last time to that “house not made with hands,” towards which she was so cheerfully hastening. On retiring they were much affected, and the servant said: “Oh I have seen nothing like this—my mistress is happy in the thought of dying.” A copy of the New Testament in French was given to her, for she could not read in English, nor had she read any part of the Scriptures before. New light shone upon her mind, and brought with it “peace and joy through believing.” She hastened home to tell her friends, but they were alarmed and sent for their spiritual adviser, who laboured hard, yet ineffectually, to shew that she was wrong. He advised as the only remedy, that her Testament should be taken from her, which was accordingly done. But she returned to her former place, where I saw her, and found she was longing to possess a copy of the whole Bible in French, which I engaged to procure for her. On my return to the city, I was sorry I could not obtain one, but was kindly supplied with a very good copy by the Depositary in Pictou, which I sent, and afterwards heard she had gladly received. May it be made a lasting blessing to her and to her friends, and the result have to be told in more glowing terms, though “after many days!”

I was much interested to find a large tract of country, which I had not seen before, containing altogether perhaps some thousands of inhabitants, and capable of containing thousands more, lying between the two Post roads of the "Shore route," as it is termed, near the Atlantic coast, and the valley of Annapolis. Its extent, from Milton, above Liverpool, to Nictaux Falls, is about sixty miles; and, in the other direction, from East to West, perhaps more. In this District are many beautiful and flourishing settlements—such they seemed in the month of July, and only a little less so in winter, with their roads crowded with loads of hay, lumber, &c., tending towards the marts of commerce and places of consumption on the two public thoroughfares just mentioned. In New Germany, Pleasant River, Brookfield, Caledonia, and New Albany, I found an intelligent and industrious people, who, though they have suffered in common with many others in this Province and elsewhere, from the failure of crops, and depression of trade, appear to be gradually advancing. Their opportunities for public worship, are frequent and regular in some places, but are few and far between in many others. I had good opportunities for stating my object publicly in all the places above mentioned, except one—and although I formed but one Branch Society, something was done in the way of preparation, with promises of good assistance to do more in future.

There are other settlements in this region, through some of which I passed, but held no meetings, where Bible Depositories if established could not fail to be beneficial. In Sherbrooke, Springfield, Middlefield, Northfield, and some others, it is probable that but few dwellings are entirely destitute of the Scriptures, yet if they were brought more immediately and directly into notice, many individuals in these places would be induced to purchase, who never owned a copy before. In passing along one of the cross roads, I had stopped for refreshment, and offered something to a boy who had been attentive to my horse, which he refused. I enquired if he could read and would accept of a Testament, which I stated I should be glad to send to him, if I could meet with an opportunity. He replied in the affirmative, and added—"the Postman will bring it, Sir." While noting down his name he drew nearer and said with much earnestness—"my sister can read too, Sir." So I took her name also, and sent them each a neat copy on the following day, which I hope may be of special and lasting benefit to them. This incident, though so small and trivial in itself, may be of importance in its results: For neither they nor their Parents, who were living near to them, had ever been privileged to read the Word of God, nor yet to hear it read.

In many of those more secluded places the roads are very good, but in others they are not so. While passing on from Brookfield to Nictaux, in company with a gentleman in a light waggon, we found the road very rough, and were moreover intercepted by a windfall, which we could neither lift out of the way nor pass. Though it was small, we were long detained by it, for, having no better instrument, we had to cut it through with a very small knife.

I was much interested in other parts of the Province also, especially to the Eastward, and hope that some good may result from my recent visitations. Here, however, I was exposed to unwonted vicissitudes which in

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one instance resulted in a painful interruption to my progress, but was so marked, as some others had also been, with providential mercy and goodness, and so over-ruled by the hand Divine, as to present to my mind in the reflection, much more of good than of evil. I was crossing over the country from Little River near Tracadie, to Guysborough, a distance of about thirty miles, in company with a gentleman who was returning to the latter place. We had proceeded about half the way and stopped at a farm house for refreshment, where I imprudently fed my horse, (as I had often done before, however, in perfect safety,) without taking him out of the harness. Before he had done feeding, and while I was in the act of removing him to a more sheltered place behind the house, he took fright and ran off at full speed. In attempting to arrest his progress I was thrown down, and the wheel of my Gig passing over one of my legs, fractured the larger bone, and left me prostrate and helpless. The horse continued his course among the stumps and inequalities of a partially cultivated field, till he had destroyed the carriage, and had given Mr. McColl (the gentleman in company with me) and some of the family residing in the house, no little trouble to secure him.

At first, though I was aware of the injury, for I had twice sprung to my feet and had instantly fallen, I was too intent upon stopping the horse, to turn my thoughts to myself; but I was not long in realizing the full import of my position and circumstances.—Cast in a state of utter helplessness upon entire strangers,—far in the wilderness towards the northern extremity of the Province,—near the commencement of a rigorous winter, which I knew would cut me off from the possibility of intercourse with any of my own immediate friends and family,—my feelings for the moment were not to be envied. But it was only for a moment, for when my heart was overwhelmed, I was led to the “Rock that is higher than I,” and was at rest. At once I was re-assured of the Divine presence and protection, and could say with the Psalmist, “Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.”

My companion, and a Mrs. Brenan of the farm house, assisted to bind up the fractured limb, and with others of the family, united to do all that could be done for me in my peculiar circumstances. A cart was procured, and though it was late in the evening, I was carried to Guysborough, a distance of fifteen miles, where the best of friends, and Medical attendance, with everything that could tend to my comfort, or hasten my recovery, were provided without my care. Nor was the goodness of God less evident in the consolations of his grace, than in the manifestations of his Providential hand.

In a little more than three weeks I was able to walk out on crutches, and in about a fortnight more attended a Bible Society meeting at Manchester, and now by the blessing of God every vestige of my lameness is removed. May my spared life show forth his praise!

I am anxious to visit those places I was not able to reach in the winter, and redeem the time I have lost; and also to stimulate all within my influence to assist in carrying out the work which has been, under many unpromising circumstances, thus hopefully begun. And may the future operations of the Societies throughout the Province, keep pace with the

demands of the times; and every effort be directed by a supreme regard for the Divine glory, and crowned with the Divine blessing!

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC SMITH,

Travelling Agent.

HALIFAX, 15th April, 1851.

FROM MISS NEWTON,

SECRETARY OF THE GUYSBOROUGH LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

December 5th, 1850.

Dear Sir,—Directed by your esteemed Predecessor (in his last communication) I have the honour to address you, on that subject worthy of Heaven's high admiration, and which doubtless, "angels desire to look into," namely the revelation of God's will, and mercy to fallen man! or in other words—the Bible Society.

It has pleased Him, whose ways are inscrutable, to keep alive, in this place, for a number of years, a *spark* of interest in the blessed cause of infinite magnitude; and that, not to be extinguished, but *fanned*, by the divine influence, and strengthened from time to time through agencies of his own appointment, who hath said of his Word—"It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish, that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it," and thus hath it pleased Him who "giveth power to the faint, and increaseth strength to them who have no might," to encourage our hearts to the present period; in which we trust a more general interest is about to be taken in the circulation of the sacred Scriptures.

I have now the pleasure, very gratefully to inform you, that your Society's most devoted Agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, has so far recovered from the late injury sustained, as to hold a Public Meeting in this Town. It was one of deep and increased interest, and which we believe had the blessing and sanction of the Almighty, for as much as it was rendered instrumental in unfolding more clearly, the inestimable treasure of the written Word; and inducing a more general interest and united purpose to aid in its circulation, than has ever before been manifested in this place.

We cannot but look back, with pleasure and gratitude to God, on the spiritual benefits resulting the three past years, from the agency of Mr. Isaac Smith, in this great and good cause. We seem to have had an increased illustration of the divinity of the Book and of the Work, in which your Society's Agent is employed; and would very heartily and humbly, as an Association, express the hope, if (agreeable to the divine will) that his important agency may not terminate with the present year, but be continued to keep in operation, under the heavenly blessing, that interest now excited.

Our small returns, £6 only, might make us feel ashamed. But as our hearts and our offerings are still beheld from above, by Him who once "sat over against the Treasury," we are encouraged to hope the insignificance of the sum, (if it is the *all* we can do) will not cause it to be

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rejected. The supply of Testaments and Bibles, with the Reports, were safely and thankfully received by our Association, the past summer, all of which are not yet disposed of.

To S. L. Shannon, Esq.

N. E. Margarie, 20th December, 1850.

MARTIN G. BLACK, Esq.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the members of this Branch Bible Society, to send you the annexed Extract from our Minutes respecting the death of our late President, with an earnest request that it may form a part of the Appendix in your next year's report.

I remain respectfully,

Your most ob't servant,

JOHN MUNRO,

Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of the Margarie Branch Bible Society, Cape Breton, 1st October, 1850.

The Secretary, Mr. Munro, stated that this meeting was called for purposes connected with the Society; but more ostensibly for an expression of mingled emotions of deep regret and unfeigned gratitude to God. They sincerely lament the loss of a most valuable fellow-labourer—one of those friends who had known this Branch Bible Society in its rising and smallest beginnings, Irad Hart, Esquire. At the same time they feel constrained to bless God, that by His overruling Providence their departed friend was led to enter into an intimate connection with the Society by accepting the important office of President, and that he was enabled by His grace to perform the duties with a degree of regularity and order, of steadiness and perseverance, of sound practical knowledge, of strict integrity and constant attention to the best interests of the Society, which justly endear his memory to its friends and supporters. In the performance of this duty the deceased was actuated by far higher than mere personal considerations. He was under the influence of real solid Christian principles; to serve his God and to render himself useful in his day and generation, was his simple but noble object. Having himself deeply felt the inestimable value of the word of life, he longed to see it universally diffused; and having in his own soul experienced the grace of that adorable Redeemer of whom the Scriptures testify, he desired that His sacred name and blessed Gospel should be proclaimed to the very ends of the earth,—though with singular fidelity exerting himself in his office of Christian labour in the Bible Society; yet he generally aided the cause of other Christian and benevolent institutions, acting upon that truly apostolical principle, "let us do good unto all men, but especially to them that are of the household of faith."

Branches and Agents in the Country are particularly requested, when they order Books from the Depository, to provide a conveyance, or direct how they may be sent without delay. Also to furnish with their remittances, which can be easily done, lists of contributions for publication. This has been partially attended to, but the number received is so small, their insertion in this Report would lead to misapprehension—these lists being in some instances regarded as including all the amounts contributed by the various Branch Societies.

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