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Pica Testament,.....	4s. 4d.
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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING.

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Saint John, N. B. April 5, 1821.

*This day the Second General Meeting of the  
NEW BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCI-  
ETY was held at the Coffee-House pursu-  
ant to advertisement:*

*The Rev. DR. BURNS, President, in the  
Chair.*

*A most respectable assemblage of Ladies and  
Gentlemen honoured the Meeting with their at-  
tendance.*

*The Report of the Committee having been read by the  
President, it was moved by Lauchlan Donaldson, Esq. Jus-  
tice of the Peace, seconded by Dr. Tiarks, of the University  
of Gottingen, His Majesty's Astronomer under the Treaty of  
Ghent, and*

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,**

*That the Report be received, and printed under  
the direction of the Committee.*

*On the motion of the Rev. James Priestley, seconded by  
Charles Simonds, Esq. one of the Representatives in General  
Assembly for the County of Saint John, it was*

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,**

*That the Thanks of this Society be given to the  
President and Vice-Presidents, for their continued patronage  
and support.*

*On the motion of Charles J. Peters, Esq. Vice-President,  
seconded by W. H. Smith, Esq. Surgeon, it was*

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,**

*That the Thanks of the Society be given to the  
Treasurer and Secretary for the zeal and assiduity with which  
they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.  
To which vote of Thanks Messrs. M'Leod and Paterson  
made suitable replies.*

*On the motion of William B. Kinnear, Esq. Attorney at Law, seconded by G. S. Hill, A. B. of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New England, it was*

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,**

*That the Thanks of the Society be given to the Committee of Directors, for their judicious, zealous, and successful labours since last General Meeting.*

*On the motion of Stephen Humbert, Esq. one of the Aldermen of the City, seconded by Mr. David Browne, Professor of Music, it was*

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,**

*That the Thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Branch Society of Saint Stephen, for the liberal aid it has given to the funds of this Institution.*

*The President having left the Chair, it was taken by Charles J. Peters, Esq. Vice-President, when, on the motion of Andrew S. Ritchie, Esq. one of the Representatives in General Assembly for the County of Saint John, seconded by acclamation, it was*

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,**

*That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Rev. Dr. Burns, for his conduct this day in the Chair.*

*The President having made a suitable reply, the Meeting closed.*

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

## New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society.

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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 to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society, shall be without Note or Comment, and those in the Languages of the United Kingdom, of the authorised version only.

III. THAT all persons subscribing Ten Shillings or upwards per annum; or Five Pounds or upwards at one time, shall be Members of this Society.

IV. THAT the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, and a Committee consisting of Twelve other Members of various religious denominations; and that Five Members of this Committee constitute a Quorum.

V. THAT every Clergyman, or other Minister, who is a Member of the Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings of the Committee.



VI. THAT the Committee shall meet once every Quarter, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

VII. THAT the Committee divide this City 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 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 from time to time remitted, after deducting incidental expenses, to the Parent Institution, in consideration of the advantages held out to Auxiliary Societies, viz. "That the Committees of such Societies shall be entitled to receive Bibles and Testaments estimated at prime cost to the amount of half the entire sum remitted to the Parent Institution *if their local necessities shall require such a supply*: and further that the Members of Auxiliary Societies shall be entitled to the Privilege of purchasing from the Depository of such Auxiliary Societies, Bibles and Testaments, on the same conditions as the Members of the Parent Institution."

IX. THAT for the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent design of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their Grant of the Scriptures for distribution among the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to inquire what families or individuals residing within their several Districts, are in want of Bibles or 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 promoting of the circulation of the Scriptures, it is expedient to encourage the formation of *Branch Societies* of such Districts within the sphere of this 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.

XI. 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 gratuitous distribution, or sale at prime cost, or reduced prices, among their poorer neighbours.

XII. THAT all Clergymen, and other Ministers, within the sphere of this Society, making Collections in their respective Congregations in behalf of the Institution, shall be entitled, on remitting such Collections to the Treasurer of this Society, to receive Bibles and Testaments to an 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 the supplying the poor by Sale at a low price, rather than by *gratis* distribution.

XIII. THAT a General Meeting of the Society be held annually at St. John, on a day to be fixed on by the Committee and duly intimated, when the Accounts shall be presented the proceedings of the past year stated, a new Committee appointed, and a Report agreed upon to be published, under the direction of the Committee.

XIV. THAT in the formation of the new Committee, the Treasurer, Secretary, and such three fourths of the other Members as have most frequently attended the Committee, shall be re-eligible for the ensuing year.

## REPORT.



THE Establishment of the British and Foreign Bible Society may be viewed as fixing a new era in the history of the world, and, by the dignity and extent of its patronage, the simplicity of its object, the harmonious zeal of its operations, the rapidity and triumphs of its progress, and the splendour of its results, powerfully claiming the admiration and esteem of men. "If, sixteen years ago," said a speaker at one of its late Anniversaries "any man had ventured to stake the credit of his prophetic sagacity on the prediction that so soon after a Society should exist, spending at the rate of *Four Score Thousand Pounds* a year in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures alone, and surrounded by Auxiliary Societies formed upon the same model, he would have been scouted as an enthusiastic visionary; and, while we might have smiled at the good man's sanguine expectations, our smiles would have been followed by a sigh of regret that anticipations so delightful should only be a dream. Yet, the dream has been realized; the vision converted into a reality; and our minds are become so familiar with that which we should then have regarded as Utopian and visionary that we have almost ceased to wonder at its astonishing details."

At a period when it has not merely survived the perils which threatened its infant growth, but has sent forth such vigorous shoots as to defy the tempest from every quarter, it might be thought unnecessary for the Committee to enter into any minute statements regarding the opposition with which the Parent Institution has been called to contend. They beg leave simply to advert to it in language which has been well applied to another Society of a kindred spirit. "We feel more confident in the wisdom and grandeur of its designs when we see the arrogance which lately attempted to check and destroy them blushed into a confusion so deep as to make even *apology* speechless. There can be no triumph more complete than that which the Bible Society has gained,—a triumph which neither sophistry nor sagacity can trace to merely adventitious circumstances or to any unexpected concurrence of events to which no parallel can be found in the annals of recorded time. It was a triumph of principle, and, we trust, will be as lasting as it was pure. In an age, dazzling above all others in the splendour of its military achievements, and the awful vicissitudes of political fortune, this Society has been executing plans and realizing hopes which are pouring conviction on the public mind and casting into the shade the paraded pomp and chanted glories of martial renown. It is impossible for any man unseared by prejudice not to be gratified with the reflec-

tion, that in the very darkest hour of frantic ambition, when the angel of war breathed his deepest curse on distracted Europe, and seemed to move even the pillars of Nature by the fury of his tumults, the heralds of this Society in distant countries were waging war with the powers of darkness, and earning the spoils of a pure and bloodless success. The tumults of factions have now passed away; the songs of triumph, and the groans of the conquered, are alike hushed in eternal repose; but the Bible cause grows in strength as in years, its designs have been embodied in action, its utility has been proved by experience, and the safety with which its operations have been conducted, has only been surpassed by the grandeur of its results."†

There are two features in the character of this Institution which strongly recommend it to patronage and support, namely, *the simplicity of its object*, and, *the unanimity which it tends to cherish*—Its sole aim is to disseminate the lively oracles of truth without any of the criticisms, comments, or glosses of human authors; and thus it allows the pure light of Heaven to beam into the darkest and most dismal abodes of wretchedness, in its own native and benignant splendour. "This is a principle which ties together all the Bible Societies, Auxiliary Societies, Branch Societies, and Associations, in Britain and Europe and throughout the world. If you trench upon this sacred princi-

† Edinburgh Christian Instructor.



ple, you destroy the blessed charm which binds the whole together. If you trench upon this sacred principle, you overthrow our altars which we have erected to the God of the Bible. You silence our shouts of praise, and we inscribe on our Society—"the glory is departed"—the glory is departed from Britain, for the Bible Society is no more." "It is incredible to any one" says the learned Bishop HORSLEY, "It is incredible to any one, who has not in some degree made the experiment, what a proficiency may be made in that knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation, by studying the Scriptures in this manner, *without any other commentary or exposition than what the different parts of the sacred volume mutually furnish for each other.* I will not scruple to assert, that the *most illiterate christian*, if he can but read his English Bible, and will take the pains to read it in this manner, will not only attain all that practical knowledge which is necessary to his salvation; but, by God's blessing, he will become learned in every thing relating to his religion, in such degree, that he will not be liable to be misled, either by the refined arguments or false assertions of those who endeavour to engraft their own opinion upon the oracles of God. He may safely be ignorant of all philosophy, except what is learned from the sacred books, which indeed contain the highest philosophy, adapted to the lowest apprehensions. He may safely remain ignorant

of all history, except so much of the history of the first ages of the Jewish and of the Christian Church as is to be gathered from the canonical books of the Old and New Testament: Let him study these in the manner I recommend; and let him never cease to pray for the illumination of that spirit by which these books were dictated; and the whole compass of abstruse philosophy and recondite history shall furnish no argument with which the perverse will of man shall be able to shake this *learned Christian's faith*. The Bible thus studied will, *indeed*, prove to be what we Protestants esteem it, a certain and sufficient rule of faith and practice, a helmet of salvation, which alone may quench the fiery darts of the wicked." † Speaking of the Bible Society as confining itself to the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, the Bishop of St. Davids, in his Charge, 1813, thus expresses himself, "The Society is constituted on this simple and comprehensive principle, that it may not exclude the aid of any person professing to be a Christian. Indeed, no contribution for the distribution of the Bible can be unacceptable, whether it come from a Churchman or Dissenter, from a Christian, Jew, Mahometan, or Heathen." "Contemplating this distinctive character of the Bible Society, the late venerable Dr. Porteous, Bishop of London, thus declared his sentiments, "The more I con-

† See Horsley's Nine Sermons, p. p. 223—228, London 1815.

sider its object, and the longer experience I have of the spirit and principles on which it is conducted, the more deeply I am convinced that it merits all the support which the Church of England can give it." || And the late Bishop of Cloyne, in his Speech delivered at the formation of the North West London Auxiliary Bible Society, March 18, 1813, thus addressed the Meeting, "Go on, then, Gentlemen, in the name of God; spread the word of God *without the opinions of man*, throughout every part of the world; translate it into every language, and send it into every country. And if this be a crime, it is one of a very singular nature; for our Saviour set the example, the Apostles followed it, and God himself has commanded and sanctioned it."

The Bible Society, likewise, recommends itself to patronage and support by the *unanimity which it tends to cherish*.—Though the honour of having first formed and suggested the scheme must be conceded to the Dissenters, yet it was not embodied in action, nor carried into vigorous operation, till several zealous members of the Church of England came forward as its enlightened champions; and, whilst the Society soon enrolled among its Vice-Presidents, one Archbishop and twelve Bishops, persons of almost every religious denomination saw in it the germ of Christian concord and social happiness, and rallied round it as a common standard

|| See Hodgson's Life of Porteous.

of piety, brotherly love, and pure Religion. The Prelate and the Presbyterian, the Lutheran and the Calvinist, the Peer and the Quaker, mingled in new and undissembled concord, and merged their opposing interests, party differences, and interfering claims, in the name, and language, and feelings of *brethren*.

Upon its first appearance before the public in the year 1804, Wales and Scotland rivalled each other and their fellow christians in England, by the promptitude and liberality of their support. Ireland did not remain uninterested in this strife of love, but manifested as strong a disposition as its local impediments would allow, to aid in promoting so glorious a work. The continent of Europe felt the impulse which London had communicated, and evinced the effects of it, in local Associations for prosecuting the same common purpose, under the auspices and by the aid of the Parent Institution. Asia displayed a similar spirit, and Calcutta became the seat of a Corresponding Committee, professing, in the name, and chiefly by the funds, of the Society in London, to aid and encourage translations of the Scriptures into all the vernacular dialects of the East. || America caught the same holy ardour; and a similar union of Christians, upon kindred principles, and with

|| The British and Foreign Bible Society, has promoted the translation, printing, or distribution of the Scriptures or portions of them, in *One Hundred and Twenty-six* different languages and dialects.

the same object in view, was speedily witnessed in various great towns throughout the United States. Even amid the wilds of Africa, this Society is now scattering the seeds of knowledge, of virtue, and of happiness.

But the field is too extensive to be travelled over in one Report, and therefore your Committee must rest satisfied with having given this very general account of the principles, plan, and operations of that Society to which yours is a professed Auxiliary, as an introduction to the statement now to be given of the proceedings of your infant Establishment.

It is not a little remarkable that, previous to the month of May 1819, nothing had been done in this Province with a view to aid the exertions of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The neighbouring Provinces had taken an honourable share in the glorious cause, and it is gratifying to learn that they continue to labour with assiduity and success. But to the praise of this City be it recorded, that no sooner was a Meeting publicly called for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary Bible Society, than a general interest was excited, and an attendance given, equally numerous and respectable. At the first general Meeting which was held in the large Room of the Coffee House on May 20th 1819, the principles and object of the proposed Institution having been stated, a President was unanimously elected, and took the Chair accordingly. Vice Presidents and



Officers were chosen from the different Protestant congregations in the City—several animated addresses were delivered on the occasion—liberal donations were received—and throughout, the greatest harmony prevailed among the different religious denominations who favoured the object with their countenance and support. Before the Meeting closed, it was moved by CHARLES J. PETERS, Esq. and unanimously resolved, “That the Rev. Dr. BURNS, who has been elected to the office of President of this Society, be requested to accept the thanks of the Meeting for his exertions in having been materially instrumental in the formation of this Establishment, and that this resolve be entered on the minutes of this day’s proceedings.”

The first object of your Committee, after the general Meeting, was to devise the best means by which funds could be accumulated; and accordingly they resolved to divide themselves into separate associations, with the view of visiting the different Wards of the City, and of soliciting contributions from their inhabitants. The success which attended their applications exceeded their most sanguine hopes. No insinuations were thrown out against the object of the Institution, and but a few individuals refused to lend a helping hand.—It was determined also by your Committee, that, with a view at once to recommend the Institution and to augment its funds, a Sermon should be preached and a Collection made. Accord-

ingly, the President of the Society delivered a Discourse in St. Andrews Church, on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 14, 1819, when a Collection was made amounting to £25 10 0. The text on the occasion was taken from John I, 46, "And Nathanael said unto him, (Philip) Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see."

In order still further to aid the funds of the Society, as well as to promote the general object more effectually, it was considered by your Committee as of vast importance to excite an interest throughout the Province in behalf of the Institution, so as to lead to the formation of Branch Societies, Associations, &c. With this view a Correspondence was carried on with different districts of the Province, and a Circular Address was prepared by the Secretary, and printed under the direction of the Committee. Though these means have as yet been effectual in giving existence to only *one* Branch Society directly in aid of the Provincial Institution, your Committee are gratified to state, that at Fredericton a Bible Society has been formed under the zealous patronage of Colonel the Hon. Sir ROBERT LE POER TRENCH, K. C. B. which has already exhibited to the public eye a pleasing account of its first proceedings, that at Mirimachi a Ladies Bible Association has been formed in the most promising circumstances, and that in other parts of the Province a kindred spirit has been aroused which only

waits for more propitious times to appear in vigorous operation.—The Branch Society of St. Stephen, under the auspices of the Rev. DUNCAN M'COLL, has carried forward its designs with an energy and zeal which bear ample testimony to the public spirit and Christian feeling which pervade that young but flourishing Settlement. That this meed of praise is not awarded without sufficient grounds, every one must be convinced by perusing Appendix No. I, which contains an account of the formation of that Society, together with the First Annual Report of its proceedings.

The following is the amount of the Society's Receipts from the First to the Second General Meeting:—

Amount of Subscriptions and Donations in St. John, <i>actually realized</i> (including the Public Collection).....	£210	7	6
Received from the Treasurer of the St. Stephen Branch Society.....	40	15	0
Amount received for Bibles and Testaments sold per Account of Sales.....	14	7	1
Balance on hand at the Second General Meeting.....	60	15	5

It is proper to mention that the inhabitants of this City have only once been called on to aid the Society, the Committee having determined, in consequence of the extreme scarcity of money and general depression of trade, to allow one year's Subscriptions to remain uncalled for.

In the application of the funds thus obtained, the Committee had primarily in view *the supply of local wants*. In attending to this object they endeavoured as far as possible, to guard against two extremes, either of which might be prejudicial. On the one hand, they wished to avoid giving any countenance to the opinion, that the Society has been established for the purpose of superseding the necessity of the poorer classes purchasing Bibles for themselves. They wished to do nothing that might tend to check or to crush a laudable spirit of independence, or that might encourage among the lower classes, a disposition to rely in future on the gratuitous and indiscriminate aid of a voluntary association. On the other hand, they were desirous to guard against that supineness or indifference of spirit, which prevents men from inquiring into the wants of their brethren, from an ill-founded supposition that they are already amply supplied. Accordingly, as soon as a return of Bibles and Testaments, to the usual extent, had been made by the Parent Society, the Committee took into serious consideration the best means of supplying existing necessities within the sphere of your Society's operations, and being unanimously of opinion that *sale at reduced prices* should invariably be preferred to *gratis* distribution, they announced the following as the rate at which Bibles and Testaments would be disposed of at the Depository, namely, to *Subscribers at two-thirds in Currency of the*

*Sterling cost—to non-Subscribers, at the Sterling price reduced to Currency.* Whilst they considered these as very equitable and advantageous terms to *purchasers* of every description, they at the same time vested a discretionary power in the President, to grant Donations of the Holy Scriptures to indigent persons well recommended by any of the Directors.

The following is a statement of Bibles and Testaments sold and distributed :—

	<i>Bibles.</i>	<i>Testaments.</i>
Sent to the Branch Society of St. Stephen as its proportion.....	38	39
Sold at the Society's prices.....	46	8
Given to indigent persons well recommended.....	3	
Sent to the Poor-house, after a particular inquiry into the wants of the inmates.....	6	6
Sent to the Jail of the City for the use of the Prisoners.....	6	
On hand at the Depository.....	77	27

While the Committee congratulate the friends of the Society on the encouragement it has received, and the success with which it has been accompanied, they would beg leave to remind them, that its continued and increasing prosperity, must depend materially on the zeal and the efforts of individual members. Every Subscriber to a Bible Society is understood to become thereby a friend to its object, and may be expected both to recommend it to his friends, and to aid its efforts, by every method



which zeal and judgment may dictate. Branch Societies and Associations, supported by the contribution of small sums weekly, or quarterly, are particularly to be encouraged. They call into active service the mass of the population—give opportunities of exertion in the cause to those, who, from their place in Society, have it not in their power to make splendid efforts in its support—operate most effectually in ascertaining and supplying the local wants—secure to the general object sums of money that might otherwise be applied to no definite end—and realize to the Society an extent of aid by no means inconsiderable.\* By the establishment of such Auxiliaries, also, the minds of the people are interested in an object closely connected with their intellectual and moral improvement. A regard for the Bible as the standard of truth, and the best friend of man, is excited and cherished. The feelings of Christian zeal and energy are called forth, and the best affections of the heart are embarked in the best of causes. Impressed with these considerations, the Directors would make an earnest appeal to those Districts of the Province which have not yet come forward *in any shape* to aid the exertions of the NEW BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY. They would solicit their attention to the

\* The Penny Societies in Edinburgh alone produce upwards of £1000, per annum, to the Edinburgh Bible Society; and the Twelve-Penny Societies belonging to Southwark produced in one year, nearly £3000!

facts now stated, and they pledge themselves in behalf of the Society, whose representatives they have the honor to be, that nothing shall be wanting on its part to encourage, in the most liberal and friendly manner, the humblest effort that may be made. Such an Institution surely claims the warmest support of every rational and enlightened Christian, of every genuine patriot, of every true philanthropist. The man who loves his country must give his support to this object, for it is designed to extend the blessings of knowledge, civilization, and happiness throughout the world. The man who is anxious for the best interests of his fellow creatures must give his support to this object, for it is designed to save from perdition those who are "perishing through lack of knowledge," and to pour the rays of heavenly light over the wide and dreary wilderness of Paganism.

In closing their First Report, your Committee have to express their regret that it has not been in their power to enrich their pages with any interesting details from the latest Report of the Parent Institution. After looking for its arrival with much anxiety for many months past, they have not yet been so fortunate as to receive it, and therefore they must content themselves with making a few extracts from the Monthly Correspondence of the Society, which they shall insert in Appendix No. III. They have to regret also that from the depression of trade and the embarrassed state of our commercial affairs, the same liberal donations are not to

be expected as in more auspicious circumstances. This they are led to state, not from any *past* experience of such effects, but from a wish to prepare the friends of the Institution for the *worst* that may happen—not with a view to paralyse the efforts of the Society, but with an ardent desire to keep alive that fervour and zeal which may be apt to languish in consequence of those discouragements which are inseparable from the circumstances of the times. At the same time they would deem themselves inexcusable were they not to advert to the encouragement which the aspect of the *political* world presents, in aid of Christian efforts. Nor can they dwell with any other feelings than those of astonishment and gratitude, on that train of unexpected and wonderful events, by which the career of tyranny has been arrested, and universal peace restored to an agitated world. They fondly hope, that the internal commotions of the Parent State will speedily subside,—that ere long her peace and safety will be seen standing on a surer basis than the rigour of the law, and her prosperity derived from the only true and certain source, the moral character of her people, and the blessing of her God. They hail the auspicious æra when the citizen of the south and the furred inhabitant of the arctic regions, shall be admitted together as fellow-citizens of the household of God; and the world which has long been torn by faction, caprice, and cruelty, shall become the blest abode of purity and of peace.

## APPENDIX.

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No. I.

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## BRANCH SOCIETY OF SAINT STEPHEN.

*A letter having been addressed by the President to Mr M'Coll, at St. Stephen, soliciting his countenance and aid in order to establish a Branch Society in that Settlement, the following Answer was received:*

ST. STEPHEN, 14th Sept. 1819.

Rev. Sir,—Yours of the 3d inst. is now before me. Be assured, Dear Sir, that your call in behalf of the Bible Society meets my hearty approbation. The Inhabitants of St. Stephen have been loaded with the expence of building a Chapel for my connexions in this place, which, together with other charges of a religious nature, proves to be very heavy. I will call them together at a suitable time, and see what can be done in so good a cause. You may expect to hear from me in about four weeks after this. Wishing you health and happiness, I am, Rev. Sir, Your very humble Servant, DUNCAN M'COLL.

Rev. George Burns, D. D.

*From the same to the same.*

ST. STEPHEN, 22d Oct. 1819.

Rev. Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you that we are encouraged to form a Branch Society in connexion with the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society. We are likely to make up from forty to fifty pounds at this time. The particulars will be forwarded to you about the last of November. We are happy to find you at the head of that good cause in the Province. May peace be to all the Israel of God. I am, Rev. Sir, &c. &c.

*At a Meeting held at St. Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, on the 8th day of October 1819, for the purpose of instituting a BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY:*

*The Rev. DUNCAN M'COLL, in the Chair.*

*The following Rules and Regulations were adopted, viz:—*

I. THAT the object and constitution of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, established in the City of St. John, have the cordial approbation of this Meeting.

II. THAT a Society be formed, to be called "The Branch Bible Society of Saint Stephen," for the purpose of co-operating with the "New-Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society," in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, in the language of the United Kingdom, and of the authorised version only.

III. THAT all persons, subscribing Five Shillings or upwards annually, or Three 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, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Committee, consisting of fifteen; and that five Members of this Committee constitute a Quorum.

V. THAT the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, shall be considered ex-officio Members of this Committee.

VI. THAT any Clergyman or other Minister, who is a Member of this Society, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings of the Committee.

VII. THAT the Committee shall meet once in every quarter, to-wit, on the first Monday in January, the first Monday in April, the first Monday in July, and the first Monday in October, annually, or oftener, if the business of the Society shall so require, at 2 o'clock P. M. each day.

VIII. That the Committee divide the Parishes of St. Stephen and St. David, and the Town of Calais 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 establish proper Agents and Correspondents in different parts within the limits of this Branch Society.

IX. THAT the whole of the subscriptions received by this Society, after deducting incidental expences, shall be remitted to the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society in the City of St. John, in consideration of the advantages held out to Branch Societies being the same as held out by the Parent Institution to its own Auxiliaries.

X. THAT the Directors shall make it their business to inquire what families or individuals, residing within their several districts, are in want of Bibles or 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.

XI. THAT a General Meeting of this Society be held annually at the head of the tide-water in St. Stephen, on the second Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock, P. M. when the accounts shall be presented, the proceedings of the past year stated, a new Committee appointed, and a Report agreed upon to be published under the direction of the Committee.

XII. THAT in the formation of the new Committee such three-fourths of the Committee as have most frequently attended the Committee, shall be re-eligible for the ensuing year.



*It was Resolved Unanimously,*

THAT a Copy of these Rules and Regulations be transmitted to the Rev. Dr. BURNS, the President of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, in the City of St. John, and that the Thanks of this Meeting be presented to him for his laudable and Christian solicitude, evinced by encouraging of this Society.

*Office-Bearers of the Society.*

PRESIDENT,

The Rev. DUNCAN M'COLL.

VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. WILLIAM TODD.

TREASURER,

Mr. AARON UPTON.

SECRETARY,

Mr. DAVID A. ROSE.

COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS,

Messrs. Abner Hill, John Brown, Tristram Moore, John Watson, William Buchanan, Joseph Whitney, Reuben Watts, William Andrews, Phineas Nevens, Robert Hitchings, William Mabey, Robert Lindsay, William Hitchings, Sen. Jacob Young, jun. and Thomas Armstrong, jun.

St. STEPHEN, Jan. 7, 1820.

Rev. Sir,—In consequence of the illness of the Rev. Mr. M'Coll, who is at present confined, the duty of laying before you the state of our small Society has devolved upon me. A copy of the rules and regulations has been already forwarded; I now enclose a list of the Subscribers, annexing the sums received, which the Treasurer will remit by the earliest opportunity. The encouragement received by this Branch, equals, and, indeed, exceeds our expectations, considering its limited scope.

This district will require one half of the sum remitted to be returned in Bibles and Testaments, and of each an equal value. The Bibles to be of the cheapest kind, and the Testaments of the long primer type, bound in sheep.

Fully convinced, that the Scriptures teach us, so clearly, our duty both towards God and man, that the meanest capacity can fully comprehend the sure means of securing their eternal welfare; and animated by the unexampled success of Bible Societies in disseminating the knowledge of the only true

God, the Directors have requested me to assure you, that they will use their endeavours to promote the object of the Parent Institution. I am, Rev. Sir, with respect, Your most obedient humble Servant,

DAVID A. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Rev. Dr. GEORGE BURNS,  
President of the N. B. Auxiliary  
Bible Society, at Saint John.

*List of Subscriptions and Donations to the Branch Bible Society of Saint Stephen, received up to the 5th January, 1820.*

	Donation	Annual Subscrip.
Albee Mr. James.....		15 0
Andrews Mr. William.....		15 0
Armstrong, Thomas Esq.....		5 0
Armstrong Mr. Thomas Jun.....		5 0
Brown Mr. John.....		10 0
Buchanan Mr. William.....		1 0 0
Christie Mr. James.....		5 0
Crocker Mr. Timothy.....	15 0	
Campbell Mr. Hugh.....		5 0
Dunn Mr. Thomas.....		10 0
Fraser Mr. William Sen.....		5 0
Fraser Mr. William Jun.....		5 0
Frink Mr. John.....	10 0	
Frink Mr. Schuyler P.....	1 0 0	
Friend A.....	1 10 0	
Do.....	5 0	
Do.....	5 0	
Grimmer Mr. Thomas Sen.....		5 0
Hannah Mr. James Jun.....		5 0
Hannah Mr. Thomas.....		10 0
Hannah Mr. John.....		10 0
Hall Mr. Martin J.....		5 0
Hughes Mr. Cyrus.....		5 0
Hill Mr. Abner.....	1 0 0	1 5 0
Hill Mr. Stephen.....		2 0 0
Hitchings Mr. Robert.....	10 0	1 0 0
Hitchings Mr. Josiah.....		10 0
Hitchings Mr. William.....		15 0
Hopps Mr. John.....		10 0
Humphrey Mr. John.....		15 0
Jackson Mr. William.....		5 0

*Donations and Annual Subscriptions Continued.*

Jackson Mrs. Mary.....			5 0
Jones Mr. Samuel .....			5 0
Lindsay Mr. Robert.....			10 6
Libbie Mr. Jacob .....			5 0
Libbie Mrs. Unity.....	5 0		
Maybee Mr. William.....			10 0
M'Coll Rev. D. President.....		1	5 0
M'Allister Mr. John.....		1	0 0
M'Donald Mr. Donald Jun.....			5 0
M'Lellan Mr. William.....		1	0 0
Moore Mr. Tristram.....			10 0
Morrison Mary.....			10 0
Murchy Mr. Andrew .....			5 0
Mosely Mrs. Hannah.....			5 0
Moore Mr. William .....			5 0
M'Kinzie Mr. James.....			5 0
Nevens Mr. Phineas .....	10 0	1	0 0
Nisbit Mr. William.....			5 0
Perkins Mr. James.....			10 0
Robinson Mr. Daniel .....			5 0
Rose Mr. David A. Secretary.....			7 6
Ross Mr. James.....			5 0
Robinson Mr.....	2 6		
Smith Mr. James.....			15 0
Stone Mr. Daniel Jun.....			5 0
Todd Mr. William, V. P.....	12 6		10 0
Tyler Mrs. Mary.....			10 0
Thorburn Mr.....	5 0		
Upton Mr. Aaron, Treasurer.....	11 8	1	3 4
Upton Mrs.....			15 0
Watson Mr. John.....		1	0 0
Watts Mr. Reuben.....	10 0	1	0 0
Wrightson Mr. Robert.....			10 0
Weathe:by Mr. David.....			5 0
Young Mr. Christopher Sen.....	5 0		
Young Mr. Christopher Jun.....			5 0
Young Mr. Jacob Jun.....		1	0 0
Young Mr. John Jun.....			5 0
Young Mr. Michael Jun.....			5 0

*Total amount of Donations and An. Subscriptions, £41 3 0*

*Deduct for a Book for recording..... 0 8 0*

*Remitted to the Auxiliary Society at St. John....£40 15 0*

ST. STEPHEN, Oct. 13, 1820.

*At the First Anniversary Meeting of the Saint Stephen Branch Bible Society, held at the Methodist Chapel, on the 10th Oct. 1820, the following Report of the Committee was read, and a resolution passed, that the same be received, and published in the St. Andrews Herald.*

A YEAR having elapsed since the formation of this Branch Society, it becomes the pleasing duty of the Committee to lay before the Public, a Report of their proceedings.

There have been £41 3 0 currency collected from annual subscriptions and donations, of which £40 15 0 have been remitted, by the Treasurer, to the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, at St. John, and the remaining 8s. laid out in the purchase of a blank book for keeping the records of the Society. One half of the entire sum has been returned in Bibles and Testaments, which the Committee have resolved to distribute gratis, at reduced prices, or at cost, according to the ability of the applicant.

The subscriptions for last year, have fully answered the expectations of the Committee, and in general were paid. Those who have not paid, we presume, were prevented more by inability than by any unwillingness to contribute to an Institution so beneficial.

When we contemplate the simplicity of the plan of Bible Societies, we are amazed at the stupendousness of the structure. Within the space of fourteen years, the Parent Society, formed in London, has contributed to the distribution of upwards of two millions three hundred thousand Bibles and Testaments. In England alone, the Scriptures have been printed, at their expence, in twenty-four different languages and dialects; and in other parts of the world, by their assistance, in one hundred and twenty-six. The scenes presented on a review of the blessings bestowed on the world, by means of Bible Societies, are uncommonly flattering. The DIVINE SPIRIT has opened a road to the uttermost bounds of the earth, to all conditions, all ranks, all confessions, to the peopled city and the solitary desert, to the palaces of Kings and the cottages of the poor, to the most ignorant Hottentot, and the most enlightened nation. No known extremity of the earth, however remote, is excluded from the blessing of possessing the invaluable acquisition of the scriptures. The exertions of Bible Societies, however prosperous, are, in a great measure, dependent on a generous Public. The many gratifying accounts of the bene-

fits arising from these societies, ought to animate us to assist an institution so benevolent. Let no one imagine himself to be unworthy of the notice of his Creator. Every one has his sphere of action allotted him. Every one has his talent committed to him, which he is commanded to improve, by being useful in the world, by promoting virtue, peace and charity; but above all, by promoting the religion of CHRIST. Can any person be more eminently useful, than by assisting the distribution of the BIBLE—a book which breathes nothing but mercy, benevolence, and peace? Never was a book written so unfriendly to hatred, persecution, tyranny, injustice, and every sort of malevolence; or so friendly to all the kind and sublime affections, as the Gospel.

## No. II.

### EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES AT LATE ANNI- VERSARY MEETINGS OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

*At the Fourteenth Anniversary, (May 6, 1818,) The Right Hon. N. VANSITTART, Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke as follows:—*

I must be permitted, my Lord, to take this opportunity of expressing the gratification with which I am again enabled to partake of this great feast of Christian benevolence. I must be permitted to state the admiration and gratitude with which, in common with those around me, I see the great plans of Providence developing themselves, and its mysterious purposes apparently about to be effected; and in particular, that we are allowed, and enabled, in however humble a degree, to co-operate in so great a work. We find, that, while the zeal, the liberality, and energy of this Society have, in no respect, diminished, within the British dominions, its operations have been widely extending, and receiving the most energetic aid, among foreign nations. I particularly allude to what we have heard respecting the Empire of Russia, and the States of America. Can we be too grateful to that Providence which has touched the hearts of kings and of statesmen, which has raised up a zealous protector and propagator of the gospel, in the great Sovereign of the North? Can we be too grateful that those extensive dominions, stretching in a solid mass throughout the longitude of one half of the circumference of the globe, are about, in the numberless languages spoken in that vast empire, to receive the blessings of Christianity?

In the other hemisphere, the prospect is equally cheering and delightful. Happy, indeed, is the time, when the two



greatest maritime nations upon earth, are seen uniting their numberless fleets, to circulate, universally, the glad tidings of the gospel. If we may suppose, my Lord, that the spirits of the just, delivered from the burden of the flesh, are allowed, on any occasion, to take a part in human affairs, with what delight must they co-operate in a work like this; when, after the lapse of so many ages, in which the cause of truth appears rather, perhaps, to have receded than advanced, we find the ice beginning to be melted by the beams of the Sun of Righteousness; when we see idolatry and superstition, heathenism and ignorance, every where yielding to the simple, the inoffensive, the benevolent exertions of the Christian Missionary! This spectacle must be viewed with delight by those who have gone before us, and who, many of them, sacrificed their lives, and *all* offered their prayers, for such a consummation as we witness. Truly we may say, in the language of Scripture, that "many prophets and kings have desired to see the things that we see, but have not seen them, and to hear the things which we hear, but have not heard them."

*On the same occasion The Earl of Harrowby, President of the Council, thus spoke:—*

My Lord, I had a reason for wishing to take an early opportunity of addressing myself to your Lordship, a reason which perhaps reflects some degree of shame upon myself; and it is this, that I have not the happiness of being one of those who were early engaged in the ranks of this Society: whether, because I was distracted by many other subjects, or whatever was the cause, such was the fact: and what was it that first directed my attention to the subject? It was the sounding of the trumpet of alarm. Though I had not sufficiently attended to the progress of the Society, to be myself a competent judge of its proceedings, yet it did strike me, as a most singular circumstance, that it should be a subject of alarm to that Church which I had always conceived to glory, that its foundation was the Bible, and its object to spread that Sacred Book more extensively; that that which was a Protestant Church, which rested its own defence of separation from the Church of Rome, upon the right of private judgment, should hold forth such distrust, should hold so much at a distance from itself all those who (whether right or wrong) had presumed for themselves to exercise the same right which the Church of England had exercised for itself; that it should be deemed, if not a stain, yet a detraction from the advantage and benefit of a good work, to partake with them in the pursuit of it? But, if there was nothing in argument, was there any thing to be found in the conduct of this immense Society, which could justify that alarm by

fact? To argument upon the subject, I paid every possible attention: to pretend to say that I, or any man, could have read with deep attention, every publication that has appeared upon the subject, would be absurd; but this I can truly say, that I have read with the best attention in my power, every publication that has materially attracted the notice of the public. I have read every statement of facts on both sides of the question, which was represented to me as worth reading, and the deliberate result of that investigation, has been, a confirmation of the opinion which first struck me, that, so far from any danger existing to the Establishment of which I am a member, the union of that Church with the Society, only adds to its credit, its dignity, and its usefulness, and therefore cannot but add to its strength.

*At the Fifteenth Anniversary, (May 5, 1819,) His Royal Highness the DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, on moving thanks to the President, thus spoke:*

I rise to propose a Motion to you, which, I am convinced, will be agreed to without one dissentient voice. I feel double satisfaction in having this opportunity of bearing my tribute to the merits and exertions of our noble Chairman, and of expressing that anxious and sincere interest that I must ever feel in the prosperity of this Institution. Gentlemen, from its earliest foundation, I have been one of its warmest and sincerest friends. Its object is to obey the orders of our Saviour, in circulating the doctrines of the Christian religion throughout the world; to enlighten those who are born under the shadow of death; who have not had the means of being instructed in that knowledge which is alone our support and comfort in this world, and upon which alone we found our future hopes. Gentlemen, allow me to congratulate you upon the success that has attended your endeavours. The Bible has now been printed, or is preparing to be printed, in nearly seventy languages: in Russia alone, in twenty-six. Almost every Sovereign in Europe has protected your Society, and from almost every quarter you receive a favourable account of its proceedings. Gentlemen, in a good cause there can be no doubt of success. It is unnecessary for me to urge you to prosecute your endeavours. There can be no doubt but every year will present you with a more favourable Report. Gentlemen, allow me to repeat how warm and sincere a friend I am to this Institution, and to express a hope that your exertions will not barely be continued, but, if possible, be increased. Every one knows that the Motion I hold in my hand relates to our noble President. In his presence I cannot say all that I could wish. I shall, therefore, merely read it to you.

*JOHN GURNEY, Esq. King's Counsel, on moving thanks to the Vice-Presidents :*

I have been unexpectedly honoured with a request that I would take a part in the business of this day, and I cannot but feel the greatest pleasure in any opportunity of expressing the deep interest which I take in the prosperity of an Institution, which, as the object of it is above all praise, so its success has surpassed all hope. The Report which has been presented by your Committee, and the Speeches which have been addressed to you by the illustrious persons who have preceded me, have filled my mind with emotions for which I unfeignedly declare I have no utterance. The short and pleasing task which has been assigned to me, is, to express the gratitude of this Meeting to many personages highly distinguished by their rank, but still more distinguished by their virtues. This Meeting has not to learn, that the list of Vice-Presidents of this Society comprehends the names of revered Prelates, who have been raised to their highest stations in the Church for their talents, their virtues, and their learning,—of Naval and Military Commanders, who have carried the glories of their country to the utmost corners of the earth,—of Statesmen and Senators, who have served their country, by their wisdom and their eloquence. If I were to go through the catalogue, and say what each name would prompt, I should exhaust the day much rather than your patience. I should do so, indeed, if, passing over every other name, (and it would be injustice so to do,) I were to dwell only upon the name of him, on the accents of whose lips we have so lately hung with rapture, whose exertions in the cause of humanity will transmit his name to the latest generation. But the object of the resolution which I have to propose, is, to express the gratitude which we feel for the services they have rendered to this Institution. They have certainly acted from a higher motive than the applause of men, and they are rewarded by the approbation of their own consciences ; but still we cannot, in justice to ourselves, or to the cause, suppress the gratitude which we feel for their countenance and support. Some of them assisted in planting, and all have assisted in watering that Tree, the roots of which have struck deep into the ground, the branches of which ascend to Heaven, and will overshadow the whole Earth.

*Extract from the Speech of the Right Hon. Charles Grant, M. P. Secretary of State for Ireland, at the same Anniversary Meeting.*

My Lord, I may congratulate your Lordship on the pleasing and triumphant prospects which yet await us. We are confident, because we have found that our former anticipations

have not been falsified. We are confident, because we trust in the same resources which have supplied us with strength and with success. And what a ground of glorious anticipation is open for us, when we recollect the progress of opinion, and of the human mind, during the last thirty or forty years! Since the commencement of the reign of that most venerable and beloved Sovereign, whose virtues [*acclamation*]*—*well do I see, my Lord, that this Assembly anticipates what I was about to say.—At the name of that beloved Sovereign we have but one feeling; and what adequate expression can I find for such a feeling? But since the commencement of the reign of our present Sovereign, whose example, whose virtues, whose piety, have so materially contributed to the promotion of the best feelings, and the best Institutions, within the last forty years; and, though it be true that he cannot now witness the effects of his conduct, yet let us not fear that he will be without an ample reward—but we, I say, are now enjoying those happy effects,—enjoying them in the increased knowledge and virtue of the age; enjoying them in the multiplied institutions of charity that surround us; enjoying them this day in the presence of that August Person who has honoured us with his presence. During the period I have mentioned, how rapid has been the progress of the best institutions! We have seen every species of enlightened charity established; we have seen the noblest plans of benevolence realised; we have seen crimes, which for centuries had been the disgrace of this country and the scandal of our holy faith, abandoned as by a common impulse of the whole people; and to that glorious work when I advert, can I fail to advert to my distinguished friend near me, whose exertions and whose eloquence achieved at length the abolition of the Slave Trade? Or can I fail again to advert to the royal person present, to whom that great cause is so deeply indebted, and who, in strict consistency, follows up the support of that cause by his support of the Bible Society. Let me, indeed, tell that illustrious individual, that it well becomes him to appear in this place, after he has contributed to the emancipation of Africa. I say, this well becomes him; and he will forgive the freedom of the expression, if I say further—it is consistent with a sentiment of the deepest respect—but I must be permitted to say what I am sure he himself feels,—that to appear in this place is not so much to confer honour as to receive it.—Amidst all those Institutions however that have been rising up during the last century, it is curious to remark in what period at last the Bible Society has appeared. We had distinguished ourselves by charities of various kinds; by improvements in political institutions, diffusing happiness over distant quarters of the

globe; and it was natural to ask what was the principle that guided this great nation in those mighty endeavours. Then, to tell future ages what was the master principle which was at the root of all this conduct, comes the Bible Society. Yes, it is the principle which formed the Society, that has given birth to our greatness and our glory: and we may depend upon it, my Lord, that as long as we adhere to this principle, we are safe, and we are glorious.

Let us not then shrink from our pursuit; let us be convinced that, in diffusing the Scriptures, we consult not merely the passing gratification of a moment, but the deepest, the most permanent, and the most comprehensive interests of human nature.

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### No. III.

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#### SELECTIONS FROM THE MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE OF THE PARENT INSTITUTION.

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*From the Rev. T. Thomason, Secretary to the Calcutta Auxiliary Bible Society, dated Calcutta, February 27, 1816.*

LAST week we celebrated the Fifth Anniversary of our Society. The Report read by our esteemed President, shews how much has been done, or attempted to be done, in the few years which have elapsed since our Society was established. The Patrons of this Auxiliary Institution will, I hope, see, that it has accomplished as much as could be reasonably expected; and this impression will be strengthened, when they advert to the numerous Auxiliary Associations lately established for the dissemination of the Scriptures in the East. Our operations are of necessity slow in making their appearance; but they are unremitted; and Providence smiles on the various exertions of Societies and Individuals, in the cause of Divine Truth.

This Society, at its last Meeting, was happy in being able to approximate more nearly than before, to the fair image and proportions of its Parent. The arrival of Dr. Bryce at this Presidency, as the established Minister of the Scotch Church, has produced this assimilation. He has been associated with myself as joint Secretary to our Society, and two members of his congregation have been added to the list of our Committee. Thus representatives of the English, Scotch, Armenian, and Portuguese Churches, combine in Calcutta, as in England, and other parts, to give free circulation to the word of God. Forgetting our minor differences, we agree to give the Bible to those who need it; persuaded that no charity can be more



noble, no union more worthy of the Christian character, no labour more calculated to promote glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and good will towards men.

Of all the signs of these eventful times, none affects my mind, as indicating the near fulfilment of prophecy respecting the glory of the latter days, so much as the extensive union of Christians, differing in name, in profession, in nation, which is presented to us in the British and Foreign Bible Society.

To this characteristic feature of the Society must be ascribed, under God, the extraordinary vigour of its operations, and the extensive success with which they have been crowned. While this union remains unimpaired, our prospects must continue to open, and shine with progressively increasing brightness, until the earth be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

*From the Eighth Report of the Southwark Auxiliary Bible Society.*

THE Committee are thankful to say, that the total amount of payments for the year 1819, is £1504 4 0; of which sum £393 16 0 have been remitted to the British and Foreign Bible Society on the cost account, and £1110 8 0 for Bibles and Testaments, and for the general purposes of the Institution; making the total amount paid to the Parent Society, since the formation of the Southwark Auxiliary, £16,887 0 9.

The number of Bibles and Testaments distributed during the past year, has been 1,677 Bibles, and 1,102 Testaments, making together 2,779, and forming a general total since the establishment of the Institution of 31,722. It will be seen, therefore, that there has arisen an increased demand upon the Society for upwards of 300 copies beyond that of the preceding year; a fact which your Committee record with much pleasure, and which they would fain hope will appeal at once to the judgment and the liberality of every friend to the cause. It will be impossible for you to trace the progress of these copies through the district, connected as they are with heavenly influences, and productive of moral and religious effects, without the most pleasing expectation of great practical benefit accruing to your numerous, and, in too many instances, wretched population.

The Sub-committee for inspecting the prisons is yet in being; and in the periodical visits they pay to these gloomy abodes they avail themselves of every fit opportunity for bestowing your Bibles upon those unhappy persons whose crimes and misfortunes loudly call for the means of conviction, reformation, and comfort.

It is remarked in the Report of one of the districts of the

Newington Association, that it was truly gratifying to find on their re-cavass, a preparation of mind for the reception of the Bible among the lower classes of the poor. "We were," they observe, "universally received with the greatest cordiality, and with manifest sensibility for the object of our visit. A bricklayer's labourer, (a Roman Catholic) expressed much surprise and thankfulness on being informed that he could have one of our Bibles for three shillings, and immediately commenced his subscription. He had attained the age of thirty, and had never possessed a Bible."

"It will be remembered," say the Committee of the North Lambeth Association, "that in the year 1815, a man, notorious for his evil conduct and selfish disposition, a spendthrift, a bad father, and unkind husband, was persuaded to subscribe for a Bible in one of our districts; but that in a short time, through the blessing of God attending the reading of it, he became a completely altered man; diligent in business, kind to his family, and saving his money for their use; so that his wife declared that she could lay out two shillings for their mutual benefit where before she had only one; to which alteration in moral conduct was added that which could alone afford hope of his continuance in well-doing,—the fear of God, and a desire regularly to attend at a place of worship." A member of our Association, they continue, stated that he knew the man, and reported that he is still going forward in the course on which he so happily set out; that he is constant in his attendance on the services of religion, and is a sober, industrious, and moral character.

If any additional stimulus were required by the friends of the good cause, in the course of which they have entered, it might be found in the late national bereavements, which have touched and distressed the heart of every Briton. The name—the never-to-be-forgotten name—of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, has been so long and so intimately associated with the Bible cause—and he condescended to identify himself so completely with the meanest subjects of the realm as their brother and their friend in these labours of benevolence, that Southwark could not possibly hold her Anniversary without pouring the tears of regret upon his urn, and adding her humble tribute of gratitude and respect to his memory. Deprived as we are of the benefits of his royal patronage, and sensibly affected by the thought, that we shall see his face and hear his voice no more, we are consoled by the reflection, that he still lives in the bright example he gave us, and will, in this sense, continue to live while the manly and princely virtues he exemplified shall be appreciated in the world which he has left.

A reference to this lamented event cannot be made without reverting at the same time to another which speedily followed—the demise of our late revered and beloved Sovereign, whose known attachment to the cause you this day advocate, a cause so entirely in unison with the soundest dictates of his judgment and the best wishes of his heart, will endear him to every lover of his country and of his species, to the remotest ages of time.

It could not be that George the Third should have been indifferent to the design of circulating a book whose authority he revered—whose principles he imbibed—whose morality he exemplified—whose promises sustained him amidst the convulsive storms of a protracted and eventful reign—and whose prospects cheered him in the distant anticipation of his own dissolution. He read the Bible and he loved it; his character was formed upon it; and he expressly wished that every subject of his dominions might *have*, and *read* it too!

In the opinion of your Committee, there is no epoch of his history more honourable to the Sovereign and to the country than that moment which gave birth to the British and Foreign Bible Society; a moment when infidelity had unhappily poisoned every court, and tarnished almost every crown in Europe. Our parent King then stood alone, like a rock amidst contending waves, unmoved by the seductions of a false philosophy, and the ravings of an infuriated anarchy. To this well-principled firmness we gratefully attest our obligations this day; and trust, that as the Bible has ever proved itself the steady friend of the throne, *that* throne will ever shew itself to be the friend of the Bible.

*From the Fourth Report of the American Bible Society,  
May, 1820.*

It affords the managers unspeakable gratification, and will unite the hearts of their fellow-members of the Society in fervent thanksgiving to God, that, at the termination of their fourth year's labours they have occasion for no unpleasant retrospect; that Christian love and fellowship have grown with mutual intercourse; and that conciliation and harmony have uniformly governed their measures. They have found an ample requital of all their exertions in those feelings of affection and attachment which the principle of our Association, and its simple, but magnificent design, are so well calculated to foster and increase.

There have been printed, at the depository of the American Bible Society, during the past year,

Bibles.....	47,000
Testaments .....	16,250
Making a total of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE THOU-	

SAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO Bibles and Testaments or parts of the latter, printed from the stereotype plates of the American Bible Society, or on common type, or obtained for circulation since the commencement of its operations.

Several other editions of Bibles and Testaments have been put to press, among which is an edition of two thousand French Bibles, from the stereotype plates belonging to the Society.

There have been issued from the depository, from the 30th April, 1819, to the same period in the present year,

Bibles .....	26,000
Testaments.....	14,392
Epistles of St. John, in Delaware..	259
Gospel of St. John, in Mohawk....	62

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Making a total of NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWO Bibles and Testaments, and parts of the latter, issued from the depository of the National Bible Society from its establishment.

Two hundred and fifty of the Epistles of St. John, in Delaware, and thirty of the Gospel of St. John, in Mohawk, have been delivered to the Rev. Mr. Mortimer, for distribution among Indians of those nations, by the Missionaries of the United Brethren: and twenty-four copies of the latter to the Rev. Mr. Craue, a Missionary among the Tuscarora Indians, in the State of New York, for distribution among the members of his congregation, and other Indians understanding that language.

At present it is to be lamented that but few of the Indians can read. It is hoped, however, that the measures now in prosecution by different religious Societies, under the enlightened patronage of the American Government, for civilizing and evangelizing the Indian tribes, will open opportunities to make an useful disposition of these, and other Scriptures, in the aboriginal languages of our country.

Correspondence has also been had with Louisiana and Natchez, and some places in and adjacent to the British provinces, to facilitate the introduction of the French Scriptures among those of their inhabitants who use that language.

The managers having been informed that a mission was about to proceed from Boston to the Sandwich Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, under the direction of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, accompanied by several natives of the islands of Owyhee, who had been instructed in the Foreign Mission School at Cornwall, in the State of Connecticut, supplied that Society with splendid Bibles, to

be presented to Tam-ah-am-ah-ah, the late King of Owyhee, and Tam-o-ree, King of Atooi. They also furnished each of the natives of Owyhee, who accompanied the mission, with a handsome copy of that blessed book, with whose value, there is reason to believe, they had become experimentally acquainted. The managers, at the same time, presented the respectable body above-mentioned with a donation of two hundred Bibles, and one hundred Testaments, to be distributed by their missionaries among the Americans and Europeans resident at and frequenting those Islands for purposes of trade, and among whom there is a scarcity of the Holy Scriptures.

They have also, on the application of the Committee of that Board, made them a further grant of two hundred Bibles and two hundred Testaments for distribution by their missionaries in the Island of Ceylon, in the East Indies.

On an application made in behalf of the American Society for colonizing the free people of colour of the United States, the managers were happy to aid the laudable designs of that benevolent Institution by a donation of eleven octavo Bibles, of a suitable description for presentation to his Excellency the Governor of Sierra Leone, and to the African kings, and chief men in the western part of Africa; and also one hundred common Bibles, one hundred and fifty Testaments, and several copies of the Spanish Testament and French Bible, for the use of the first body of American colonists who sailed from the port of New York in the month of February last.

The whole number of Auxiliaries now officially known and recognized is two hundred and seven.

In addition to the foregoing Societies, several others have communicated information of their having become auxiliary, but not with such a conformity to the prescribed terms of official notification as to admit of their present recognition.

*Byfield, Daventry, Oct. 10, 1820.*

I BEG leave to inform the Committee, that I had the pleasure to assist in forming an Auxiliary Society for Lutterworth and its neighbourhood yesterday. The High Sheriff of the county was in the chair. The Rector and Curate of Lutterworth, with many of the neighbouring gentry and clergy, were present, together with a numerous and respectable assemblage of the inhabitants.

Lutterworth itself is on the borders of three counties, and in the midst of about forty villages and small towns supposed to contain a population of above 20,000 souls, with no Bible Societies nearer than Leicester, Birmingham, and Daventry. The extreme cordiality apparent in the meeting quite delighted me. I am not sure that I ever witnessed a more affecting sight; and when I took the liberty of referring, towards the



close of the meeting, to two distinguished rectors of the parish, the one consecrated by the veneration of centuries as the harbinger of the Reformation, John Wickliffe, the other endeared to the present generation by fourteen years of affectionate and laborious piety, the present Lord Bishop of Gloucester, almost the whole company was dissolved in tears. Indeed it cannot but be considered as a remarkable circumstance, that a Society for circulating the Holy Scriptures only should be formed in the very town where John Wickliffe, in the year 1387, died, and whence his bones were dug up by order of the council of Constance in 1428, and the ashes scattered in the river Swift, which flows by the town, for having translated the Holy Scriptures into English, and maintained the authority of those Scriptures and their sufficiency for saving instruction. The other memorials of this great reformer's name are deservedly cherished; but assuredly no mark of reverence can be more appropriate than that of acting on the main sentiment by which he was distinguished, and which was fully recognized in this country two centuries after his death, as the great principle of the Reformation. The enemies of Wickliffe, says Fuller, thought, that by burning his bones and scattering them in the Swift, they would destroy his name and doctrine—but no; the Swift carried them into the Avon; the Avon into the Severn; the Severn into the Ocean; and the Ocean round the World.

*From His Excellency Sir Rufane S. Donkin, K. C. B. Government House, Cape of Good Hope, Aug. 31, 1820.*

My Lord,—I HAVE the honour of acquainting your Lordship, that on Wednesday the 23d of this month, a Bible Society was established in this Colony, and the first meeting held in this house. The gentlemen present so strongly insisted on my taking the chair, that I did so, though reluctantly, from a consciousness of my inability to fill it on so important an occasion in the manner in which it ought to be filled. I, however, was so well assisted by the gentlemen present, particularly by Sir Jahleel Brenton, the Naval Commissioner here, that I hope the business of the day did not suffer much from having fallen into my hands.

A Committee has since been formed, which is now employed in putting into activity the necessary arrangements for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures throughout this Colony.

I took an opportunity of assuring the Meeting, that during the time I may administer this government, no effort shall be wanting on my part to promote the diffusion of Christianity throughout Southern Africa. I am persuaded that, independently of the paramount duty by which every Christian is bound to impart the light of the Gospel to those who are unacquaint-

ed with it, I shall be rendering an essential service to this Colony, if I can lay the foundation of a system which shall introduce Christianity, and consequently civilization, amongst the surrounding tribes; and I hope the day is not very far off, when those who are now heathen savages shall be converted into civilized Christians. I have the honor to be, &c.

To The Right Honorable The Lord Teignmouth,

\* \* This Report has already extended a whole sheet beyond what was originally proposed, but where all is so interesting and important it is as difficult to select judiciously as to compress without disappointing the expectations of the reader.

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1820. Jan.	15	To Cash paid A. S. Ritchie, for a Bill of £170 Stg. on Shedden & Sons, London, and remitted to Joseph Tain, is Currency,.....	188	17	9	1820. May	29	By Amount of Donations and Subscriptions in St. John, received to this date,.....	209	17	6
		Premium, 5 per Cent,.....	9	8	11			Amount received from the Treasurer of St. Stephen's Branch Society,.....	40	15	
Aug.	26	Paid Alex. Miller's Commission for collecting £50, at 5 per Cent,.....	2	10	6	1821 Feb.	23	Amount received for Bibles and Testaments, sold per Acct. Sales,.....	13	13	4
	9	Wm. Reynolds & Co's Bill for Printing Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	59	11	8						
		£	264	5	10			ALEX. McLEOD, Treasurer N. Bruns. Auxiliary Bible Society.	£ 264	5	10
1821. April	5	To Balance on hand per Contra,.....	60	5	5	1821 Feb.	23	By Balance on hand,.....	59	11	8
		St. John, 5th April, 1821.	£ 60	5	5	April	5	Received for Books sold to date,.....	13	9	
								ALEX. McLEOD, Treasurer, N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society.	£ 60	5	5

We the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, } JOHN M. WILMOT,  
Accounts, have attended to that duty and find them correct. } JAMES ROBERTSON.  
St. John, 21st April, 1821.