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AT THE
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PICTOU AUXILIARY
B. & F. BIBLE SOCIETY,

Held in Assembly Hall, Feb'y 7, 1861.

REV'D CHARLES ELLIOTT, President, in the Chair,

The Chairman opened the meeting by reading the 19th Psalm, and the Rev'd A. W. Herdman offered Prayer.

The Chairman briefly addressed the meeting.

Rev'd James Bayne, Secretary, then read the Report.

On motion of the Rev'd A. W. Herdman, seconded by James Primrose, Esq., it was

Resolved—"That the Report be received, and published under the direction of the Committee."

Mr James Patterson, Treasurer and Depositary, then presented and read his Accounts, and, on motion of James D. B. Fraser, Esq., seconded by Mr William Jack, it was

Resolved—"That the Accounts submitted by the Treasurer and Depositary be received."

On motion of the Rev'd James Cassidy, seconded by Mr James Stalker, it was

Resolved—"That the continued and marked success which has attended the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, should be hailed with gratitude by all those who take pleasure in the diffusion of the gospel."

Sang Heber's Missionary Hymn.

On motion of the Rev'd Alex'r Ross, seconded by Mr Clarence Primrose, it was

Resolved—"That this meeting is rejoiced to know that testimony is borne from almost every land, to the value of the Scriptures in leading men, under the guidance of the divine Spirit, from the paths of error and sin into the ways of truth and holiness."

On motion of Rev'd George M. Grant, seconded by Mr W. N. Rudolf, it was

Resolved—"That the extraordinary openings made by the events of the *past* year for the extended circulation of the Word of God, afford good ground for the hope that at the close of the *present*, the cords of this noble institution will be much lengthened, her stakes much strengthened, and that she will become a praise in all the earth."

The several persons whose names given on the preceding page were unanimously chosen as office-bearers for the ensuing year.

After singing the 100th Psalm, the meeting was dismissed with the apostolic benediction.

REPORT.

YOUR COMMITTEE present the Report of operations by the Parent Society, and its numerous Auxiliaries, with abundant joy and thanksgiving. Whatever amount of human skill, prudence and perseverance be enlisted in any cause, however noble and praiseworthy, the christian mind will recognise as an element essential to success, the blessing of the "Father of Lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift." The signal, long continued and ever growing prosperity of the British & Foreign Bible Society, indisputably proclaims this world wide institution to be "of God." Its inception and progress have been such as to establish its claims on the almost unanimous sympathy and support of Evangelical Christendom.—Overleaping denominational limits and quenching sectarian spirit, it has sought to do the work of Bible dissemination, with the exalted aims, and in the wisdom and strength of its divine Author. The imperfections which of necessity attach to every human institution have, during its progress, one after another, disappeared, until now there is but little left either in organization or operation, on which the devout Christian may not look with complacency. It was long a source of regret, that its public meetings were not opened by prayer. To those who knew with what jealousy its immediate patrons and directors watched the integrity of its non-denominational characteristic, the omission of prayer on such occasions was submitted to without any audible murmur; but with some of its most Christian supporters there was felt an aching void, while the rivalry of kindred operations, and the mouth of open enmity were forward to hear without gainsaying, if not to openly prefer, the charge of Infidelity. Every well-wisher to the cause will rejoice, while the enemy will have his mouth stopped by the announcement in the Annual Report of last year, that not only was the public meeting in Exeter Hall opened by the reading of the Scriptures, as at all former meetings, but that prayer was offered by one of the Secretaries, the Rev'd S. B. Bergne, who indeed was honored to introduce this christian rite in 1858. The Receipts of the year ending March 31st, 1860, have exceeded those of any preceding year, (excluding the special funds.) The amount applicable to the GENERAL PURPOSES of the Society is £30,526 1s. 6d.; and the amount received for *Bibles and Testaments*, £81,493 15s. 11d.—making the total Receipts from the ordinary sources of income, £162,020 13s. 5d., being £7,114 7s. 4d. more than in any preceding year. To the above must be added the sum of £1,278 4s. for the *Chinese New Testament fund*, and £8,371 9s. for the *Special Fund for India*—making a grand total of £164,136 6s. 5d. The issues of the Society

for the year are as follows:—from the depot at home, 1,241,679; from depots abroad, 676,218—in all, 1,917,897—being an increase of 291,912 copies over the issue of any preceding year. The total issues of the Society now amount to 37,527,828. The *ordinary payments* have amounted £173,621 2s. 9d.; and the payments of the *Jubilee and Chinese New Testament Funds*, £5,744 12s. 9d.—making the *Total Expenditure* of the year, £179,365 15s. 6d.—being £20,728 0s. 6d more than in any former year. The Society is under engagements to the extent of £77,616 9s. 10d. From this financial abstract, it will be seen that, in every respect, there is the steady upward growth which indicates, as at hand, the full attainment of such resources as will give the whole Bible to the whole World. The progress cannot be more strikingly exhibited than by the statement, that if the Society had only continued the rate of circulation with which it commenced, it would have required one hundred years to circulate the number of copies of the Scriptures which have been distributed during this year alone. What a glorious result for one year is the circulation of more than 1,900,000 copies—exhibiting an increase of nearly 300,000 in the year past, which, in its turn, proved superior to any former year! Well may we participate in the joyous emotion, as we adopt the language of the London Committee, when they say, “these are solemn and substantial facts, which ever the caviller, who seeks rather to injure than to aid, must discern, as clearly as Balaam discerned the goodly tents and tabernacles of Israel;” and concerning which he must exclaim, “What hath God wrought!” It may be proper further to note the important fact, that the expenditure for ordinary purposes has increased £20,000, while the income has only increased £7,000. This statement of over-expenditure might justify grave apprehension in any society whose history has not proclaimed steady and rapid growth, but to the friends of this society, it only points to that natural increase of liberality, which but slight exertion on their part will fully meet. Confiding most fully in the vigilance and fidelity as well as the ability of its staff of directors, and its highly experienced Executive, we can only discern, in this excess of expenditure over income, the pleasing evidence that the large monies entrusted to them by the Christian public are not *laid up* in a napkin, but *laid out* for the Master’s service.

To review even cursorily, the Home and Foreign operations of the Parent Society, would require such space as the Committee of this Auxiliary are fully aware would seriously interfere with the interest and profit of this meeting. It is felt, moreover, that statements about countries and districts, which are almost if not altogether unknown to the auditory addressed, however brief and comprehensive, fail to excite the sympathy which is so desirable in all public assemblies. Instead, therefore, of travelling over any such *terra incognita*, we propose to confine our review to such lands as have, during the past year, been the theatre of events which have drawn the close observation of the entire Christian world.

For the first time since the Papal dominion was thoroughly established in Italy, an open door for the entrance of the Word of God has been, during the year past, set before the B. & F. B. S., by

that Providence which alone doeth such wondrous things. The cry of a deeply oppressed and cruelly enslaved people hath at length come into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath, and he is come down to deliver them. Liberty to read the Word of God has been largely won, and although the demand for the living and life-giving truth has not equalled the most sanguine expectations, there is great cause of rejoicing that the crushing and long-continued domination of Popery has not trodden out all spiritual life. It were unreasonable to anticipate that the mind and heart of any people, so long buried under priestly intolerance, would, on restoration to freedom, exhibit the elasticity of the newly-bent bow, which instantly recovers its original form.

It is sufficiently ascertained that the rulers of Italy, who have recently acquired the dominion, do desire the circulation of the Word of God. They (especially the man whose sword has cut the cunning knot of civil and ecclesiastical despotism,) know that the Book so long proscribed is the only security for orderly government—the only means of obtaining and retaining civil and religious liberty. The fact that few of the people in the south of Italy are able to read, while the terror of priestly indignation has not yet past, may fully account for the slow progress which as yet they have made towards Bible knowledge. The progress of war, too, with its absorbing cares, and the unsettled condition of a people newly released from the most debasing earthly bondage, has greatly retarded the success of Bible Associations. At Turin, the Sardinian capital, a circulation of 5,393 copies has been realized, of which 1,210 were placed in the hands of soldiers. At Genoa, 11,649 have been issued during the year, of which 3,000 were by colportage distributed in Piedmont, Lombardy, Parma, Modena and Romagna. The hostility to this work was almost wholly confined to Romish priests. At Milan, liberty to circulate the Scriptures was granted in June, 1859. In the 30 months preceding, only 34 copies were received in this city. In that month, 1,344 copies were released from the custom house, and in July, 2,650 were safely passed through; so that by December, in the brief space of less than 6 months, the issues from the city depot were 2,977 copies.

At Leghorn, the work has been so delicate and difficult as to require great discretion on the part of the Society's agent, who was entrusted with 1,893 copies. At Florence, the capital of Tuscany, still larger importation is acknowledged: 4,000 copies were received in the spring of 1859. In November, the obstacles which had impeded the Society's agency were soon removed, so that in a short period a public depository for the sale of the Word of God was opened; colportage was commenced in and around Florence; advertisements, announcing that the society's scriptures could be purchased, appeared even in the *government* newspapers, and the city from which, in 1851, the *Madiai*, with a few Bibles, were banished, received in a few weeks more than 500 copies of the scriptures.

In the Romagna, where the population were found not only ignorant but unable to read, the operations which began in November resulted in the issue of 1,135 copies before the end of the following month. In Naples, where the *Liberator* of Italy has for a time sheathed his sword, we find the most cheering evidence of successful

operation. The Society's agent writes, about the close of Sept'r, 1860: "Here, according to a new decree, the press is free. All existing religions are tolerated, but no bible, prayer book, or catechism can be printed without the sanction of the Archbishop." Very soon thereafter, the tidings are received, that during the seven days immediately following the opening of the cases, containing the scriptures first imported, 1,100 copies were sold. Gavazzi has a ready (in September last,) delivered five discourses, which a credible witness says were enough to make the ears of every one who heard to tingle; and having obtained two churches belonging to the expelled Jesuits, he has a staff of monks and priests, who with him are to preach the gospel every Sabbath. This uncompromising enemy of the papacy said, that if he had 2,000 copies, he could distribute them among the wounded soldiers alone. By the latest intelligence, the good work advances apace. The Book seems as new to the priests as to the people, and some of the former were the first to buy it. It must be an interesting sight, to see, in the crowded thoroughfares of the Toledo, a lad sitting at a large tray, containing only Bibles and New Testaments, and with his broad Neapolitan accents inviting the attention of passers by with the simple cry, "Il Libro! Il Libro!" The Book! The Book!

From the seat of the Man of Sin, let us pass to the seat of the False Prophet. The noble chairman at the last Annual Meeting in Exeter Hall, introduced a fact which discloses the momentous consequences which have followed the proclamation of Religious liberty made by the Sultan, and which we ought to receive gratefully as the most precious fruit of British blood and treasure expended in securing the Turkish throne against Russian despotism. "A large body of men and women, a very numerous body indeed, have passed the frontiers of Russia and settled in Turkey; and for what purpose, do you think? According to the declarations made to the missionaries, they came to enjoy that religious liberty which was denied to them in the empire of Russia. An intelligent person has said that this class of Russian subjects amounts to a million of men. Many of them are bitterly persecuted, drafted into the army, exiled to Siberia, and scattered over various parts of the empire. Many thousands of them, however, have escaped into Turkey, where they can enjoy christian privileges, under the protection of a Moslem Sultan, which they could not enjoy under the rule of a Christian emperor." The American missionaries who constitute the most zealous and successful christian agency throughout the Turkish dominions, have stated that tens of thousands have thrown off their original faith with all its corruptions, not in consequence of the efforts of Preachers, or Teachers, or Lecturers, but simply and solely from reading the Word of God, pure and unadulterated, without note or comment, and without any teaching except the blessed teaching of God's Holy Spirit." In the Annual Report, it is asserted that the wide field under the Turkish Agency has been cultivated with signal success. The issues for the year have amounted to 24,720 copies, in no fewer than 30 languages—being 11,254 more than in the previous year. The public sale of the Scriptures within the walls of a Turkish Mosque, and during a season especially sacred among the Mahommedans, shows how rapidly the obstacles

to the universal diffusion of the scriptures, in that widely extended empire, are passing away. Instances of the conversion of a Greek priest and of an Armenian priest are recorded, as the result of the simple perusal of the scriptures. At Broussa the special presence of the Spirit has been visible. Deep searchings of heart, confessions of sin, and fervent prayer have been general; and these, issuing in conversion, are all to be traced to the diligent study of the Word of God. The Annual Meeting of the Constantinople Auxiliary was considered very satisfactory. They have engaged a colporteur during the year for the city, suburbs, and shipping. In Bulgaria, the prospects of scripture circulation are very inviting; the people are making strenuous efforts to obtain ecclesiastical independence, having long groaned under the crushing weight of the Greek patriarchate. They are using every effort to secure education for their children, and the scriptures will be in great demand for the schools, which number 150. To supply this demand, no adequate source has been found hitherto; but an edition of 10,000 copies of the New Testament at Bucharest, and 5,000 in London will enable the agency to enter fully into the remarkable opening thus presented. The only subject of regret is the death of Mr Barker, who has been the active, trustworthy, and successful agent of the Society for 39 years. He has left behind a family, consisting of 9 daughters and 2 sons, of whom the youngest is but four years old.

Passing from Turkey to India, we find a link of connection between countries thus remote which is worthy of special note.—The Bulgarian newspaper, printed weekly, contends strongly for religious toleration, and strange to say, uses arguments from the New Testament. In a number issued recently, there appeared a remarkable article, recommending the study of the Scriptures throughout the country. The editor or the author affirms, "It is the study of the Scriptures which makes a nation great;" and, in referring to Britain, says, "England was wrong in shutting out the Bible from the schools in India." It is well that the country and kingdom which of all others has most eminently profited by the unfettered use of the Bible in the education of her youth, and from which, more than all the world beside, has gone forth the Word of Life, should be thus rebuked by such as are being redeemed from obscurity by her Bible agency. The British policy thus indicated cannot be too strongly reprobated. Well may the words of Lord Shaftesbury be echoed and re-echoed in every Bible Society Meeting, "India is our *first* duty." Alas! what apathy has returned with the quelling of that mutiny, which threatened, by its sudden and overwhelming violence, to wrest the last vestige of our Indian dominion from British rulers. How clearly did the Christian instinct of the British people, at home and abroad, read the sad lesson which taught them that the purpose for which India had been given to Britain had been grievously misunderstood or perverted. How loudly and distinctly did the moving mass of corruption and horrid cruelty proclaim the want of that Christian salt, which alone prevents any nation from becoming as Sodom, and like unto Gomorrhah. The spirit of self-accusation took possession of the public mind when the work of desolation was in progress. Yet how speedily, after the rebellious hand was smitten with impotency, did British rulers

manifest their proclivity to that fatal policy which in effect proscribes the Word of God. If the power of public opinion, which in England has often asserted its supremacy, do not speedily insist on the removal of this unholy *ban* from the Word of God, we can anticipate nothing else but swift retribution on the nation, that thus doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully. How little of the subduing and transforming power of the Word of God do these persons, however exalted in civil station, exhibit, who, when asked to admit the Bible into the schools, so that those who desire it may have the instruction of that Book, turn round in the horror of amazement, real or affected, and reply, "Would you have us do that which would subvert the interests of the empire, shake the foundations of its existence, endanger the person of your countrymen, and overturn the throne of Queen Victoria?" How manifestly blind to all the teachings of human history, and even the events of the present day, must those men be who thus madly put from them the only true preservative of all authority on earth, both human and divine.—Alas, that such purblind statesmen should be in a position, to carry into effect their short-sighted policy! Well may they be likened to Pharaoh, who looked to Moses for deliverance, and when that came turned round on the deliverer and said, "Who is the Lord that we should obey his voice? Let the united christian efforts of all who love the Bible and know its almighty energy, be uplifted to save the British throne, as well as the millions of India from such suicidal policy. It need not astonish any one to hear how comparatively insignificant the amount of Bible distribution was in that country during the past year. Only 92,203 copies have been sent abroad from all the auxiliaries in the different presidencies.

We turn now to China. It was not to be expected, that during the collision between the Chinese, and the British and French authorities, there could be much effected for this empire. Less than 20,000 copies have been distributed during the year. It is highly satisfactory, however, that large preparations are made, so that when the time to favor "the land of Sinim," even the set time, is indeed come, ample means will be at hand to leaven the heathen mass. Recent intelligence has established our confidence, that the Anglo-French Alliance would effectually break down the proud indifference with which the Chinese authorities have been accustomed to view the outside barbarians. The residence of ambassadors from the great commercial and christian nations, at Peking, with power of direct access to the Emperor, will effectually prevent any return to that exclusive policy which has hitherto so signally characterized the Chinese authorities. There is going forward, moreover, a civil war, which threatens to supplant the present dynasty. The insurgent forces, especially their leaders, are well known to favor the christian religion, and the introduction of all the modern arts of civilization; and should they prove victorious, the missionaries, who have frequent intercourse with them, are strongly disposed to anticipate the happiest results. Meanwhile, the simple fact that portions of the scriptures are printed and circulated by them, will convince the most sceptical, that they are pioneers, raised up to prepare the way for the evangelization of these 450 millions of souls, now in abject heathenism.

We close our review of the Parent Society's operations, by reference to the New Hebrides Auxiliary. In former reports, the existence and efficiency of this remote Society were noticed, but rather for the aid received and suitably dispensed than any return of support. This year, however, a free contribution of £30 17s. has been remitted. By the zeal of a lady, the wife of the principal English resident at Dillon's Bay, £11 12s. of this sum had been collected from the men connected with the sandal wood trade. The European residents on Aneiteum have also contributed liberally. Mr Geddie loses no opportunity of supplying seamen and others visiting the harbor with copies of the Scriptures, and these are generally received with much gratitude. Mr Inglis is now in Scotland, with a translation of the New Testament, which he expects in a few months to have put through the press, by the Parent Society, who are forward to help in this manner the missionaries of every church without distinction.

With regard to their own immediate operations, your Committee have not anything of startling novelty to unfold. Nothing has occurred during the year beyond the steady work of the Depository. It will be seen by the Treasurer's statement, that while last year considerably exceeded any preceding, in amount of subscription raised in Town, the present year has more than maintained that preeminence. It may be permitted here—nay, it would be unpardonable to omit, to mention the decease of William Matheson, Esq., long a most consistent member and one of the Vice Presidents of this Auxiliary. For many years, he was a contributor to the parent Society to the extent of Fifty Pounds stg. per annum; and since his decease, it has been discovered that he has devised a princely legacy, which will probably realize £7,000. No more devoted admirer and substantial supporter of the B. & F. B. S. has ever passed from Nova Scotia, and when, as in this year's report, the Parent Society record the departure of the last of the three hundred that laid the foundation of its noble fabric, and others of its not less worthy patrons, it becomes this Auxiliary to drop the tribute of Christian gratitude and esteem to the memory of one of its first members, and one who has proved himself the most munificent patron of any Bible Society in this Province. Of the Branch Associations allied to this Auxiliary, the Secretaries of all but Green Hill, and River Philip, have forwarded Reports. Five have forwarded contributions, viz., River John, Tatamagouche, New Annan, West River, Central Congregation, W. R. The details of these Reports will appear in the Accounts of your Treasurer and Depository. It may be remarked, however, in passing, that the aggregate amount of free contributions from these Associations amounts, in round numbers, to £34. From Wallace, whence, heretofore, under the experienced and faithful agency of Stephen Fulton, Esq., annual contribution has been revived to a considerable amount, nothing has been effected this year beyond the sale of books to the amount of £2. No hope of a free contribution is expressed without the annual visit of an agent, to stimulate and direct the Christian liberality of the people. At Pugwash, also, nothing whatever has been done since the visit of your agency. Delegates have been

appointed to attend this meeting from two districts—River John, Rev. S. Humphrey—West River, Mr John McKenzie.

From such facts, it will be apparent that a very useful service to the Society would be performed by an agency under the direction of this Auxiliary. When claims on the liberality of the christian public, so many and so various, are urgently pressed, the paramount claims of the B. and F. B. S. are in danger of being overlooked, unless an active and zealous visitation from some central Auxiliary, such as that in Pictou, is maintained.

In conclusion, your Committee have only to express gratitude to the good Providence which has permitted and prospered their humble efforts in the cause of bible distribution, and the hope that this Auxiliary will continue increasingly to hold forth the "helping hand" to what is, confessedly, the most important of all the many Associations, in our day, that are handmaids to the Christian Church.

By order of the Committee,

JAMES BAYNE, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION.

I. The designation of this Society shall be, *The Pictou Auxiliary of 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 excluding the circulation of the apocrypha.

II. The Society shall add its endeavors to those employed by other Societies, for circulating the Scriptures through the whole world, among Christians, Mohammedans, Jews and Pagans.

III. Each subscriber of Five Shillings annually shall be a member, and any subscriber of Ten Pounds at one time shall be a member for life.

IV. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and committee of any number the Society may determine, at its Annual Meeting.

V. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the First Thursday in February, when the office-bearers shall be chosen, the accounts presented, and the proceedings of the foregoing year reported. Special General Meetings may be called by the Committee when necessary.

VI. The President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and every clergyman who is a member of the Society, shall be *ex officio* members of Committee.

VII. 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.

VIII. The Committee shall meet quarterly on the first Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October; special meetings of the Committee may be called by the Secretary when necessary, but every member of Committee must be duly notified.

IX. The whole of the minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Chairman.

Subscription List.

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| James Patterson, | \$1.00 | Rob't Patterson, | 4.00 | John Harris, | 50 |
| John McLeod, | 50 | J T Ives, | 2.00 | John Russell, | 50 |
| Anderson Henderson, | 25 | Peter Grant, | 1.00 | James Rankin, | 50 |
| John Crerar, | 1.00 | William Ives, | 1.00 | Thos. Arnison, | 1.00 |
| Rob't Douli, | 1.00 | J A Dawson, | 4.00 | A. J. Patterson, | 1.00 |
| Isabel Robson, | 1.00 | D R Cameron, | 50 | James Munro, | 1.00 |
| John Gunn, | 50 | Cha's McDonald, | 50 | Rev'd A W Herdman, | 2.50 |
| James Brown, | 25 | Geo Douli, | 1.00 | Mrs D. Cameron, | 50 |
| Daniel Dickson, | 1.00 | J D B Fraser, | 1.00 | James Ives, | 1.00 |
| Wm. B. Henderson. | 25 | John Yorston, | 10.00 | Dan'l B Fraser, | 1.00 |
| Howard Primrose, | 4.00 | Mrs S Taylor, | 1 00 | Donald Fraser, | 62½ |
| W. N. Rudolf, | 1.00 | Geo J Hamilton, | 4.00 | William Ross, | 50 |
| James Hepburn, | 50 | Clarence Hamilton, | 2.00 | Donald Fraser (tailor) | 1.00 |
| A. C. McDonald, | 1.00 | Howard H. Hamilton, | 60 | Miss M. Thain, | 37½ |
| James Purves, | 1.00 | Wm McLaren, | 50 | Mrs Lowden, | 50 |
| John Costley, | 1.00 | Chas T Irving, | 1.00 | David Fullerton, | 50 |
| Rob't McKay, | 1.05 | Mrs Adam Renton, | 1.00 | James Crichton, | 50 |
| Cornelius Dwyer, | 1.00 | And'w Millar, | 50 | Louis Joseph, | 25 |
| Wm. Patterson, | 25 | Rich'd Tanner, | 25 | Angus McKaracher, | 50 |
| James Allan, | 50 | John Geo English, | 37½ | Alex'r Scott, | 25 |
| Matthew Archibald, | 1.50 | John Curry, | 50 | David Cameron, | 50 |
| Mrs M. Patterson, | 1.00 | Jas Fogo, senr. | 50 | Tho's Mudie, | 50 |
| William Walker, | 50 | Mrs Bone, | 1.00 | Smith Copeland, | 50 |
| Dr Kirkwood, | 1.00 | Capt Jas Fraser, | 1.00 | Jas Dawson, | 50 |
| Dr Johnston, | 1.00 | Hugh Fraser, mason, | 50 | James Mainland, | 50 |
| Rev'd Alex'r Ross, | 2.50 | Colin McKenzie, | 1.00 | Capt Hugh Cameron, | 25 |
| Mrs Sutherland, | 1.00 | Hugh McKinnon, | 50 | Alex'r McGregor, C H, | 25 |
| A. McKimmie, | 50 | James McKinnon, | 50 | Finlay McKaracher, | 50 |
| Rev'd Charles Elliott, | 4.00 | Gordon Kerr, | 1.00 | John McLean, | 50 |
| Mrs Elliott, | 2.50 | Hector McMillan, | 62½ | James Caffrey, | 50 |
| Miss Butcher, | 5.00 | R P Grant, | 1.00 | W. Edmonds, | 50 |
| Jas. P. McLennan, | 4.00 | W H Davies, | 1.50 | Alex'r Grant, | 50 |
| S H Holmes, | 50 | James Primrose, | 15.00 | Miss Annie Brown, | 50 |
| Rod'k McKenzie, | 1.00 | Clarence Primrose, | 5.00 | Miss Mary Arthur, | 1.87½ |
| Wm. J. Lorrain, | 50 | John Park, | 50 | Miss Ann Arthur, | 62½ |
| Henry Elliott, | 25 | Wm Morrill, | 62½ | Adam McKean, | 1.50 |
| J D McDonald, | 50 | James Stewart, | 25 | Anthony McKean, | 1.50 |
| Sam'l Kelley, | 50 | John Johnston, | 25 | Rev'd James Bayne, | 2.00 |
| J McKinlay, | 5.00 | Alex'r Cameron, | 35 | Mrs Bayne, | 1.00 |
| A. Thompson, | 25 | Charles Brown, | 1.00 | H R Narraway, | 1.00 |
| Geo. Millar, | 50 | Murdoch Morrison, | 25 | James Fogo, Esq., | 1.00 |
| James Skinner, | 50 | Alex'r Gibson, | 50 | W N Mills, | 25 |
| John Ferguson, | 75 | Wm Campbell, | 1.00 | Rev'd J. Cassidy, | 1.00 |
| Andrew Hogg, | 50 | Mrs Aikin, | 50 | Dan'l McKenzie, | 50 |
| Peter Brown (grocer) | 50 | Miss Lowden, | 50 | H. J. Fraser, | 1.00 |
| John Fraser, | 50 | George McLeod, | 50 | Charles Fogo, | 50 |
| Miss Pottinger, | 62½ | Jas Adamson, | 62½ | James Sim, | 50 |
| J McDonald (b smith) | 25 | Malcolm Campbell, | 50 | John R. Noonan, | 50 |
| Capt W A Fraser, | 1.00 | John Proudfoot, | 50 | Jehn Campbell, | 25 |
| Alex'r McPherson, F G | 50 | Dan'l Hockin, | 1.00 | Jonathan Tanner, | 25 |
| David McCulloch, | 1.25 | W H Harris, | 50 | Daniel McDonald, | 50 |
| Mrs Jas Crerar, | 4.00 | Jas Marshall, | 50 | Robert Beattie, | 50 |
| Jas McDonald, Esq, | 1.00 | Robt. Harper, | 87½ | James Meikle, | 50 |
| Abraham Patterson, | 1.00 | Wm Gordon, | 4.00 | | |
| William Morrison, | 25 | Jas. Stalker, | 1.00 | | |
| Mrs James McLeod, | 25 | Alex'r Thompson, | 1.00 | | |
| Martha Campbell, | 1.00 | Geo. Hattie, | 1.25 | | |
| | | | | | \$186.00 |

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Amount Collected, \$45.20—voted as a free contribution to the Funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Names of contributors not given.

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River John—Branch Society.

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| Daniel Fraser, | \$0.25 | James Wier, | 25 | Mrs E. Langille, | 25 |
| Adelaide Pattersen, | 12½ | James Sample, | 50 | Albert Langille, | 25 |
| John McKenzie, | 12½ | George Reid, | 20 | Ephraim Langille, junr. | 12½ |
| Samuel Creelman, | 25 | William Redmond, | 1.00 | David Langille, | 50 |
| Catharine Langille, | 12½ | Adams Archibald, | 1.00 | Mary Langille, | 12½ |
| Isabella Lauder, | 4.00 | Mrs Archibald, | 75 | Mrs James Langille, | 12½ |
| Jacob Langille, | 25 | Lavinia Archibald, | 25 | John McQuarry, | 2.00 |
| Mrs James Lauder, | 25 | Angus McDonald, | 1.00 | S. Burns and Mrs B., | 3.00 |
| Abraham Langille, | 40 | John Henderson, | 1.00 | James Kitchen, jun'r, | 1.50 |
| James D. Langille, | 09 | Hugh McDonald, | 50 | Alex'r McQuarry, | 1.50 |
| James Langille | 50 | William Langille, Esq., | 25 | Thomas B. Gould, | 50 |
| Alex'r Rose, | 50 | John Tattrie, | 50 | Cha's McLennan, Esq. | 1.00 |
| Gilbert McDonald, | 12½ | Isaac Langille, | 50 | Alex. McKenzie, Esq. | 1.50 |
| Catharine McDonald, | 25 | John G. Langille, | 25 | Charles McQuarry, | 25 |
| John P. Perrin, | 25 | Mary Langille, | 16½ | | |
| Duncan Wier, | 25 | Ephraim Langille, | 60 | | |
| Thomas McKenzie, | 25 | Jacob Perrin, | 25 | | \$29.58 |

Tatamagouche—Branch Society.

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