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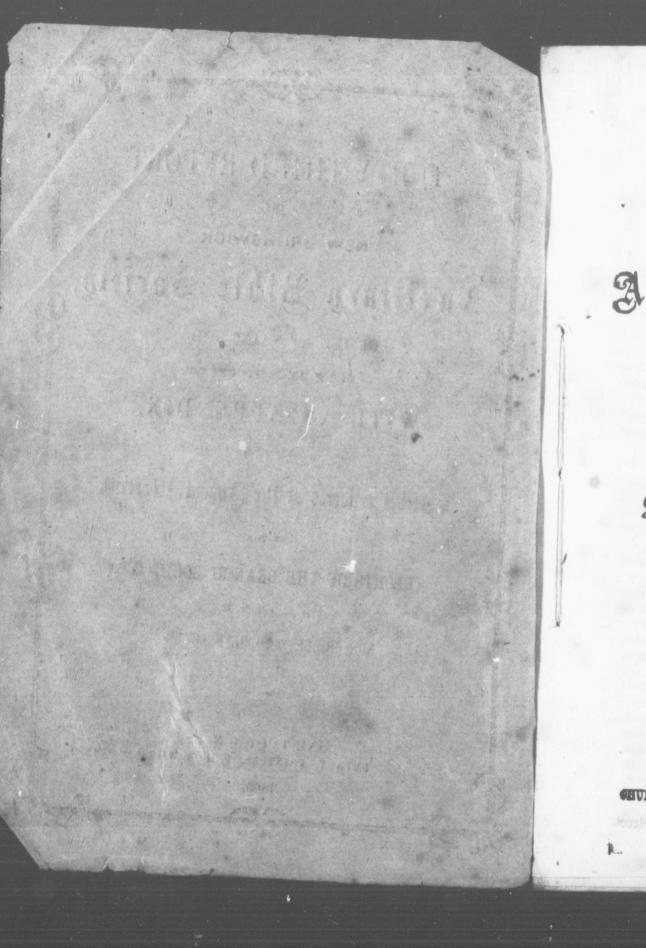
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

NEW BRUNSWICK AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IX That for the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent designs of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in their grant of their Scriptures for distribution among

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the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to erquire what families er individuals, residing within their several Districts, are in want of Bibles and Testaments and unable to procure them, and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.

X. That for the still further promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures, it is expedient to encourage the formation of Bitle Scieties in 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.

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

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

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GENERAL MEETING,

HELD IN THE

HALL OF THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9, 1863.

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

The proceedings commenced with singing some verses of the 108th Psalm, announced by the President,

f." O God, my heart is fully bent To magnify thy name; &c."

Rev. Mr. Bennett then read the 67th Psalm and uttered an appropriate prayer.

The President commenced his address by a few appropriate remarks, referring to the feeling of deep gratitude with which we should remember the mercies se especially vouchsafed to us during the past year, comparing our case with that The past year had been one of great excitement, and of of other countries some extraordinary events. In our mother country, while in one part there was the great International Exhibition, collecting and exhibiting the finest works of nature and of art, and men of all nations and tongues had come to witness them, in another part there was ex reme destitution and suffering among the manufact turing population-thousands and tens of thousands idle, not through sloth of sickness, but for want of the material to work with, on which so many depended -yet all conducting themselves in the most exemplary minner, without crime, without riot or disturbance, or even political gatherings, as in former days, almost without complain', receiving gratefully the help afforded them, and acknowledging that masters as well as men were suffering by one common calamity. Tet all this suffering, we had reason to hope, would, in the providence of God, be but temporary, and result in good. Throughout the British Provinces new fields for the growth of cotton were sought out and were multiplying. In the distassed districts, schools were open of all sorts, instruction given by the neigh-

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W. s less, instead of greater, than in ordinary years.

The Bible Society might here lock tack with satisfaction to the large supply of the Holy Scriptures which, through its means, had been distributed a few years ago to the Larcashne operatives,—and this was a part of the harvest they reaped; while by all the means in its power the Society had endeavored to improve the advantages afforded by the National Exhibition, not only by seeking a proper and conspicuous place within the building for the display of its various versions and editions, but by publishing the Scriptures and parts of the Scriptures in books, pamphiets, and even broad sheets and cards, in all languages, and exposing them for sale, and I believe even gratuious distribution at shops and stalls in the neighborhood of the Exhibition—and this might be considered a seed time, of which the harvest was jet to be reaped. It was bread cast on the waters, which might not be found again for many days, but would not be lost.

The President then spoke of the measures which the Committee of this Auxiliary had adopted to make generally known the work of the parent Society, by printing and distributing with the tickets the most valuable abstract of the last year's Report. He hoped this would be preserved and read and re-read—it well deserved a most careful consideration. The work of the Society was so large, the districts so numerous, the places so diverse, the contributions and issues so extensive, that it was in vain for the Committee to attempt to embody them in any Report which could be read at the meeting. We had pursued that course as long as it was at all practicable, but now we all found it to be a useless labor. The mind was overwhelmed, and no one on the mere hearing of such a multitude of details, could carry away much improvement.

There were mouthly Reports since those of the last annual Report, many extracts of which the Secretary had embodied in the Report, which would be found

in the pamphlet when printed, but would not now be read.

The Committee felt more the necessity of making this omission from the circumstance of the operations of this Auxiliary having been more interesting than usual, in consequence of the labors of their visiting agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, who had just completed his year's work, and had given in this as on previous occasions the most entire satisfaction to the Committee; having visited most of the Branch Societies, revived some that were drooping, encouraging others, and forming some new ones in important localities. Everywhere Mr. Smith was received with the most kind and cordial welcome, and found zealous friends of the Society, and a great disposition to give it effectual and. He had also made the collections in this city and neighborhood for the last two years, and notwithstanding the dulness of business, and the large and general contributions and demaids made on the bounty of our citizens (especially that for the Lancashire operatives), obtained a larger sum this last year than the previous one, while that had exceeded the one immediately preceding it.

The ladies both in the city and vicinity, and in all the country places where Branches existed, had been as usual most zealous and efficient. This would appear more fully from the Secretary's Report. He would not sit down without stating to the meeting the most marvellous fact, which Gavazzi had mentioned in a very late speech in England, that since 1860 one hundred thousand Bibles and Testaments had been sold in Italy. How, everywhere, is the sphere of the Society's labor becoming enlarged! Well may it be said that we only now

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

Moved by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, A. M., seconded by the Rev. Mr. McNutt, and

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

Moved by the Rev. Neil McKay, seconded by the Rev. A. McL. STAVELY, and

Resolved, That this meeting desires to express its devout acknowledgment that the blessing of the Almighty God has hitherto prospered the British and Foreign Bible Society in so remarkable a manner, as not only to surpass the atmost expectations of its early friends, but to call forth the gratitude of Christians in every part of the world.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. NARRAWAY, seconded by JOHN FRASER, Esq., and

Resolved, That the success which has crowned the labors of the Bible Society should not lead us to forget that it was not formed on the design to supplant or enfeeble any existing institution of a kindred character, but rather to occupy a place which none of them had filled up, and with the one simple object of promoting the circulation of the Holy Scriptures both at home and abroad.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Downey, seconded by the Rev. Mr. TEMPLE, and

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this meeting be given to the various Branches and Associations connected with the Auxiliary, and that the kind reseption which our travelling agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, has met with, and the general co-operation afforded him, demand our grateful recognition.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. CLARKE, seconded by Dr. LEBARON BOTSFORD, and

Resolved, That this meeting humbly and reverently unites, in its concluding resolution, with the Montreal Auxiliary, in urging as a topic for prayer, that the word of God be received with increased faith, reverence and love; that its assailants may be enlightened and brought into the way of truth; and that the power of the Divine Spirit may attend its private study and its circulation throughout the world.

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REPORT.

Friends and supporters of the Bible Society, your Committee furnish their Report to you on this occasion, with great delight. That delight partly arises from the manifestation of the blessing of God in opening more and more parts of the world to the circulation of the Holy Bible, and the evident increase of Contributions, Subscribers, Auxiliaries, and Branches to the Parent Society. That delight, your Committee also acknowledges, arises chiefly from the cheerful manifestation, that the "demonstration of the Spirit and power" accompanies, in many places, the reception of the Bible, so that conversion, with the knowledge of Jesus, takes place, and the people of God become increased. Important it is to know from the Holy Bible, that-"all the ends of the earth shall fear God." The accomplishment of this glorious event will unquestionably arise from the general circulation of God's Holy Word throughout the earth. Under this impression your Committee consider the British and Foreign Bible Society as an Institution which had its origin under the particular direction and influence of God engraved on the minds of its founders. And the fact, that it has most remarkably increased in every thing that pertains to it, your Committee most joyfully refer to the special providential care of God. The last Report of the Parent Society is remarkably beautiful. Its remarks at the beginning and end, its statements concerning the circulation of the Bible in almost all parts of the world, its notices of its Auxiliaries, Branches, and Associations, its observations of the proceedings of its District Secretaries, who are ten in number, its details of subscriptions, donations, and legacies, its reference to the Female Bible Mission, are all very remarkable and worthy of our highest regard. But

the Abstract of the Parent Report is itself very worthy, and as your Committee, agreeably to the kind suggestion of their President, assented to the republication of it to the amount of one thousand copies, and to its general circulation among you all, it is not considered necessary to make such particular extracts as formerly. Your Committee, however, may afford you some extracts from the Monthly Reporters of the Parent Society, published since its last Anniversary, which are all highly pleasing, and full of evidence that the great Bible work is still advancing more and more under the blessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In the Reporter for July, notice is taken of the inattention paid to the proper position, which the case of Scriptures in various languages, should have had in the International Exhibition. You will be pleased on hearing or seeing the Memorial which was signed by the President, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop of London, etc. It is as follows:—

"We, the President, Vice-Presidents, Committee, and Members of the British and Foreign Bible Society, beg to represent once more to your Honourable Board, the dishonour, which, we consider is put upon the Word of God, by its virtual exclusion from the International Exhibition. We entreat you to consider the following facts:—

"You have invited men of all nations to assemble in our metropolis, to compare the products of every land, and to mark the progress which has been made in the Arts and Sciences during the last decade of fleeting years.

"You have given ample space for the display of gold and silver and precious stones, and of every fabric under the sun, down to the very toy, which you have thought worthy of a trophy in your main transept.

"But as regards God's written Word, which, 'cannot be valued with the gold of ophir,' and is 'more precious than rubies,'—that Word,' on which all civilization rests, and the source whence all greatness flows,—you have hitherto denied it that prominent position which its history deserves and its wondrous achievements claim.

"When an African Prince sent presents to England's Queen, and asked in return to be informed what was the secret of England's greatness, she sent him a beautiful copy of the Word of God, and said, 'This is the source of England's greatness;' and had the Prince Consort been spared to us, surely he, too, would have vindicated the honour of God's Word, and would never have allowed the Bible in 196 different languages or versions, to be placed in an out-of-the-way

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corner, which can only be reached by mounting 120 stairs, and which no one scarcely visits from morning to night.

"We earnestly pray you to reconsider your decision. Many alterations are being made, and it is not even now too late, if you will give us space, to produce a Case containing Ancient Manuscripts and Versions of the Bible, which would be superior in interest to any object which the Exhibition now contains.

"We do not ask this as a favour to the Bible Society, but we believe that we are representing the unanimous feeling of the christian public, when we claim for the Bible and its many versions that place in our International Exhibition which will prove that we assign to God all the honour of its many treasurers, and that it is to His Word alone that we trace the pregress of all civilization, and the development of all art, as well as the social happiness with which He has blessed our people, and the political greatness in which he has exalted our nation."

The statements, for many years, with regard to the circulation of the Bible in France have been very pleasing to us. Your Committee are glad to say that in the July Reporter a letter from M. de Pressensé continues the same pleasant feeling. The following is an extract from it:—

"A constantly increasing number of our Colporteurs regard as among the things which favour, nay, greatly favour, their labours, the opposition which is thrown in their way by the Curés. The more violent this opposition is, the more does it tend to promote their sales of copies. Our Colporteur in the G—— writes to me with some enthusiasm respecting a young Curé whom he regards as a true triend of the Bible and who openly favours the distribution of New Testaments in the Schools. 'I know full well,' he is reported to have said, 'that I shall detach more than one person from the Church of Rome; but If more saving truth is to be found elsewhere, should I throw any obstacle in the way of its being sought for? Is it not my duty to assure myself of this, for my own part first of all, by searching the Scriptures!' God grant that many Curés in this country may attain to similar convictions! Let us entreat Him that it may be so, and with Him all things are possible."

In this same Reporter, Mr. T. Bruce, the Society's Agent for Italy, is mentioned as having visited Sicily, and written a statement regarding the progress of the Bible in that Island. With great pleasure you Committee furnish your with the following extracts:—

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[&]quot;When walking in the pullic gardens at Palermo one afternoon, I

observed, at a retired spot, a young man reading a small book, which I soon perceived to be a New Testament and therefore at once accosted He said that he was trying to retire a little from the world; and, after some conversation, I found that he was one of the fruits of the Colporteur's visit to Girgenti at the close of the year. He is now living in Palermo, and a member of Mr. Appia's congregation there. A companion of his, who is still living in their native town, had also, he said, left the Romish Church, though it had already been a source of trial to him. The youth's mother told the priest, in confession, that her son had a Bible, and no longer attended mass, whereupon her confessor said that she must try and get the Bible from her son, and persuade him to return to the Church; but in case of failure, she was to turn him out of doors, and no longer to acknowledge him. The mother faithfully performed the first part of what was enjoined on her as a duty by the priest but without effect; and as nature refused to try the second, she was at a loss how to act. At last rather than part with an only son, not yet of age, she determined to get rid at once of the difficulty and of the priest's importunity, by leaving the Church in which she had been brought up, and examine for herself the book which her son valued so much. This resolution she at once put into practice, and happy will it be if both mother and son are bound by one common tie to Him, who is the father of the fatherless, and the widow's God.

"Last year, Zanardi and another Colporteur, who was sent by Dr. Revel, went to Trapani and Marsala, and at the former town their visit has, to all appearance, borne good fruit. During the reign of the late King Ferdinand II, a priest named G-, who was also teacher in a public school there, was charged with being a liberal, and in consequence, deprived of his employment. After a vigorous imprisonment he was exiled. Of the Gospel he knew nothing; but as soon as the tyranny of the Bourbons was at an end he returned to Trapani, and, when the Colporteurs were there, he regarded their mission with evident approval, though he was still a Romish priest. But last February, though neither young nor in the enjoyment of good health, being, by the pure grace of God, thoroughly convinced that the doctrines of the Romish Church deny the infinite virtue of the redemption of Jesus Christ, lead to idolatry, poison humanity and destroy reason, he determined to leave the Church of Rome, and presented his resignation to the ecclesiastical authority. The priests insisted on his leaving the town altogether, that his example might not influence others; but as G--- very justly observes, in a letter to Mr. Appia, 'the law stands in their way as well as the Gospel and solemnly rejects their brutal demand.' Every means have been tried to bring the wanderer back to Romanism, but in vain; and now he says, 'By the grace of God, through the merits of our Lord Jesus

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In the Reporters for August and October there are remarks concerning the circulation of the Bible in Russia. It is a source of great joy to believers in Chrtst, and a cause for heartfelt thanksgiving to God, that the change which has taken place in that wide Empire, under the kindness and docility of the present Emperor, affords a free course of circulation to the Bible, now translated into modern Russ, a thing that was greatly opposed under the preceeding Emperor and by the Synod of the Greek Church. A remarkable statement concerning a Tartar Peasant is made. He is one of the Tartars located in Russia, and their confidential Representative. In conversation with Mr. Lemmerhirt, an official of the College in Kasan, in the East of European Russia, he became acquainted with the Bible, which he knew nothing of before, though he was 70 years of age. Gratefully he received a Bible in the Tartars language, stooping down and kissing Mr. Lammerhirt's hand. May the Lord grant," said Mr. Lammerhirt in writing on this subject, "that this germ may spring up and become a tree, which shall bear fruit for Christ. Faithful officials and good Tartar translations of the Bible would greatly facilitate the evangelization of the Tartars."

The following also is worthy of being recorded, as very beneficial to some who may read it. The Parent Society writer himself says, that it is a proof of the blessing which has frequently resulted from placing the Bible in the Sleeping Apartments of Hotels on the Continent:

a German Bible, which, I was told, had been placed there by the good offices of that Society. Being solitary, and suffering from illness, I betook myself to the reading and studying of it day by day, though it was a book which I had not known before; and I wish to express to the Bible Society all my gratitude for the good which it has done me, and for the deep interest, which that Society takes in the welfare and salvation of souls."

In the Reporter for October, there is a statement from a Colporteur who is under the direction of Mr. E. Millard, the Bible Society Agent in Berlin, which communicates such delight as leads the believer in Christ to bless the Lord. Listen to the following part of it:—

"From a crowd of workmen, a voice cried out to me,-Do you know me yet? You once asked me to buy a New Testament, and I shewed you a copy I had lately got as a present from some one at D-. It is six years ago; but I remember very distinctly that you pressed on me to read the book and to commence a new course of life. I was a beggar and had no home to go to; but in consequence of what you said, I began to read my book, and, at the same time, a desire arose in me to earn my own bread; but having no home, I was sent about from place to place by the authorities, and got into much trouble. However that did me good; for that and my good book together taught me to pray. At last I found a place to lay my head in. I applied to the Governor, and he allowed me a pension of two thalers* a month. That was a good lift, and I can now earn my own bread, and live quietly under my own roof together with my children. All this I owe to my New Testament; and I can say, I love it so much that I would not part with it for many Thalers."

This statement, it is asserted, made a deep impression on the other labourers.

By the same correspondent, the following statement, in which you cannot but rejoice, was sent :-

"A Polish boy, had, when at school, heard some chapters from the Bible. Shortly after, the Priest censured the School Master for using the Scriptures in this way; and the practice scarcely introduced, was discontinued again. But the boy never fully lost the impression made on him; and as he grew up, he always felt a desire to get the book from which the Master had read to him about Jesus, who received sinners. This week, the boy now grown a young man, got his wish, and carried off his Bible in triumph."

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"I was preaching," said Rev. T. V. Darling of Bezoarah to a large congregation in one of the large streets of Mylaveram, when an old man came forward, and said boldly, before all, "I have in my possession portions of the Christian Bible, and have read them for myself; they are very good." I asked him to show them to me, and he went home and brought them. The, proved to be copies of Genesis and Exodus. On the fly leaf was the date when the books were presented to him, viz. 1838. On questioning the old man, he described himself as about seventy years of age, and his appearance, though he is still hearty and strong, indicated that he was correct. I found that he had a wonderful knowledge of the books, and he gave me, to my great astonishment and delight, a most minute and accurate account of the histories of Joseph, of Moses, and of the children of Israel in the wilderness. He knew little about the Gospel scheme of Salvation, but I put into his hands a copy of the New Testament in Telugu, and have a good hope that he will read it most carefully."

"With reference to the circulation of the Holy Scriptures," says Rev. I. Hawksworth of Cottayam, "in the Malayalim language, I am happy to assure you, that our prospects were never before so bright, or the readiness to receive the sacred volume so cheering, as at the present time. The Syro-Romanists in the Travancore and Cochin Territories, numbering about 80,000 souls, have almost entirely renounced their Latin Bishop and received a Chaldean Bishop, who does not forbid the reading of the Bible. Many now receive, with expressions of gratitude, portions of the word of God. Bible burning has ceased and Bible reading has begun. We are anxious to sow the good seed, far and wide, with all due care. The heathen, too, receive the Scriptures more readily than before, and even the very highest class of Brahmins have recently asked for the book of Jehovah. I was startled to hear this."

"The revival power," says Rev. J. Crotton of Dolinavin, "which swept over the Panikulan district during the latter months of 1860 and the earlier months of 1861, at which period I was in charge, awakened many sculs to very real interest in spiritual matters. At that time I saw very clearly the value of our Bible Society. When the spiritual hunger was excited, the people had to their hands that true bread from heaven which satisfied their longing heart. * * *

"At a time when evil men crept in and Satan was busy to mar

the good work in progress, it was by constant reference to the Bible in their hands that I was able to stem the waters of the opening dam, and to keep our dear people from being carried away in a torrent of superstition and doctrinal licentiousness.

"Happily for us, all regarded the Bible as our final appeal; and, with one or two exceptions of self-willed and evil men, all bowed at

once to its decree.

"It has been said by some that the wonderful knowledge, which our revival people possessed of the Bible, was merely the Hindoo facility at word learning, quickened by high mental excitement. I tested this phenomenon in more than sixteen revival congregations in four districts, and am certain that other faculties than memory were engaged, and these quickened by power far higher than their mental excitement.

"In a conversation," says the Rev. C. S. Kohloff of Evungalore, "I had with a Hindoo who had embraced Christianity about two years ago, I learned that the reading of God's Word was the means and the chief means, of leading him to a saving knowledge of the truth. While a heathen, he spent a good portion of his wealth in the observance of religious ceremonies, and in bestowing gifts at Hindoo shrines; but finding no satisfaction in these services, he was induced by the example of some of his friends to search the Christian Scriptures, and finding there that peace, which the world can neither give nor take away, he applied for further instruction, and was received into the Christian Church. This happened at Ceylon whither he had gone from this part of India, to which he has now returned with two other converts to Christianity, who with him form a congregation in the midst of the heathen, among whom, I trust they will let their light shine."

have heard of books having been destroyed, but, with scarcely an exception, they are earnestly sought and highly prized. In one case a Chetty was in the habit of spending one or two hours every evening in reading the Scriptures and Tracts, and at last threw away his sacrected, and openly declared himself a Christian, and for several month has been walking consistently with that profession. In another case a young man, who had received a portion of the Bible, became much interested in its contents. The book was accidentally destroyed, but he obtained a New Testament, and, in consequence of reading it, has professed openly his belief in the truth of Christianity, but a deep feeling of his own sinfulness; he expressed an earnest desire to case

in his lot with the people of God.

"Having watched for nearly twenty five years the progress of the Mission work in this district, I can say with confidence that the prospects of Christ's cause were never more cheering here than at present."

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In listening to those extracts, Friends of Bible circulation, you must feel very grateful to the Lord for such manifestations of his grace and love, and consider it a matter of the highest importance to give as much assistance as possible to the circulation of the Holy Word.

In the Reporter for November there is a most affecting statement concerning Gipsies in Bucharest belonging to Turkey in Europe, and the excellent Bible impression upon one of them:

"On Sabbath day, May 25th," says Mr. Keller the Depositary at Bucharest, "as I was returning from public worship, I went to visit a friend who was lying sick. My way led me through a narrow lane, in which, at one place, there was a public house on the right hand, and a house in the course of erection on the left. The public house was crowded with gipsies, male and female, who, having just received a whole week's wages, were amusing themselves with drinking and dancing. As, however, there were about fifty persons, men, women, and children, the public house was found too small, and so a number of them were dancing in a ring in the street. I found it impossible to pass along the street, and endeavored to find a way through the building in the course of erection. On stepping in I observed, to my surprise, a gipsy lad sitting alone in the corner of the building, with a book before him, which I at once recognised as one of the Society's Wallachian Testaments, and from which he was reading slowly and half aloud, the fifth chapter of Matthew, verse 3. I immediately stopped, and, not to interrupt him, withdrew into a corner, from which I could observe him, without attracting his attention. Scarcely two minutes had passed, however, when his reading was interrupted by an old gipsy woman, who burst in upon him with a wild howl, laid hold of him, snatched the book from his hands, and tossed it from her, and sought, with no very gentle persuasives, to induce him to follow her, and join in the dance. All the remonstrances and entreaties of the young man failed to induce the half-drunken woman to let him alone, till at length I stepped forward, picked up the Testament, and restored became mucl it to the lad, and warned the woman, that, by treating the Word of destroyed, bu God in this way, she had been guilty of a very great sin, and that, if reading it, ha she did not instantly withdraw, I would hand her over to the police. y, but a deel This was enough, and I then asked the lad to accompany me, which he desire to cas readily did. I inquired why he had not joined his companions in the dance; how he had learned to read; and above all, how he had got possession of the invaluable book, which he held in his hands In reply he told me the following story :-

"' My father was a slave in the Household of the Boyar Chernesen,

whom he served as a cook. Being desirous to acquire a thorough knowledge of his profession, which he could not do without being able to read, he requested the governess who taught the Boyar's children to give him also some lessons in reading and writing. The governess kindly consented, and in a short time my father could read and write tolerably well; and the governess observing his fondness for instruction, gave him also some lessons in religion, in consequence of which he purchased this New Testament from a travelling Colporteur, and read it most diligently, whenever he had a little spare time. Then after the general emancipation of the gipsies in 1855, my father received comfortable weekly wages, and I was sent to school, where I learned to read and write Wallachian. In course of time my father had accumulated about one hundred ducats, but his fellow gipsies envied his good fortune, watched his movements, and succeeded one evening in robbing him of all his treasure, except the book, of which they could make no use. Shortly afterwards he fell into a consumption, and at last died three years after in the hospital of this city, leaving me nothing behind but this book; for all his savings and all that I could earn by daily labour, were scarcely sufficient to support him under his wearisome sickness.' The poor lad began to weep bitterly as he gave the following account of the last movements of his father's life. 'Before his death, my father called me to his bedside, and asked me to forgive him for leaving me nothing but the book; but assured me that if I would diligently study it, I would find there many hidden treasures; and that it was of the utmost importance to the gipsies, for it distinctly promised that even the despised and down trodden gipsies might be saved through faith in Jesus.' * * * * "The lad visited me twice afterwards and I observed more and more the blessed effects of the Word of God on his mind. He told me, however, that he had much to suffer from his companions, who were continually abusing and cursing him, because he would not join in their sinful practices; but that he made nothing of that, but was rather resolved altogether to give up leading such a life as theirs, since he had read the sacred words, that no drunkard shall enter into the kingdom of God." At a distance from Bucharest a place was obtained for him through means of Mr. Keller."

In the Reporter for October, the Natives of Abyssinia, in the East of Africa, south of Nubia, are held forth as very grateful for the copies of Amharic Scriptures sent by Bishop Gobat of Jerusalem. The following letter sent to the Parent Society by the Scribes Saneb and Mascal is worthy of our attention and merits our gratitude:

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"We wish you health and grace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The brethren sent to our country with the Bible by Samuel Gobat have caused the love of Christ to enter and to dwell in our hearts. Formerly we were in great darkness; now we rejoice in the light of the Gospel. We are still very wicked; but we beg you not to reject us, but to pray the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the cause may prosper and be honoured, as it is honoured amongst you. We know that you pray for us; but we wrote this in order that you may pray for us still more fervently."

In addition to this from Abyssinia your Committee give you extracts from another letter which was sent to the Parent Society by the Rev. Mr. Stern.

"Some years ago you were kind enough to make the London Jews' Society a grant of Amharic Scriptures for the Falahas or Jews in Abyssinia. These books, together with a considerable number that had been previously given to the Agents of the Bishop of Jerusalem, myself and fellow laborers circulated among the inhabitants of Western Abyssinia, or Amhara. * * * * * Among the Falashas there was indeed a perfect hunger and thirst for the word of the living God. Some followed us for days and days, over mountains and across malarious valleys, with the incessant cry, 'Abiet, Ketab Shudus! Abiet, Ketab Shudus! 'Master, the Holy Book! Master, the Holy Book! Master, the Holy Book! Master, the Holy Book!

"At Genda, and other places in the immediate circle of our Missionaries' operation, there are now numbers who are fully convinced of the truth of the Gospel and anxious to be baptised. In a Falasha settlement, where, on my last visit, I left a copy of the sacred volume, the people got so interested in its contents, that several old men set themselves to the task of learning to read. * * *

"One scribe, who had never seen a Missionary, when introduced to Mr. Flad, our Agent, said, 'Since your settlement in this Province I carefully shunned your presence, although I took a secret interest in the reports that I heard of your religious discussions. After many conversations with my friend here, Scribe Bern, I have come to the conviction, that Jesus is the Messiah, the Saviour of sinners.' 'He then asked me for a Bible,' continues Mr F., 'and upon requesting him to point out to me the passages that had led to the change in his religious sentiments, I was agreeably surprised to find that this man, who had only occasionally access to a copy of the inspired oracles, was not only thoroughly versed in all the prophecies referring to our Lord, in the Old Testament, but also quite familiar with the fulfilments recorded in the New. Such and similar incidents, which I might multiply, were it requisite, prove that the breath of heaven

is now blowing on the dry bones of the House of Israel scattered over the mountain-tops of Central Africa." * * * * * *

Your Committee have great cause to be thankful for this intelligence, for it is an indication, that the time now is not far distant when the Jews shall be gathered in with the fulness of the Gentiles.

It delights your Committee also to see in the same Monthly Reporter excellent statements with regard to Bible distribution in Egypt. The success is said to have surpassed expectation. The Rev. W. Hogg had been appointed to make a tour among the villages and towns of the Nile valley. He was accompanied by his wife and child and two Colporteurs. From his letter the following extracts are presented to you:

"We met with a hearty reception almost everywhere; indeed the people were generally so anxious for us to remain over the night, that they would sometimes take no refusal. Unhappily the hot season was pretty far advanced ere we set out on our tour; and we wind, that we had to hurry back, and so were often glad to take advantage of a favorable breeze, though, in doing so, we had to pass making a rapid visit during the night, or content ourselves with world, Egypt is the last place to do any good, when you are in a hurry. The Copts will sit and listen to you preaching by the hour; tomed to the pernicious habit of beating down the price, that, in you are pressed from want of time, or have a number of villages to visit in one day.

"During our recent tour, we visited, as I have said, sixty-three visited both going and returning. We sold books in forty villages. Sold 255 volumes for £17.18 6d

"Of the twenty-three towns and villages where we had no sales, formerly two, and now three, are supplied with Colporteurs, who, at Osint and Ghinneh had sold £10 17s. worth of books (chiefly Scriptures) during the last eight months; thus making the whole sales in Upper Egypt £33 9s. 1d. These sales seem small in comparison with the £165 realized last year from the efforts of the brethren and the Earl of Aberdeen; but it will be remembered that we went over ground already visited by them. They had all the winter, whilst

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In the Reporter for November there is a report of operations in Australia by Rev. I. K. Tucker, who was sent thither by the Parent Society's Committee as a Visiting Agent. The following is a part of the Report, which your Committee considered as worthy of being known to all who belong to the Auxiliary and its Branches:

"I append a statement of the Australian Auxiliaries, with the various affiliated Branches and Associations, and the number of miles each is distant from the central Auxiliary, from which you will discover at a glance, that the visitation of them is a task requiring no small physical exertion, which, however, is very greatly enhanced by the rough and perilous roads over which these hundreds of intervening miles extend. There are now eleven Auxiliaries. I have visited the three in New South Wales, viz. Sydney, Hunter River, and Newcastle; the three in Victoria, viz. Melbourne, Geelong, and Ballarat; the one in South Australia, viz. Adelaide; and the two in Tasmania, viz. Hobart Town and Launceston; and am now about to visit the two in Queensland, viz. Brisbane and Ipswich. The Committee and officers of these Auxiliaries and their Branches have not only given me a hearty welcome, but have taken into immediate consideration those suggestions which I have felt it incumbent on me to offer, in order to promote the more economical and efficient prosecution of the Society's great work. I have attended Meetings connected with several Branches or Associations, some of which I had to re-organise or re-establish, and I have travelled by sea and land in twelve months, over 6806 miles.

"After the intense heat of the summer in New South Wales, in which I had two long journeys northward, I found the genial climate of the beautiful island of Tasmania, in autumn, truly agreeable and invigorating. The Committees of the two Auxiliaries, and friends of the Society generally, gave me kind welcome, and afforded me hearty co-operation; and notwithstanding the depression now felt in almost every colonial interest which diminishes the pecuniary resources of all classes, I found the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, warmly and liberally supported. I visited twelve Branches connected with the Tasmania Auxiliary."

In the Reporter for September, a record is made concerning the eager purchasers of the Scriptures in Fiji a group of the Friendly Islands in the Pacific Ocean, taken from a letter sent by the Rev. I. Calvert. From it the following is an extract:

"The work of God among the Figians continues to spread; and agents to meet the increased demand for labourers are raised up from among our converts. This year several devoted men, who are truly converted and anxious to do good, are to be examined, previous to their reception, on four years' trial, as Native Assistant Missionaries. At each Mission Station we have a Training Institution, conducted by a Native Minister, who is under the supervision of the English Missionary. At Kandavu we have this year commenced a College, which is to be under the care of the Rev. W. Fletcher, B. A., and to which some of the best men from our Circuit Institutions will be sent for two or three years, previous to their being placed in charge of Institutions, or islands, or districts. In this way, we are making the best provision we can for the stability, permanency, and spread of Christ's cause among these people."

In all the Reporters for the last half-year there are statements of a very pleasing character, concerning the domestic operations of the Parent Society. You will be pleased on receiving from them some extracts. The first extract is from the Report of the District Secretary, Rev. J. P. Hewlett:—

"Towards the close of the month I attended also the meetings in Bath. It is the Jubilee year of our Auxiliary in that city, and the epoch was celebrated with far more of spirit and of interest than have been displayed on similar occasions by some Societies in the district. A sermon at the Abbey Church, by the Lord Bishop of Winchester, appropriately inaugurated the Jubilee The meeting of the Ladies' Branch was well attended. On the following morning, nearly one hundred friends of the Society breakfasted together in the Assembly Rooms, when addresses of an unusually interesting kind were delivered by the Bishop and three other gentlemen. At noon the Jubilee Meeting was held, at which nearly thirteen hundred persons were present. A sermon was preached in the Independent Chapel in the evening, by our warm friend, the Rev. G. Smith, of Poplar. The collections after all these meetings were such as to secure for the Society a free contribution worthy of the occasion."

The second extract is from the Report of the District Secretary Mr.C. Swallow:

"A great falling off in the issue of Scriptures was inevitable, and therefore anticipated; and the details of issues to each Auxiliary, which I have this day received, show distinctly that the decrease is owing to the cotton famine. For instance, the falling off in the Cheshire part of my district is altogether at Stockport; and at Liverpool, where the panic was not felt so soon as in those manu-

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"At Blackburn, where the distress is almost unparalleled (11,000 of the population being in the receipt of relief,) we had a larger number of the factory workers present than formerly, and their penny and half-penny a year subscriptions amounted to £29. The Mayor presided and I may say with confidence, that those who are now among their best friends in the time of need, are those who have been most anxious, for years past, to place in their hands the Word of Him, who is a very present help in time of trouble. * * * *

"A poor woman was induced by the Bible Seller to listen to a portion of God's Word being read. She afterwards consented to open her house for a prayer meeting, joined a Christian Church, made a public profession of having given her heart to God. A few weeks ago she took cold at the Wednesbury market, inflammation ensued, and, after a week's illness, she died, testifying to all around her, faith in the Redeemer, and her own bright hope of an entrance into eternal life.'

The third extract is from the Report of the District Secretary, Rev. J. D. Miller. It is the last of many important observations made by him:—

"Bible Women, with good success, have been employed in Birmingham for some years. During the last year their number altogether has amounted to sixteen. Only two of these are in the direct employ of the Auxiliary Committee; and over these two the strictest supervision is exercised to preserve intact the principles and spirit of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The remaining fourteen women are employed by philanthropic individuals, or by Local Committees, which make distinct subscriptions for this object. From time to time reports of the labours of these humble sisters are made to the Secretaries of the Auxiliary; but with the exception of the two women above mentioned no control is exercised, no responsibility incurred. The following may serve as a sample of the work in which our Birmingham Bible Women are engaged. One of the two connected with the Auxiliary was pursuing her calling in a singularly destitute part of Birmingham. As she passed through a court, a vicious dog rushed at her. She had much to do to prevent

the animal from biting her. Happily she had a parcel of books in her hand, and with these she protected herself for a few moments, till a young man, passing the head of the court, came to her rescue, and drove off the infuriated beast. She, to use her own words, "all in a flutter," turned to thank the young man. "Oh dear sir, I thought he would have bitten me. I am so much obliged to you. I am a poor Bible Woman. I sell Bibles in this district." "Bibles! do you?" said the young man. "If I had known that, I would never have interfered;" and he turned upon her more savagely than the dog had done. Our Bible Woman had her Bible in her heart as well as her hand. She had learnt the blessed lessons taught by the Master, "Do good to them that persecute you and revile you." She procured the address of the young man, and discovered, as she expected, that he had no Bible. He lived in a part of the district visited by the Bible Woman every three weeks. She soon called at his house. At first he received her rudely, but by kindly words, judiciously and perseveringly used, she got on friendly terms with him. Every time she called, she urged him to provide himself with the Book of God. He put off continually. At last, at the end of three months from the date of the first interview, he said, "I think I must have one of your books. I will begin to subscribe. I have no money to-day; but come again on Tuesday at 10 o'clock. I shall be paid for some work that I am doing, and I will begin then." Of course it was not usual for the Bible Woman to visit this part of her district again so soon, but she would not disappoint the man; she determined to make a journey to his house on purpose. She set off so as to reach the street in which he lived at the time named. As she entered it, she saw a crowd half-way up, opposite the door where she was about to pay her visit. As she made her way through the crowd, a coffin was carried across the footpath to a hearse standing in the street; in that coffin was the corpse of the young man who had had the offer of the Book, which tells of the one only Name given under heaven whereby sinners can be saved; that offer repeated every three weeks for three months; but who had passed into eternity without possessing that which "through faith in Jesus, is able to make wise unto salvation." At the very hour, and on the very day, to which he had deferred the commencement of his subscription, his corpse was carried before the face of her who had dealt faithfully with him, to man's last long home."

The fourth set of extracts your Committee select from the gratifying Report of the District Secretary, Rev. I. A. Page:

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"I was somewhat curious to know what might be the effect of the open-air meeting which was extemporized last year at the new port of Barrow on the Humber, and it affords me pleasure to state, that instead of the four or five lads and one lady who assembled within doors last year, there was a large and enthusiastic Meeting,—this time under another roof than that of the skies,—to hear of the wonders of God is working by His Word.

"At Workington and Fremont we had large and enthusiastic meetings. In the former place the appetite of the people was not satiated with one meeting, and I therefore gave them a second, the following morning, at which we had a gathering of earnest-minded friends, to whom I further recounted the triumphs of the truth."

The following are the last extracts we make. They furnish illustration of the blessing which has resulted from lending the Scriptures to those who are too poor or too bigoted to purchase:

"1. A Roman Catholic was induced to take a Loan Testament, which was very useful to him. He had been a sad drunkard, but he not only became a sober man, but abandoned the Romish faith, attended Protestant worship, sent his children to the Sunday School, and, there is every reason to believe, became a follower of Jesus. He was received into Church-fellowship with the Wesleyan Methodists, and was an example worthy of imitation to all his neighbors so long as he remained in the district.

"2. Another was led, by the benefit received in reading a Testament, to purchase one for himself. The copy was then lent to a neighbour, who was sick, and was again the means of conveying light and comfort to him, for he died in the faith and hope of the Gospel.

"3. One of the Missionaries, not having any of the loan Testaments, purchased a copy, and lent it to a Roman Catholic, who shows his value for it by reading it constantly, and covering it with a neat leather cover. His master, though ignorant of the main cause of his improvement in character, has promoted him, making him a foreman over his fellow-workmen.

"4. 'I cannot find words,' says another Agent, 'to describe the wretched state of one family in my district. In every respect they were sunk and degraded. There were three sons and three daughters; two of the former enlisted as soldiers, and the rest quarreled, so that they were about to break up the house and separate. The old man, the father, was nearly broken hearted. They had not a book in the house, and I lent them a Testament, with a promise, on

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"5. An old woman, seventy years of age, learned to read through receiving a Loan Testament of large type; and her dying prayer was for a blessing to rest on those Christian friends who had sent, not only the Word of God, but the Missionary to explain it to her.

"6. The Missionary was sent for one day to see a dying woman. On seeing him, she asked her son to get the Loan Testament out of her box; and, turning to him, she said, 'That book has been worth all the world to me. It has ministered comfort to me, when all other comfort has failed, but I have now no further need of it: perhaps you will lend it to some other poor body, and may the Lord make it as great a blessing to the souls of others as it has been to mine.'

"7. An old woman, seventy years of age, but still very vigorous and intelligent, had lived in all the darkness of Popery, believing it to be heretical and dangerous to read the Scriptures. About two years ago she was persuaded to receive a Testament, and to read it. She soon became so enlightened as to throw aside the trammels which had hitherto bound her, and now her delight is in the law of the Lord, and her own testimony is, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." She bestows great care upon it, but not such as precludes the right use of it, for there are evident tokens, the Missionary says, of its being diligently read.

"8. A woman, under serious impression, arising from continued attendance at the Meetings of the Missionary, returned home one evening, more than usually anxious about her soul; and finding company with the family not congenial to her then state of mind, she retired to her room, and, taking up her Loan Testament, she read the 10th chapter of Romans, which was made a great blessing to her, especially the 9th verse, 'That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.' She was led to exclaim, 'Lord, I do believe, I do believe,' and shortly went to the Missionary to tell him how happy she had become through this faith. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. She has become a member of a Christian Church.

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"10. 'I lent one of the large-type Testaments,' says another Missionary, 'to a family some time since, which is now read every day. In consequence of their improved condition of late, one or two other copies have been purchased. But, notwithstanding I have often heard the mother say 'you don't know how I value my big Testament.' Not only is it read alone and in the family, but frequently with some of the neighbours, who come to sit with the mistress. Passing the door a fortnight since, I saw three of the neighbors, sitting there, two of whom could not read, and one of them a very intemperate woman, listening while she read to them out of this same large-print Testament."

The extracts made from the Monthly Reporters afford us full evidence that the British and Foreign Bible Society, under the blessing of God, is still advancing in its cause. Its great object, you all know, is to supply every individual in every nation of the world with a copy of God's Word. That object it is our duty to assist as much as we can. To accomplish it we are desirous to have as many subscribers as possible in our own City, and to have Branch Societies in every part of the Province, where Auxiliaries do not exist. During the past year our zealous and active Travelling Bible Agent, Mr. Isaac Smith has done much to aid our purpose. Some of our Branch Societies had become inactive. These he has visited and brought to praiseworthy reaction. In a few other places he visited some important people and invited them to form New Branches. Of these your Committee can now mention six, viz., in Blissville, Brunswick and Havelock, Salisbury, Tobique, Florenceville, and Clifton. Reports from these are very desirable, and your Committee hope they will arrive soon enough to be printed in the Appendix of the Auxiliary Reports.

Your Committee having received from the Travelling Agent a written statement of his proceedings during the year, take the present opportunity of setting it before you:

"Mr. Smith has completed his engagement as Agent for the Society, during the past year. He arrived in this City to commence

his work on the 30th of November, 1861, and would have beet Caledoni enabled to leave it again early in December 1862, had he not beet detained interrupted by affliction in his family, which called him away about the work four weeks in the summer, and thereby detained him in the Province where the until the Anniversary Meeting of the Auxiliary in this week. This is this circumstance, however, enabled the Committee to employ him if by the ungathering up the contributions of the City and neighbourhood to the unusual funds of the Society a second time within the term of his engagement. "On the

"Mr. Smith succeeded in collecting in the City for the year '61Reports to \$502.76, nearly \$12 more than the amount obtained for the preceding roceeded year. And for the year just closed he has gathered up \$517, making obique, nearly \$16 more than he collected the year before. This he regarded so, Wo as highly encouraging considering the increased demands on thoury, Principles liberality of the City which were being made at the time, especially here no that one, so largely and universally responded to, on behalf of the access. suffering Operatives in England. Moreover, Mr. Smith states that sited be many of the smaller contributors, who complained of the depression colporteu of the times, were not pressed to give, and several of the subscribersame ground to the Funds of the Auxiliary had paid their contributions for the cached. year, to the Collectors for the Ladies' Association, which will come tew co into the same general fund; so that more than forty names on his wo very i former list, are eft out of his list for the year just closed. He adds which he also that, with few exceptions, the contributions were given, with a "From cheerfulness and good-will that indicated increasing confidence in thealso; but operations of the Auxiliary, and increasing regard for the importanceon a forme of the great object of the Parent Society.

"Though so much of Mr. Smith's time has been unavoidably rederictor expended in this branch of the work assigned him, the results, it is his family may be hoped will not be confined to the increase of contributions for uption to the past two years—times of much general depression—but will "On his operate beneficially, by the obtaining of so many new subscribers, on the Ga and the enlargement of the contributions of others, on the collections Hampstead of coming years."

"During the year Mr. Smith has made several extensive tours, subsequent besides visiting most of the Branches nearer the City. The first—visited twice after attending meetings at Barnsville and Carleton,—was to the second time Westward, immediately after the Anniversary of last January, in Moncton, Since which he visited Saint Stephen, Saint David, Saint Andrews, Saint Springfield George, Lepreau and Lancaster. The two last mentioned places, George Arrand Mace's Bay, he visited at two separate times since. Twice he promising I went to Hampton and Lower Norton, after returning from Saint meeting at Andrews. His next tour was Eastward, as far as New Canaan and meeting at Butternut Ridge, including Millstream and Smith's Creek, in Studholm; and Sussex Vale. After his return to the City he went to Salisbury, Moncton, Hillsborough, Hopewell, Albert Mines,

vould have beer Caledonia, Dorchester, Sackville, and Shediac. At Shediac he was had he not bee detained by the breaking up of the roads after the very deep snows him away about the winter, which rendered the holding of meetings impracticable in the Province the people were much scattered. He had also engaged to his week. This sit his family in Prince Edward's Island, but was further delayed employ him it the unprecedented detention of the steamer Westmorland, from abbourhood to the unusual accumulation of ice in the Straits of Northumberland. This engagement "On the 7th of June he returned to the City, and after distributing or the year '61Reports to subscribers, and visiting Lepreau the second time, he for the preceding proceeded on a tour as far as Grand Falls. From thence he visited up \$517, making obique, Florenceville, Wakefield, and neighbouring settlements; This he regarded so, Woodstock, Richmond, Northampton, Southampton, Canterdemands on theory, Prince William, Kingsclear, Keswick Ridge, and other places time, especially here no Branches had been, nor could be formed with hope of behalf of the access. All this party of the country above Fredericton, he had mith states that sited before, and disposed of many copies of the Scriptures. f the depression colporteurs from Woodstock and Fredericton had also traversed the the subscribers ame ground since, and supplied all the destitution that could be ibutions for the eached. From these causes, and the unusual scarcity of money, hich will coment few copies of the Scriptures could be disposed of now. One or names on his wo very interesting cases of real destitution came under his notice, osed. He addswhich he was induced to supply gratuitously.

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which were likely to continue in active operation. On returning to n unavoidably Fredericton he found a telegram informing him of dangerous illness the results, it his family, which called him home for a time, occasioning the interportations for uption to his work already referred to.

w subscribers, (on the Gaspereaux River, above the head of Grand Lake) Cambridge, the collections Hampstead, Greenwich, New Jerusalem, Westfield, Nerepis, and Petersville. He returned to the City on the 4th of October; and,

The first—visited twice. Also—Cambridge, Hampstead, and Petersville the was to the second time; and Saint Martins once. He then again visited January, in Moncton, Shediac and Buctouche; also Springfield and Clifton. In Indrews, Saint Springfield he was favoured with the very efficient help of the Rev. Twice he promising Branch at Clifton since. Mr. Armstrong also attended the Canaan and meeting at Hampton, and went to the Kennebecasis to attend the Canaan and meeting at Milkish, but could not get a passage across the water.

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should be held at more favorable times.

"Shortly after his completing the tours and visits, Mr. Smith commenced the gathering up of the contributions of the City the second time. During the progress of this work, he was required to attend meetings at Lancaster and Barnsville; both of which, like the meeting held since at Clifton, were numerously attended. Lancaster and Clifton he was accompanied by the Rev. William Armstrong, and to Barnsville by the Rev. Mr. Schofield, which tended

much to the advancement of the object.

"In these visitations Mr. Smith attended, and took a prominent part in, fifty-two meetings held expressly for the carrying out and promotion of his object, and though he was often favoured with very efficient help, at other times the principal part of the speaking devolved upon himself. In ten of the places where meetings were held, the Branches, having ceased their operations, were re-organized with apparently good prospects of more permanent success in future. Four new Branch Societies were formed, viz: at Southampton, Canterbury, Salisbury and Clifton. The former two in connection with the Fredericton Auxiliary; the latter two with the Society. Among the Branches re-organized were Prince William, and Kingsclear, in connection with Fredericton; and in connection with this Auxiliary-Lepreau, Hampton, Canaan and Butternut Ridge, Hillsborough, Dorchester, Sackville, Buctouche, Blissville, and Grand Falls. The operations of several others, which had suspended their work more recently, were revived with promise of success in future.

"In many places Mr. Smith had good help from office-bearers and others, and met with much kindness from the friends of the cause. In most of the places where the Branches had declined, the reasons assigned were chiefly the unwonted scarcity of money, and the pressing claims of local objects which required to be sustained. There did not appear to be any diminution of interest in the object, or less regard for Bible circulation than before; and from the spirit manifested he was led to hope that something, more or less, would be done by every Branch, even though times were forbidding, which he strenuously arged, in hope of more enlarged operations when favourable circumstances should return, and the anticipated results of these efforts be fully realized through coming years. On the agency of the Holy Spirit, however, can dependence alone be reposed. He only, can make His word instrumental in giving light and bringing salvation to those who receive it."

Your committee have great pleasure in stating to you that the Scholars in St. Mark's Sunday School, adhering to the yearly duty which several years ago they commenced, have made a contribution

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The firs John Lad regular in it was form than ever l is very rem have been n money. T excellent ai to the Auxiliary of \$28 which as formerly they give for the purpose of being devoted to the service of Bishop Gobat in Jerusalem in supplying young children in schools with the Word of God. That Bishop is worthy of high esteem, for he gives circulation to the word of God, wherever he can. Your committee supply the readers of this Report, with an interesting assertion which was found in one of the English December Papers as communicated by Bishop Gobat. It is entitled 'The Jew and his daughter.'

"A little girl began to attend our girls' school at Jerusalem. Her father was a poor Jew, who lived partly on the alms which he received in common with the other poor Jews from the Rabbis. When he began to send his girl to the school, the Rabbis threatened to discontinue his alms unless he ceased to do so. He determined to lose his alms rather than withdraw his child. After a time his health completely failed. When I heard of his position, I endeavoured to relieve him, but it proved too late. For some time previous to his death, he was observed to shut himself up every day for an hour and more, with his little girl after she returned from school. It was not known at the time for what purpose this was done, but it afterwards turned out that on these occasions the child used to read to him the Scriptures. On his death bed he called Rabbis and Christian men around him, and raising himself in bed by a last effort, he said "I have called you, Jews and Christians, around me, to hear my last testimony that I die in the faith of Jesus of Nazareth."

The whole number of Branches at present is forty-two—and glad your Committee will be if a report from each one of them shall appear in the Appendix. At present the Committee will set before you those that have sent reports and remittances of money.

The first we have much pleasure to introduce to you is the St. John Ladies' Association. This Association has been very regular in its operations and very successful in its collections since it was formed. Its present Report exhibits a greater collection than ever has been on any former occasion, viz: \$598.42, and this is very remarkable under the consideration that many applications have been made to the inhabitants of the city generally for grants of money. Thanks are due to the Collectors and Subscribers for their excellent aid to Bible circulation.

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The Richibucto Ladies' Association merits our next observation. This Association was formed in the latter part of 1860. At that time the Collectors were very successful. But soon after its Report at that time was sent us, Mrs. Law, the President, whose name is recorded in the Parent Report, was removed by death. This grievous circumstance, it is probable, and it may be, some others, prevented their Committee from accomplishing their duties Glad, however, we are, that in 1862 the Association revived. From Hon. David Wark, who may be truly considered the Patron of this Association, a letter was sent with the Report, in which we find, that Mrs. McLaren is appointed President, and, to the great credit of the Association, that a collection has been made to the amount of \$128, which has been sent as a free contribution to the Parent Society. Thanks be to the Collectors, who are twenty-one in number, for their assiduous attention to their duty, and may the Lord lead them on every future occasion to attend to the work with the same faithfulness. It gives us pleasure to add, that a donation of \$12 was sent by the Hon. David Wark and his lady, to procure some New Testaments for the people in Madagascar.

From the Sheffield Branch a Report has been received, which exhibits, indeed, in the Resolutions that were unanimously passed at its Annual Meeting, most earnest feeling in the cause of Bible distribution. The great events that have lately taken place in Italy, Austria, Russia, and Madagascar, which open all these countries to Bible circulation, have been particularly noticed, as well as many other circumstances that bring glory to God. The collections were made by six ladies to the amount of \$145.84. This amount we were sorry to learn, had a decrease of \$27.50 which were consumed by a fire that took place in the house of the Treasurer. The free contribution sent to us for the Parent Society is \$101, with some cents. Thanks we give to the President and Office Bearers of this important Branch for their unremitting attention to the great object of the Bible Society.

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now, as formerly. The President, having lately resigned, on account of his departure from that part of the country, the Rev. Mr. Covert, who acted as Secretary, Treasurer, and Depositary, during the last two years, was appointed to occupy his place. The remittance, as a free contribution, amounts to \$95.44. The number of Lady Collectors being eleven, calls for our grateful acknowledgement; and we hope that through their influence the Bible will have a free circulation in their various districts.

The Carleton Branch has been very successful, through means of two very diligent Lady Collectors. Its remittance as a free contribution to the Parent Society, amounts to \$87.78.

The Upham Branch, to our great satisfaction and pleasure, has obtained a considerable increase of Subscribers. The remittance, as a free contribution to the Parent Society, is \$80, a sum much greater than that of the former year. We cannot be too thankful to the President, Rev. Mr. Lawson, who, among the many good things he does for man, encourages bravely the means employed for Bible circulation.

The Cambridge Branch, in its Report, has given us great satisfaction. Under the care of seven Collectors, subscriptions to the amount of \$71.77, were obtained, and under the direction of the Committee, the whole amount was sent to our Treasurer as a free contribution to the Parent Society. For this we are thankful; and we hope that under the new President that has just been appointed, the Branch will continue to be as zealous in the discharge of its duties as it is now.

The Shediac Branch has afforded us much satisfaction. It employed two Ministers to preach on its behalf, whose preaching was considered highly beneficial, and productive of much favour to the Bible Society. Seven lady collectors were employed, and the result was a remittance to our Treasurer of \$54.12 as a free contribution to the Parent Society.

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From the Sussex Vale Branch a free contribution for the Parent Society of \$58 has been sent. To the Lady Collectors we give our due thanks; and we express our hope, that the important duties they have undertaken, will on future occasions be more early performed, so that the dutiful Secretary, Mr. McCulloch, may have greater ease and greater joy in the performance of his peculiar duty.

It gives us great pleasure to mention that the Hampton and Lower Norton Branch has been renewed under the care of Mr. Isaac Smith, the travelling Bible Agent. Everything in relation to it appears good. The amount collected was \$95.49, of which \$50 were sent as a free contribution to the Parent Society, and the remaining part is reserved for the purpose of obtaining Bibles and Testaments. Wonderful to say, this Branch has no less than twenty Lady Collectors. May the Lord bless them with a saving knowledge of Scripture truth.

The Richmond Branch has sent an interesting statement. A very sorrowful feeling was justly manifested in the consideration of the decease of their highly esteemed and truly religious President, Captain McKenzie. A successor to him was appointed; and we have great cause to believe that this Branch is under office-bearers who have an earnest desire to support Bible circulation. The amount remitted for a free contribution to the Parent Society is \$46, and for Bibles and Testaments \$14.

From the Sackville Branch a very encouraging Report has come with a free contribution of \$40 to the funds of the Parent Society. From the letter of the Secretary, which accompanied the Report, your Committee present you with the following delightful expression: "We hope to see our Society in a much higher degree of efficiency during the present and succeeding years, and that it may ere long become one of the most flourishing Branches in the Province."

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important Resolutions were passed, which shew that the Committee are earnest in their profession of advancing the cause of Bible circulation. Out of the sum collected a free contribution of \$40 was sent for the Parent Society; and their intention is to have a good supply of Bibles and Testaments by means of a considerable balance.

The Studholm Branch, to our great satisfaction, has sent us a free contribution of \$35.48, which exceeds that of the preceding year.

The Committee are thankful for the revival of the Dorchester Branch. Its collection amounted to \$35, which were sent to our Treasurer as a free contribution to the Parent Society. The sum is said, in the Report of the Branch, to have been less than might have been expected, and hope is entertained, that, in the following year, there will be a considerable increase. Not too much attention can be given to things connected with Bible circulation.

From the Moncton Branch, which, to our gratification, continues attentive to its duty, a remittance of \$33 has been received as a free contribution to the Parent Society.

From the Branch that is called Lower Sussex, Studholm, and Upper Norton, a remittance of \$31.15 has been received as a free contribution. This sum, your Committee are glad to find, greatly exceeds the remittance of the preceeding year. Thanks be unto four Lady Collectors and Mr. Stark the Secretary.

The Report of the Grand Lake Branch, is, as all former ones, worthy of our greatest attention; and a remittance of \$30.75 has been sent as a free contribution.

From the Chipman Branch we have received a free contribution of \$30, a sum, we are thankful to say, equal to that of the preceding year.

The Secretary of the Jerusalem Branch has sent us a very

interesting Report. Our readers will find it in the Appendix. The remittance, sent as a free contribution to the Parent Society, amounts to \$27.50.

The Branch at Lepreau has revived. Its third Annual Meeting was well conducted. In its financial statement we find that \$25 will be sent as a free contribution to the Bible Society and \$24.63 to our Depository for Bibles and Testaments The free contribution has been received.

The Black River Branch continues faithful. A remittance of \$25 was received by our Treasurer as a free contribution to the Parent Society. This, we are glad to say, is superior to the remittance of the preceding year by five dollars.

From the Springfield Branch a remittance of \$23.63 has been received as a free contribution.

The Hampstead Branch, with an excellent expression of good desires, has sent a free contribution of \$20 for the Parent Society.

From the New Branch called "Brunswick and Havelock" we have received a remittance of \$20 as a free contribution to the Parent Society.

The Clifton Branch, which was lately formed under the care of the Bible Society Agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, and the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, has sent us a free contribution of \$20 for the Parent Society. We hope that this Branch, which has commenced well, will continue to give yearly a free contribution, and also make an effort to supply every individual in its district who has it not, with a copy of the Bible.

The Greenwich Branch has sent a free contribution of \$18.77 for the Parent Society. To the four Lady Collectors we cheerfully give thanks, and we hope that in their continued attention to this important duty they will yearly increase the amount rather than suffer it to be diminished.

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The Kingston Branch has succeeded much better than in the preceding year, and has thus been enabled to send to our Treasurer as a free contribution \$18, a sum which is more than double that of the preceding one.

From the Milkish Branch, the President has sent us an interesting Report, as before, and a remittance of \$16.39 as a free contribution to the Parent Society.

The Hopewell and Harvey Branch has been revived. A free contribution of \$13 has been sent. The President, in a letter to the Secretary of our Auxiliary, gives the following expression which we insert for the purpose of drawing the attention of our readers, and of raising up a feeling in favour of contribution to Bible circulation among the people of the districts in which this Branch is. "Through the efforts of Mr. Isaac Smith, last summer, a considerable amount was subscribed by the members of Hopewell and Harvey Branch Bible Society, but the paper having been mislaid and just recently placed in my hands, only a small part has been collected. I enclose herein a list of the contributors and the amount \$13, which, though small, we hope you may receive as an indication that our Branch is yet alive.

"There are many others, I am willing to believe, who would have gladly aided this object, if their attention had been directed to it in a proper way.

"There is no cause more worthy the support of an intelligent people who owe many blessings to the unrestricted use of God's Word.

"That they may feel, hereafter, an increasing responsibility resting upon them in this matter, is my sincere wish."

From the Westfield Branch a remittance of \$12.54 was received as a free contribution to the Parent Society.

St. Martins was one of the places which our Bible Society Agent visited, for the purpose of bringing the people to the consideration

of forming a Branch Bible Society. Some were found to favor his object, but the number was not sufficient for the purpose, so that though a Branch could not be formed, some gave donations to the amount of \$16.70 for Bible distribution. It gives us pleasure to make a record of them as follows:—

Alexr. Lockhart, Esq., \$2 James Moran, Esq., \$4 Simon Vaughan, Esq., 4.87 William Vail, Esq., 1 David Vaughan, 1 Collection at Meeting, 2.80 Capt. Silas Vaughan, \$1.03

To these gentlemen we give thanks; and we entertain a hope that they will call an annual meeting and recommend to all who may attend, the propriety, or even the duty, of doing what is in their power to aid by contribution the circulation of God's Holy Word throughout the nations of the Earth.

From our Depositary, Mr. Richard Deveber, we have received a statement of the sale and distribution of Scriptures during the year 1862. It is as follows:—"To the Branches, 585 Testaments and 434 Bibles. To Clergymen and others 303 Testaments and 139 Bibles. To Schools, &c., 155 Testaments and 169 Bibles." What remained in the Depository, according to his statement, on December 31, were 2,164 Bibles and 857 Testaments. In addition to these there are now a considerable number received from the Parent Society, which came in the ship Admiral. In the last part of our Appendix you will find in the Depositary's Account a minute statement of all that took place in his office, during 1862.

In conclusion, your Committee rejoice to say, that the great object which the British and Foreign Bible Society has in view is more and more accomplished every year. Reading its history, you would easily see, that its Contributors, its Auxiliaries and Branches, its Agents, its Funds, and its Bible circulation, have increased every succeeding year, since its formation. And what is greatly to be admired, such a spiritual influence has accompanied the circulation and donation of the Holy Word, that conversion

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has been effected in many cases, in many parts of the world, from Paganism, from Mahometanism, from Romanism, from wickedness, from indifference, and from unscriptural profession. The evidence given of such conversion is complete trust in the Lord Jesus, living upon Him as the Bread of Life, rejoicing in Him as the only Saviour, shewing love to Him by keeping His commandments, and following Him, under all circumstances, through good or through bad report. This is a proof that the British and Foreign Bible Society, though originally constituted for the simple purpose of supplying copies of the Bible to all the inhabitants of the earth, is employed by God, through the Agency of the Holy Spirit, to regenerate many of the human race in every land. Here, then, we have two sources of great delight in the Parent Institution,—the universal circulation of the Holy Word, which is dependent upon the Bible Society's energetic action,-and the regeneration of many where the Word of God is received and read, which is dependent entirely on the action of the Holy Spirit. Let us then rejoice in the steady operations of the Parent Society, and let us bless the Lord God Almighty for the evident conversions which take place.

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APPENDIX No. 1.

The Rev. G. M. Armstrong, in moving the first resolution, spoke as follows:—

I stand here as a substitute for my revered father, who was to have moved the first Resolution; but owing to a severe cold under which he is now suffering, he is prevented from doing that which I know he had set his heart upon doing this evening-once more advocating the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society. There is one reason especially why he would have been glad of the opportunity of appearing on the present occasion, and that is to have spoken on that subject which is moving the Christian mind, namely, the 'late outrageous attack on the Pentateuch. I cannot say in what way he would have expressed those feelings of indignation which I know he entertains upon this subject; but I am sure he would have done so judiciously and wisely, and that his words would have carried that weight and information which his age and character would have rendered inestimably valuable to us. This, Mr. President, is a subject of deepest importance to our society, for the plague has already begun which shakes the belief of man in the Word of God, and it becomes us to watch and pray against its fatal ravages. As the Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants, so it is the only support of all missionary and philanthropic effort. Without faith in the Bible, neither love for the heathen nor sympathy with our own population can long continue. Without faith in the Bible, every tie, national, social and relative, will soon be severed. It is alone the blessing of God which gives national greatness, national happiness, and national security. But if the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do! It is our happiness, Sir, to belong to a kingdom which in the most public manner, and on the most solemn occasion, honors the Bible above every earthly thing. It is not the sword of state, nor the golden orb of dominion; it is not the sceptre of authority, nor even the crown of gold, which constitutes the last and highest gift presented by the British nation to the Royal person on the day of coronationno, it is the Word of God. For when all the rest have been presented,

"the Archbishop shall bring the Holy Bible and say, 'Our most gracious Queen, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the royal law; these are the lively oracles of God. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this Book, that keep and do the things contained in it. For these are the words of eternal life, able to make you wise and happy in this world, nay wise unto salvation, and so happy for evermore, through faith which is in Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. Amen." Can we wonder that when a foreign prince, alluded to in the abstract of the Report which has just been read, was sent to our gracious Queen, to ask her of the wondrous secret of England's might and fame, that she should at once cause to be placed in his hand the word of God, and bid him say that in that volume lay the secret of England's glory. And can we wonder that the public mind should be roused to indignation at the temerity of that mitred head who has dared to tamper with the secret of England's greatness; without which indeed I have no hesitation in saying that our kingdom would soon cease to exist. Sir, I fear not for the Bible; for I feel that the more closely we are led to search into the foundations of the faith, and that marvellous array of evidences by which the Scripture is attested, the more must we be astonished at their depth, and strength, and coherence. But I do tremble for that man whose inconsiderate rashness and presumption pretend to have discovered hidden weaknesses in the Books of Holy Writ, which, he allows, contain the word of the living God-books, too, which were sanctioned by the Lord and His Apostles; and this only I will add, that blasphemy is written on the forehead of that theory which alleges imperfection, errors, or sin in any books thus authorized.

Having offered these remarks, Mr. Armstrong begged to move the first Resolution; and in doing so he observed that under the circumstances in which he addressed the meeting, he was not prepared to do so in such a way as he could have wished, before such an audience and upon so interesting an occasion. In alluding to the Report, he stated that his father had listened to it in a Committee meeting for upwards of two hours when it was read throughout, and that as he was prepared to have moved its adoption, his son could have no difficulty in doing so, but rather considered it a high privilege. He did, however, feel embarrassed, for having lately been called to attend various meetings throughout the vicinity, where he had advocated the claims of the Society, his mind was so full of matter with reference to it that he hardly knew where to begin or where to end. He would, however, take that opportunity of bearing his public testimony to the usefulness of Mr. Smith, the travelling Bible Society Agent, who had been referred to by the President, and an account of whose operations in the Province had just been heard in the abstract of the Report.

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Mr. Armstrong stated that the perseverance, tact, and simple eloquence of Mr. Smith, rendered him most efficient in forming new branches in connection with the Society, and in reviving others which were languishing. He had listened with deep interest to his statements in reference to the Society in every land, in the adjoining Provinces, as also in our own, and he could easily detail much which he remembered of Mr. Smith's addresses, which he was sure would equally interest the present meeting Not wishing, however, to occupy too much time, he would simply draw the attention of those before him for a few moments to the immense importance of the Society, showing how that, from a small beginning, it had been the means of distributing upwards of forty million copies of the Scriptures, or portions of them, besides assisting Foreign Bible Societies in circulating about thirty millions more-in all above seventy millions-in different parts of the world. Of these seventy millions, he stated that nearly twenty-six millions had been distributed in Great Britain and its dependencies; twenty-three millions in Europe; sixteen millions through Bible Societies in the United States of America; leaving only FIVE million copies of the Scriptures to Eight hundred millions of Mohammedans, Heathens and Jews. He repeated it, five millions among eight hundred millions. Did not this show that, notwithstanding all the Society had done during the last fifty-eight years, as far as the world was concerned, it was only entering upon its work; which was that the Word of God might be given to every child of man, in accordance with the Saviour's command, "preach the Gospel to every creature." The speaker referred to that principle of the Society upon which it was based, whereby it admits the co-operation of all persons, without compromise or concession, in carrying out its stupendous object. None were asked to what creed or religion they belonged; but whoever were willing to unite simply in circulating the Scriptures, without note or comment, in the authorized version in the English language, and in the best versions that could be procured in foreign languages, the Society willingly avails itself of their aid. reference to the working of the Society, he stated that it was absolutely necessary to carry on correspondence with all those who were engaged in its operations, as also to furnish from time to time to its members information for their satisfaction and encouragement, and this was done by means of its annual and monthly reports; and for one he marvelled in reading over the miscellaneous accounts contained therein, to see so little with which he could not altogether agree, and he rejoiced to find so much that could not fail to fill with gladness the hearts of all who love the Bible. He would like to detail some of the interesting incidents connected therewith which were crowding upon his memory-but feeling that there were others who were waiting to address the meeting, and being particularly anxious that

the mover and seconder of the fifth Resolution (which was a most important one), should have an opportunity of doing so in that effective way which he had no doubt they were prepared to do, he would simply conclude by calling upon the young to come forward in support of an institution which God had so eminently owned and blessed; and he trusted that no one, young, or old, then present, would fail in enrolling their names, if they had not already done so, as subscribers to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Rev. G. A. McNutt said :-

Mr. President and Christian Friends-When I consented, by the request of your worthy Secretary, to undertake the duty of seconding this Resolution, I did so, for reasons which I need not specify, with the distinct understanding that I should be permitted to do so without promising to make any additional remarks; and hence I do not now rise for the purpose of making a speech, but simply to perform the duty allotted to me in the most formal manner possible. I would, nevertheless, take this opportunity of expressing the earnest hope that my silence on this occasion may not be misinterpreted, for I can assure you that my feelings towards this Society have long been of the warmest and most favorable character, for I have long regarded it as the greatest, the noblest, the most necessary, and most apostolical of all Protestant institutions; and believing, as I do, that the Bible, and the Bible only, is the Christian's rule of faith, and that the right of private judgment in matters of religious belief is the inalienable birthright of every human being, I feel bound to regard it as my sacred and bounden duty, and as the sacred and bounden duty of every professing Christian, to further in every way possible the interests of an Institution, the avowed object of which is to disseminate, pure and unadulterated, without human addition and without human comment, that blessed Book which contains the charter of our hopes, and which is the only duly and reliably authenticated record of the revelation of God to man. With the respected mover of the Resolution, I would also most confidently affirm that I fear not for the Bible, for it rests upon a foundation sufficiently strong to resist all the attacks which Satan and his mitred emissaries make against it. It must, it will triumph, for "it has God for its author, truth for its contents, salvation for its end."

In moving the second Resolution, the Rev. NEIL McKAY said :--

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-In rising to move the the enormo second Resolution, I will first give expression to a thought which struck me while listening to the speech of the Reverend gentleman funds are c

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who moved the first Resolution, and which I deem it improper to withhold. It is that the enemies of the Bible have changed their base of operations. The time was when their whole efforts were directed to the suppression of the Scriptures and the hindering of their circulation. In this department they have been unsuccessful. The Scriptures have found their way into every country in Europe despite every effort to prevent it, and in every country, at one period or another, found their students and their martyrs. Failing in this, then, the enemies of the Bible are now endeavoring to shake men's faith in the authority of these Scriptures, and thus rendering their circulation as little injurious as possible to existing systems of superstition and of error. But we have much faith in the truth, and more faith in the God of Truth; and we can maintain our composure in full view of any efforts that may be put forth to prevent the triumph of truth over any form of falsehood.

My resolution divides itself into two parts, viz., the fact set forth and the feelings required of us in view of that fact. The fact is that "Almighty God has hitherto so prospered the British and Foreign Bible Society, as not only to surpass the expectations of its early friends, but also to call forth the gratitude of Christians in all parts of the world."

What may have been the expectations of the early friends of the British and Foreign Bible Society, we have no means of accurately determining: but from the fact they were such men as Wilberforce and Berkely, we may conclude that they expected largely. Perhaps they themselves may not have taken much pains to define their expectations; but having taken such steps as appeared to them to be duty, they may have left results to God. But we cannot suppose that, when a few Christian friends met to devise means to supply the destitution of Bibles in the Principality of Wales, they could have had any anticipation of what has since been realized in the Bible.

It will suffice for our present purpose to show that very extraordinary prosperity has attended the operations of the Bible Society, and this can be easily done by touching upon a few points in confoundation nection with the present statistics of the Society.

Firstly, let us look at the expenditure of the Society, and mark "it has God therein its increasing prosperity. The Society commenced operations with an expenditure of £619 for the first year. In its tenth year its expenditure had increased to £84,652; in its twentieth MAY said: -- to £89,493; in its fiftieth to £119,257; during last year to £144,-751; and in the fifty-eight years its total expenditure amounted to o move the the enormous sum of £5,294,519. Who can look at these figures, ught which and doubt that Almighty God has blessed the Society so far as its gentleman funds are concerned?

Equally manifest is the prospering hand of Almighty God in the multiplication of the organizations of the Bible Society. Fifty-eight years ago we had but the one solitary Parent Society. We have at this moment in Great Britain 599 Auxiliaries, 689 Branches and 2763 Associations; and in the Colonies we have 82 Auxiliaries, 689 Branches, and 200 Associations; making in all 4912 organizations cooperating directly in the great and good work of the Bible circulation. Besides all this, the Society has aided 65 foreign Societies of a kindred character, and has established foreign agencies in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Russia,

Italy, Turkey, and South America.

But it may be asked, what is the result of this organization and expenditure? It is the manufacture and distribution by the Society directly, of upwards of forty millions of copies of the Scriptures, and indirectly by its cooperating with other Societies, of thirty-two millions more, making in all, as you have just heard from the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, "2 millions. It is further, the publication of the Scriptures in 163 different versions, 146 of which were never before printed. Few people are aware of the labor of type-setting in a language not understood by the compositor; and yet, without taking this matter into consideration, we cannot estimate aright the Society's success in this department. We may illustrate what we mean by referring you to the facts respecting the manuscript of the New Testament in Chinese, discovered in the British Museum a few years ago. The Society entertained the proposal of publishing the manuscript, and enquiries were made, and estimates obtained for the accomplishment of the work, when it was ascertained that the publication of that manuscript would cost the Society two guineas per While from the nature of the characters, the Chinese may be assumed to be the most expensive, the incident will show that the production of English copies is an easy matter compared with the publication of Scriptures in foreign tongues.

The Colportage system is another pleasing feature of the operations of the Society. It is often difficult enough to obtain permission for the introduction of Bibles into some countries. Lands now open have become so, in many instances, only after repeated efforts for that end had proved abortive, and even now in places whither Clergymen may not go, the colporteur with wallet on his back and Bibles in his hand, carries to the peasant in his house words

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Then let us look at the aid which this Society renders to the cause of Missions. The Missionary goes forth, and after years of patient toil, he makes himself acquainted with the language of some distant people. By years of further toil he renders the Scriptures into that language. How often, without the aid of this Society,

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would he be arrested at this stage of his progress by an insuperable difficulty. Suppose the language to be Chinese, even the immense resources of the English church would feel the burden of the publication of his manuscript. If the burden fell upon some weak section, who found it difficult to provide the £150 or £200 upon which the missionary must subsist, they must sink under its weight. But without respect to sect whatsoever, the Society lays hold upon any faithful and scholarlike translation, and says to the owner, "Give us your manuscript and your help in correcting the press, and we will give you the Bible." How often, by such generous conduct, have the hearts of the missionary and of his converts been made glad.

Lastly, let us look at the harmonious cooperation of kindred christian spirits from all evangelical denominations in this work. What sympathies have been evoked! what sweet fellowship enjoyed! I think I may safely say that Christians have realized as much happiness in cooperating in the business of the Society as in any department of christian duty whatever, and that Christian men have met in this work, and loved one another, who otherwise would not have met on this side of Heaven.

From these statements we may gather that God has blessed this institution. What then, are the feelings with which we should review these facts? They are manifestly feelings of devout gratitude. We scorn ingratitude in our fellow creatures, will God not frown upon it in us? And if we expect his continued blessing in the future, shall we not devoutly acknowledge his goodness in the fast.

Knowing that the reverend gentleman who is to second the Resotion will supply any omission which I have made, and ably reiew the whole subject, I beg leave, with these remarks, to move this esolution.

The Rev. A. M'LEOD STAVELY spoke as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—It is with great pleasure at I meet you again at the anniversary of this Society; and, in using to second the Resolution, I cannot give utterance to my feelings words more appropriate than these: Grace be with you, and with them that love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. We are met is evening as Christians, and we are assembled for an object of ramount importance, as it is intimately connected with the bringing with of Satan's kingdom and the building up of the kingdom of the lole world.

At this time, when the God of salvation is coming out of his face to execute his righteous judgments—when the kingdoms of

this earth are shaken to their utmost bounds—and when the fringe of the dark cloud of vengeance is seen in that much to be deplored civil war still raging on our borders—it is pleasant for us to meet, as we do to-night, in the full enjoyment of our civil and religious privileges; that we may have our hearts encouraged and our hands strengthened, in promoting that blessed and honourable work which has in view the best interests of the human race; a work of such moral magnificence, that the weapons of its warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin and Satan.

It is, from year to year, a matter of continued gratitude that so much is being done, both at home and abroad, for the spread of the Gospel; and we doubt not that the combined and systematic efforts which are being put forth by this and kindred institutions will, through the divine blessing speedily introduce the happy period of millennial glory, foretold in ancient prophecy and secured by ancient promise, when, in answer to our too long straitened prayers, the renovating spirit shall descend as rain upon the mown grass, and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

If, on the discovery of the New World by Columbus, the men of that generation congratulated one another on having lived at such a period, how much greater reason have we to rejoice that our lot is cast not in the fifteenth but the nineteenth century of the world's history, adorned as it is by the Bible, Missionary, Tract and Sabbath School Societies, Christian Associations, Orphan Asylums, Ragged Schools, Reform Societies, and many other excellent institutions, which so eminently promote the moral, social, and spiritual welfare of the sinful children of men.

The extensive circulation of the Word of God is, however, a privilege which has especially distinguished the present age. For the last sixty years—since, we may say, the establishment of the Parent Society, in 1804—Christianity has been extending its operations with unprecedented success, so that now, it is supposed, the records of the inspired truth are rendered accessible to about three fifths, or six hundred millions of the human family. Within this period, too, Missionary societies, with a zeal worthy of the cause in which they are embarked, have planted their royal standard in every unenlightened corner of the globe, that the most debased of every idolatrous tribe may be brought from the slavery of heathenism into the present glorious liberty of the children of God. At present, however, we must confine our attention more particularly to the British and Foreign Bible Society, which, from a small beginning, has concentrated the energies of the mightiest in all sections of the civilized world, and the sacred Scriptures, not like the roll which Ezek fraug trans and learth recog has he month day! faithfipare a high well and the pare a high well and the pare a high well a high well and the pare a high well and the

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ections of the ne roll which Ezekiel saw, full of mourning, and lamentation, and woe, but fraught with glad tidings of great joy for all people, have been translated into about one hundred and ninety-six different languages, and borne on the wings of the wind to the uttermost parts of the earth. There is, doubtless, a special providential design in the fact recognized by this resolution, "that the blessing of Almighty God has hitherto prospered this Society in so remarkable a manner;" and we are warranted to say so when assured that it has issued, during the past year, 2,687,071 Bibles and Testaments, or 224,015 every month, 7,367 every day, 307 every hour, 5 every minute, night and day! Surely such achievements are so many records of the Divine faithfulness in giving success to his own work; for these will prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight in the desert a a highway for our God.

When we consider what the Bible has done for that highly-favoured country which we still love to call our own, we see what it can and will do for other lands yet unvisited with the light of Christianity and civilization. Long, long ago, the Romans found the British Isles in a state of savage barbarism, under the wide-spread tyranny of spiritual death, and they left them as they found them: nor, until the introduction of Christianity, was there anything to oppose the universal corruption that prevailed in these dark places of the

earth.

But for the Bible, the inhabitants of our fatherland might still have been worshipping the Thor and Woden of their benighted ancestors, and Britain, Great Britain—for the world admits that she is great and powerful, sitting Queen of Empires and mistress of the seas—would have occupied a position infinitely short of that high pre-eminence which she now justly claims, first among the nations of the earth, a safe asylum for the persecuted and oppressed of all countries:

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The Gospel, which gives pardon to the guilty, liberty to the captive, freedom to the slave, and life to the very dead, is the only instrument that can effect the civilization of the world; and whenever it comes in demonstration of the Spirit, it possess the magic power to enlighten the understanding, to sanctify the heart, and to save the soul. Yes, notwithstanding the contempt of the sceptic, or the sneer of the infidel, it enlightens, sanctifies, and saves.

The truth of our holy religion has been assailed in ancient times by a Porphyry, a Julian, and a Spinoza; in more modern times by a Bolingbroke, a Shafassbury, a Gibbon, a Hume, a Paine, and a Voltaire; and, in our own day, by German Neologists, whose rationalism culminated in the mythical theory of Strauss, and whose

sentiments have been reflected in the lucubrations of Newman, Theodore Parker, the Essayists, and, last of all, Colenso; but, in defiance of these attacks, in defiance of the assaults of all its adversaries, the foundation of God standeth sure, and the word of the Lord endureth forever. "We have not followed cunningly-devised fables," but have a "more sure word of prophecy, whereunto we do well to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place."

Assault my faith with treach'rous art,
I'd call them vanity and lies,
And bind the Gospel to my heart."

Whether we look to the past, the present, or the future, there is much to cheer and gratify the mind. Much has been done, much yet remains to be done: still the progress of the past is a guarantee for the success and prosperity of the future. A great part of the world's population has, at least, been made acquainted with the letter of Christianity, and though it must be feared that many professing Christians are only very partially influenced by its principles, yet it has been like the leaven, diffusive and assimilating, bringing the surrounding mass more and more into conformity with itself, and to an unreserved obedience to the will of Christ.

Thus, though the religion of Jesus is still a stumbling block to the Jews, and to the Greeks foolishness, it is at this moment to many a people the power of God unto salvation. Already it has gone forth through the agency of this Society to bless the inhabitants of many a land; already the light of heavenly truth has arisen upon the dark regions of pagan idolatry, and Mahommedan superstition; already it has converted many of the abodes of ignorance and heathenism into temples of the living God. I cannot, therefore, but rejoice that we have so much reason this evening, on the threshold of a new year, like the prophet Samuel and the people of Israel, to set up a stone of memorial and call it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us; so much reason to wreath a crown of deathless gratitude around the fresh and fragrant memory of those devoted men who were honoured to originate this institution: so much reason to thank the God of the Bible for what he has already done, and to trust him for the good time that is yet to come. We know from the word of prophecy that Jesus must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. Now the Church of Christ, "the sacramental host of God's elect," is thus addressed : "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtain of thine habitation: spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy

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In India, in China, in Japan, in Tasmania, in Polynesia, in Spain, in Italy, in Madagascar, and in many other places to which reference has been already made this evening, there are openings for the introduction of the Bible such as never before occurred in the memory of man, and the light of the Gospel is every where shedding its healing beams on the dark regions of heathendom, introducing to light and liberty the benighted nations of the world, so that the mountains and the hills break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field clap their hands. Since then, God has been so merciful to us, and blessed us, and caused his face to shine upon us, shall we not be desirous above all things, if we really love the precepts and doctrines which the Bible contains, to put forth our never ceasing exertions for the overthrow of all anti-christian error, whether it exist in the form of paganism, infidelity, or Mahommedanism, and that the empire of Christianity, with its broad, deep foundations, laid on the rock of eternal justice, and its summit gilded with the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, may extend far and wide, till the temples of Satan, and all the altars which have been reared to him, fall before it as surely as proud Dagon fell before the ark of the Lord; and the preaching of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God introduce the full realization of prophetic announcement: when all ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the Lord; when the kings of Tarshish and of the Isles of Sheba and Seba, shall bring presents and offer gifts; when men shall be blessed in him, and all nations shall call him blessed; for then great voices shall be heard in heaven saying, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." How delightful the prospect! Let us consider it a duty and a privilege to put forth all our energies, and in every posssible way, by our influence, our example, and our prayers, to hasten such a glorious consummation.

"Go forth and jointly speed the time,
By good men prayed for long,
When Christian States, grown just and wise,
Will scorn revenge and wrong;
When earth's oppressed and savage tribes,
Shall cease to pine and roam,
All taught to prize these English words—
Faith, Freedom, Heaven, and Home."

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"O catch its high import ye winds as ye blow,
O bear it, ye waves, as ye roll,
From regions that feel the sun's vertical glow,
To the utmost extremes of the pole.
Equal laws, equal rights, to the nations around,
Peace and friendship their precepts impart,
And wherever the footsteps of man can be found,
May he bind the deeree to his heart."

The Rev. J. R. NARRAWAY, in moving the third Resolution, after making some humorous introductory remarks, spake nearly as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT—Analyizing my Resolution, I perceive that the grand and magnificent object of the Bible Society is strongly set forth therein. That object in its full, final realization, is the placing of a copy of the Holy Scriptures in the hands of every human being that breathes on the wide earth; a copy that may be read and sufficiently understood "to make wise unto salvation" every man whose hand shall grasp it. No inferior achievement can satisfy the motives and aims of the Bible-diffusing brotherhood. It will not be enough that the heaven-lit-lamp shall shed its holy light in every British dwelling, in every colonial habitation shadowed by the mighty, long-waving

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But, sir, I have demanded from the history of the Bible Society movement the grounds on which it girds itself to essay this great performance—the truths which inspire its motives, and susmin its courage. And first, I behold, underlying all its operations, a solemn recognition of the sad, lamentable truth that a revelation from God is a need of humanity, universal and inexorable, that without light from above, from Him who is enthroned aloft in an effulgence dazzling and inaccessible, man knows neither whence he came, nor what he is, neither where springs the source of happiness, nor where lie the means of safety, neither with what destinies he is freighted, nor to what bourn he travelleth. Surrounded by midnight horrors " the people walked in darkness." meaning an bus young draot abled sixtants

Secondly, I discover on the part of the promoters of this blessed cause, a firm faith in the all sufficiency and supreme authority of the Divine Word. They see that the irradiating splendours of revelation flame backward to the fount of human life, and empurple the cradle of man's infancy with rosy light, that they flash through the black vapours that enshrouded the misery and mystery of man's being, and wake "the divinity that stirs within him"-that they roll their glowing floods far on through the kindling future, and make visible and possible the overpowering joys of immortal existence, that they make manifest all dangers, and solve all spiritual mysteries, save those which, blending with the infinite, the unknowable, are to finite minds in essence insoluble; that they make God and Christ, and heaven and immortality, known to man, and man known to himself Moreover, the advocates of the Bible cause affirm that the progress' of civilization can never supersede the necessity for a divine revelation. Rightly do they affirm this. The fundamental laws, the native tendencies, and the great spiritual necessities of the human soul are in all ages the same, and they are all permanently provided for in authority of the sacred writings, when the sight of the scepite provi-

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the Holy Scriptures. Nations may outgrow the superstitions that degrade them—burst asunder the fetters that enchained them—they can never outgrow the Bible. What revelation was when its piercing brilliance paled the lofty altar-fires in those gorgeous and most beautiful of man-made structures, whose devotees in the most melodious, most perfect of earthly tongues, recited the rhapsodies of Homer, and grew patriotic over the orations of Demosthenes, that in its power and adaptations it is to-day. What it was when it clothed the naked Celt, softened the rude Saxon, and tamed the wild Norse king, that to humanize and civilize it is to-day. Revelation is that sublime arch whose bases rest upon the farthest verge of the earthly horizon, beyond which there is no human life, and its vertex reaches

upwards to the throne of the Eternal God.

Yet with all this glow and glory of heavenly light, the written word would fail to command your confidence, would fail to win the trust of mankind, were it not a divinely authenticated communication from God to man. Void of the supreme authority which inspiration confers, you would recommend the Bible as containing a certain amount of poetry, unrivalled in the grandeur and variety of its imagery, in the sublimity of its impersonations, in the truth and vividness of its descriptions, and in the fullness and tenderness of its pathos. You could affirm that it contains pastoral episodes of great beauty, full of interest as delineating ancient life and manners, but that there are large portions of it occupied by strange narrations, which Colenso softly designates "unhistorical." You could say that it holds forth many and magnificent promises, but unfortunately there is no evidence of their trustworthiness. You could recommend it as varied, by a kind of Tusculan disputations, in which wise men interchanged thoughts upon awful and mysterious themes, and in moments of rapt enthusiasm embodied their wishes in vision and prophecy. You could assert that its morality is so lofty that it ought to be divine, and its principal character so pure, so wonderful, so perfect, that it ought to be "the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of his person;" but, sorrowful to say, the proof is awanting. It is not thus you are condemned to speak. No; exalted be the Holy Name, you can, you do say, this is God's authenticated message to universal man. Thus saith the Lord, hear ye Him. Nevertheless, there are those, as we have heard to-night, false friends and open foes, who question the veracity, impugn the authority, and deride the inspiration of this Book. The hearts of God's people are failing them from fear. Let them dismiss that fear. Let no feeble Eli tremble for the Ark of the Covenant. The book is safe. Its authority will never die. it is soon landings toon our bor

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ing around the walls and towers of Divine Truth created great alarm, lest his critical pick-axe might find entrance through some dissolving cement, by some crumbling rock, or where, perchance, his unfriendly eye might detect some oozing mire pressed from beneath the foundation stone. That time has passed away for ever. The Bible has nothing to fear from the severest scrutiny. But were it otherwise, were there apparent cause for fearing that some portion of the sacred Scriptures could ill stand the test of searching but honest examination, still it would be better that the investigation should take place, for it is the interest of humanity to know the truth, to depend upon the real, the ever abiding.

One who knows in whom he hath believed can well afford to challenge the skill of the critic, and to defy the sneer of the scorner. Such an intelligent believer could be wisely bold to say to all who do not believe or who disbelieve :- The Bible is of value to me only as it is true. I confide in its truth, its absolute truth. Hand ignarus mali-not ignorant of sorrow, not unacquainted with calamity, sorely and severely tried by manifold afflictions, I confide in this grand little Book. I stake my all upon its veracity-my body, my soul, my affections, my understanding, my great fears, and my everduring hopes. Its promises console me. Its joys distil upon my weary heart. Its assurances relieve my burdened conscience. Its beams brighten along my peril-lined path. In its glimpses of a higher state of being I distinguish the blissful repose which shall terminate my griefs and exempt me from trial. I have taken it as my heritage for ever. Yet spare me not. Spare not it, because I love and revere it. If you really feel assured I lean upon a fractured staff, withdraw it from my support. If the appliances of your critical art excel those of your predecessors in this daring work, use them freely, boldly. And you, gentlemen philosophers, who are deep in the secrets of Nature, if your telescopic penetration has discovered a single truth in the wide realms of space, or your subtle analysis has brought to light a solitary law amid the complexities of nature that fairly conflicts with Bible statements, when rightly interpreted, make known your discoveries for the rectification of our faith. It throughout the infinite changes which have passed in endless succession over the face and through the interior of our planet, from the point when the wandering, spinning fire-cloud was condensed into a revolving globe, down to this moment, when the confluent waters are rolling up their latest sandbanks-from the azoic line which in the remote dim depths bounded the first terrestrial life period, down to the hour that buried the latest defunct bivalve in its native mud-flat-if in any period, if anywhere you find a fact unmistakable and incontestable that contradicts the assertion of the "men who spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," disclose your knowledge to mankind. Nature

is true-and we believe Revelation is true also. God in His word

never contradicted God in His work.

But the Christian believer is entitled to append this caution to his challenge :- Scholarly critics, learned sages-be pleased to remember that this Book has been "the joy of many generations," and is very dear to the human heart. It hath swept and garnished the hovels of ignorance and vice. It hath clad the naked, and fed the hungry, and housed the homeless. It hath reared hospitals and furnished alms-houses. It strengthens every lofty aim, and cherishes every holy motive. It invigorates every true here that dares, and sustains every true martyr that endures. It hath softened the stern severity of harsh laws, and wedded order to freedom. It hath mitigated the horrors of war, and will some day, it may be, make war impossible. It sheds warmth upon the cold hearth-stone of poverty, and solace upon the couch of pain. It gives carols of praise to the tongue of childhood; songs of gladness to happy old age; sunny, rippling light to the chill, dark waters of death, and it radiates like a halo of glory around the tomb of the just. These things remembering, we demand that critics shall be honest-that sworn defenders of the faith of Christian Churches in Divine Revelation shall abdicate their position which gives them rank and influence and bread, before they join hands with the impugners of the Bible. We demand that the critics shall not assail our confidence with pettifogging quibbles, nor betray the animus of a foregone conclusion that would rather disprove the Bible than discover the truth. We demand that the Astronomers, Geologists, and Ethnologists shall look well to their facts and to their inferences before they assault the cosmogony of the Bible-that they shall not build great boastful theories upon slender unsustained assumptions-that they shall prove they do not misunderstand Nature before they attempt to disprove its harmony with Revelation. This is all we ask. This granted, let the storm come—the heavy rain-cloud disgorge its torrents, the floods lift up their voice, the wild winds expend their utmost force, the earth be removed, the mountains be cast into the depths of the sea-we will fearlessly await the result. And we are strong in the faith that on the morning after the tempest shall have passed away we shall find the foundations of God standing sure. True, we may feel it needful in our chronology to separate more widely our chief Biblical time-periods, to part with some fanciful theories, and to amend some uncritical interpretations; we will readily do this, losing nothing of value, when sufficient cause shall be shewn. We will reclasp no fetter from which the truth shall set us free.

But, Sir, a third reason prompting and justifying the aims of the supporters of this great Society, is found in their acknowledgment of the right, the privilege, and the duty of private judgment. They

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believe that God, endowing man with a rational and moral nature, holds him stringently individually responsible to his Creator and Ruler for his moral action. They affirm that human accountability is not transferable. They assert that the Deity having proclaimed the law with all its terrible sanctions that prescribes the character and extent of the obedience due to Him, it behoves all men to learn the provisions of the Divine enactments. They declare that Infinite Wisdom hath written its requirements in letters large and plain, so that he that readeth may understand, and he that runneth can read. In these convictions and affirmations they adopt the only principle that renders religion possible and Protestantism defensible—it is a principle we must accept with all its perils, all its logical consequences, and all its tremendous responsibilities. God only is the judge.

My Resolution claims that the Bible Society is neither directly nor indirectly hostile to any other movement calculated to benefit mankind. The claim is just. It is hostile to no true branch of the Christain Church. The Bible is the text book of all religious doctrines, and the arbiter of all religious controversies. None need fear its circulation who revere it as a Revelation from heaven. It approves of all that is excellent, all that is holy, all that is true. On behalf of the denomination to which it is my happiness and my honor to belong, I gratefully acknowledge the benefits which have accrued to it from the operations of the Bible Society. It hath done us good and not evil all the days of its life, and we will bless it and

sustain it for ever. On assertances

The Bible frowns upon no association whose single aim is the widening of the boundaries of science, or the general diffusion of that which is already known—for it has no territory which it can lose, and no truth which can perish. No one truth can be discordant with any other truth. Truth is an integer. Truth is unity.

The Bible looks coldly upon no effort of true benevolence. On the contrary, it exalts the purpose, clarifies the motive, sweetens the charity, and would substitute principle for impulse, duty for sentiment.

Mr. President, our friend, Dr. Paterson, the faithful and devoted Secretary of our Provincial Society, having in his very excellent report amassed the facts and anecdotes appropriate to his noble scheme, and preceding speakers having ably arrayed the statistics which strikingly illustrate the progress of the blessed cause, I have felt myself thrown into the region of general principles, in the discussion of which the strongest intellect, the most creative imagination would find ample scope and verge enough. Nothing remains to me but to unite with you in the fervent prayer to the common Father of us all, that the hour may soon arrive when every mountain top shall be irradiated, and every plain shall be flooded with the golden glories

of truth divine-when He, whose right it is to reign, "high and lifted up," shall sit enthroned in his kingly palace, and when His imperial standard shall roll out its peaceful, billowy folds, far and wide over a renovated world.

Rev. Wm Downey, in moving the fourth Resolution, spoke as follows :-

MR. PRESIDENT-I did not expect to move this Resolution until a few minutes before I ascended the platform; but intended only to second it. In consequence, however, of the intended mover's absence,

it was put into my hands.

The resolution makes reference to the hearty co-operation of the different Branches and Associations connected with this Auxiliary; also the kind reception which our travelling Agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, has met with in his travels. They are altogether local matters; and not having had any acquaintance with the labors of Mr. Smith, or access to his journal, I therefore find great difficulty in getting matter for a speech. We have gathered from the extract of his Report, as read by our Secretary, that the ladies connected with the various Associations have been very faithful, and more successful during the past year than former years. I had hoped the worthy gentleman who consented to move this resolution would have been present to compliment them-a duty which I feel inadequate properly to perform.

That the various Branches and Associations connected with this Auxiliary have been more 'earnest and successful during the past than any preceding year; and that Mr. Smith, our agent, has been kindly received and heartily co-operated with, by all evangelical denominations, are facts that show, sir, a progression in the right

direction in reference to several important points. The first I may notice is, unity of object. It now appears evident that the Protestant world are agreed, that the Word of God is the great instrumentality for the civilizing, christianizing, and saving the world; and that the British and Foreign Bible Society is the great centre-point around which Christians of all names and sects may rally, to aid in this glorious work. And for a time it would appear that we had forgotten our distinctive grades, and put on the christian's paraphernalia, and joined in one holy phalanx against the powers of darkness, superstition, idolatry, and irreligion. This, sir, is indeed, as it ought to be. And may the time soon arrive when we shall have advanced so far towards this point of unity in object, that no strength nor time shall be needlessly spent in doubtful disputation with each other; when Zion's watchmen shall see eye to eye, and Judah no more vex Ephraim, nor Ephraim Judah.

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The second point is in reference to Individualism. When the distinguished statesman, Daniel Webster, was asked what was the most important thought that ever occupied his mind, he answered with deep seriousness: "The most important thought that ever occupied my mind, was the thought of my individual responsibility to God." Men are beginning to understand that this Bible work is to be performed by individual effort, properly organized and combined, each doing what he or she can for the accomplishment of the desired object, all acting in concert. The manner in which the ancient Scottish Chiefs assembled their clans upon any sudden emergency, is a very beautiful illustration of this point. The Chieftain slew a goat, and made a cross of light wood, scathed it with fire, and quenched its burning points in the blood of the animal. Then holding it aloft said, in substance, as follows:—

"When flits the cross from man to man,
Our Chieftain's summons to his clan,
Burst be the ear that fails to heed;
Palsied the foot that shuns to speed."

The Chieftain then receiving the cross, delivered it to a swift and trusty messenger, who was to run at full speed to the next hamlet, and present it to a principal person, with a single word, implying the place of rendezvous. He who received the symbol considered himself solemnly bound, under the most fearful anathemas, to send it forward to the next village, and thus it passed through the whole country that owed allegiance to that particular Chief. At its appearance every able-bodied man from sixteen to sixty, was to repair with as little delay as possible to the appointed place.

How inspiring the scene! Forth plunges the messenger of "blood and brand" in his fleet career. Though his lips and brow may be parched, yet he tarries not at the fountain. He breasts the craggy hill; he springs across the trembling bog and false morass; he stops not until he has delivered the symbol to the second messenger, who transmits it with equal haste to the third, and so on, until it has passed through every village and hamlet of the chief's dominions. The huts and hamlets are soon in arms, and the hardy men pour forth from hamlet and glen. The fisherman forsakes his net; the smith his anvil; the herdsman his flock. The mower drops his scythe amid the half-mown swath, the plough is left in the furrow, and every loyal son presses forward to stand by his chieftain's side, just as if the issue of the conflict depended upon the exertion of each individual. The empire of our king has been invaded by Satan. Never did a monarch hold possession by a more righteous title; for he created the world and all things therein. We are called upon by our Bible agent as the messenger of "blood and brand" to rally

around the standard of our king, concentrating our efforts in the British and Foreign Bible Society. And sir, we are indeed thankful to see an increasing disposition manifested by the people of this Province generally, to respond to this faithful call to action.

The third point in this progession is the great Bible doctrine of Christian stewardship. Men, apparently, do not fully understand that all they possess belongs to God—that they are his agents or stewards on earth. Men do not wish to be leve in this doctrine. Down deep in the natural heart of most men there lies the well known sin, Covetousness. If we could only see this sin embodied, what a hydra-headed monster would we behold. Its eyes have no tears. It has no bowels of mercies. With more than the fifty hands of the fabled giant it grasps everything within its reach. In its march through the world it has ever been accompanied with artifice and fraud, rapine and injustice, cruelty and murder, while in its wake have followed bleeding humanity; but it stays not to bind up its wounds; justice in chains—but it stops not to break off these bonds; religion almost expiring under its heavy financial burden—but it touches not the burden with so much as one of its fingers. Widows, orphans, slaves, oppressed hirelings, a wailing multitude reaching to the skirts of the horizon; but it heeds not any of them. Fearful as is the representation of this sin, yet it is not exaggerated. What open apostacy has it caused among professors of religion. How many who did run well have been hindered by the golden bait that was thrown in their pathway. There are doubtless many in our churches and community guilty of this sin, but are not aware of it. The frosts of autumn and winter creep over the meadows, knit their transparent covering over the pools, and seal up the running streams so gradually and noiselessly as to elude all observation. So has this fearful love of money crept upon many a heart, stilling its warm outgushings, and well-nigh frozen up the very fountains of benevolence and christian liberality. Yet so insidiously has this terrible process advanced that the individual perceived it not.

But, sir, we rejoice to know that our agent and the ladies and gentlemen connected with the different Branches and Associations of this Auxiliary are beginning to break the ice, and open those sealed and frozen up fountains, and may the day soon arrive when men shall have as clear and distinct views of this great doctrine of stewardship, as had Ko-chet-thing, the Karen convert. When he was here in America, a few friends of Missions gave him small sums of money, amounting in all to some forty or fifty dollars. After it had been exchanged for Spanish dollars, on the eve of his return to his own country, he one day held up the purse containing it, apparently exulting in his treasure. A friend asked him what use he intended to make of it, supposing he would buy various articles, as

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keepsakes, to distribute among his friends on his return home. He had, however, set it apart for building a school house among the Karens. On hearing the enquiry he looked up with tears of gratitude swelling in his eyes, and said in his broken English, "This no me money, this Jesus Christ's money; this no me money, this Jesus Christ's money." Yes, sir, let men properly progress towards this point, and soon the little that is now given towards the forwarding of this enterprise and kindred institutions, the surplus streams of wealth shall be turned in this direction, in lieu of being expended, as they now too often are, in costly articles of useless ornament. Then will men see the propriety of the course recommended by Oliver Cromwell in reference to expensive articles of ornament. It is said of him that when he visited Yorkminister Cathedral, in England, his attention was drawn to twelve statues of the Apostles in silver, nearly as large as life, which stood in their appropriate niches, near the ceiling of one of the apartments. Looking at them for a moment, he asked, "Who are those fellows standing yonder?" On being informed, he said, "Take them down, and let them go about doing good, as did their originals." They were accordingly taken down, sent to the mint, coined into money, and put into circulation. So let a right sentiment be attained as to Christian stewardship, and many a wealthy professor, as he surveys his splendid establishment, would be constrained to convert his decorations and costly plate into money for the Lord's treasury; thus sending it forth on the sublime errand of doing good. We rejoice that we are apparently advancing to this happy climax. When it is attained we may expect to see the eyelids of the millennial dawn lift their lashes of golden light to overspread our moral horizon with a thousand more brilliant tinges. Then, sir, we may expect to see the "Sun of Righteousness" arise more powerfully with healing in his wings, to dispel the darkness, error, superstition, idolatry and irreligion of this sin-cursed earth.

With these remarks I, with pleasure, offer this Resolution.

The Rev. Dr. Clark, in moving the fifth resolution, said:

Prayer, fervent, believing prayer for the successful circulation of the Scriptures throughout the world, is the burden of this resolution. Bible circulation without such prayer is a great mistake, and a gross inconsistency. This resolution, on account of its object, I regard as of vast importance—prayer for the conversion of the world to God through the instrumentality of the Scriptures. For its recognition in this connection and on this occasion, I heartily thank God. This is as it ought to be.

Speakers, on occasions like this, are commonly inclined to say that the topic on which they speak should have been in better hands, and

say, sometimes, they are sorry it is not so. I express no regrets on on God this point. I certainly would feel it to be both a pleasure and an acknowl honour to speak on this subject, were it not that I fear that its ability, I importance is not generally felt, its blessings are not fully appre- pray can ciated. The resolution before us contemplates two objects-the mediation reception of the Scriptures with increased faith, etc., and the who ask enlightenment of the assailants of the sacred Scriptures, and their the oblig subjection to the power of their teaching. The former refers to those who have received and professed to believe the Scriptures, and as both a in the necessarily free use of them by all who can use them. The of the u latter seems to refer to those who either deny the necessity of a the full Divine revelation altogether, or those who, while they admit both because the necessity and reality of a Divine revelation, yet under certain we have pretexts, prohibit its free and untrammelled use by all who can have us face the access to its use. Prayer is the means recommended in both cases hearts, pr by this resolution. Its use, in each case, is of great importance.

As respects the first part of this resolution, there is reason to say "may he "iniquity abounds, and the love of many waxes cold." Prayer, and salva sincere, believing prayer on any subject, is not generally practised. The se For this practical repudiation of the duty every one has his own ment of excuse. But it is easy to find an excuse for the neglect of anything to the powhich one likes not to do. To evangelical prayer, on any subject, also the r man's fallen nature is thoroughly averse. This, however, he is not are the as free to acknowledge. He rather tries to hide it from himself. Yea, for they a sometimes, we meet with some who justify themselves in the neglect the world of this most important and soul-refreshing exercise by a hollow command recognition of Divine decrees. I don't know, says one, what God of the first has decreed concerning me, and my prayers might contravene the he might, Divine decrees. God, says he, will not and cannot change His aside the decree in answer to my prayers. What will be will be, and, therefore, what is the use in praying, seeing all things are already fixed? This right judg talk discovers the gross ignorance of the matter of Divine purposes. It throws prayer out of the Divine decree altogether, and treats it as danger of having nothing to do with the execution of Divine purposes at all: whereas, it is the will of God that the extension of His purposes shall the sacred work together with prayer. God purposed Peter's deliverance from prison, but that purpose included the Church's prayers, in answer to which Peter's deliverance came. God willed that it should not rain in Palestine for three years and six months, and he also willed the prayer of Elijah to concur with that event. He willed that, at the end of that time, it should rain; and He willed that it should rain in answer to the prayer of the prophet. Indeed, we don't know that ever God willed any end without willing also the means. ever God willed any end without willing also the means.

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rmer refers to Now God has willed the conversion of the world, and has enjoined, Scriptures, and as both a duty and a privilege, that prayer should be made in behalf e them. The of the universal and successful circulation of the Word of God and the full coming of the kingdom of Christ. It is our duty to do so, ey admit both because it is our Father's will. It is our privilege, because therein under certain we have access to our Father's gracious presence. Come, then, let who can have us face the duty, covet the privilege, and, with enlarged and earnest in both cases hearts, pray here, pray in the Church, in the family and in the closet, in the spirit and letter of this resolution, that the Word of the Lord, reason to say "may have free course and be glorified" in the world's conversion ally practised.

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The second thing contemplated by this resolution is the enlighten-

has his own ment of the assailants of the sacred Scriptures, and their subjection et of anything to the power of their teaching. For the attainment of these ends, any subject, also the resolution says we are to pray. It does not, indeed, say who ver, he is not are the assailants of the Word of God. But their name is "Legion," imself. Yea, for they are many. An army of three grand divisions—the devil, in the neglect the world and the flesh. Satan was the first assailant of God's by a hollow command. Groping his way towards the keeping of the conscience e, what God of the first woman, and taking advantage of the woman alone, that ontravene the he might, with her, institute auricular confession he most artfully set change His aside the command of God, as being the only perfect rule of man's and, therefore, obedience. Directly assailing the Word of God, he perverted fixed? This right judgment, and effected the misery of the human family repreine purposes. sented by Adam. He initiated the Spirit, and exemplified the nd treats it as danger of opposition to the Word of God. He is, therefore, the poses at all: head and fountain of all opposition to the use and circulation of purposes shall the sacred Scriptures. I beg, however, respectfully to decline prayverance from ing for either his enlightenment or conversion. The chief is beyond in answer to the limits of pardon. It is only the subalterns in command for whom ould not rain any mercy can be sought. The enlightenment and conversion of willed the infidel repudiators of a Devine revelation is possible and therefore that, at the may be prayed for; but their conversion is of rare occurrence. Their should rain natred to a revelation is deeply rooted. A bad heart, and not sound a't know that philosophy, is the cause. So said John, Earl of Rochester, who, it is said, was enlightened and converted from an infidel's faith But made it an that opposition to the Scriptures which proceeds from a party proy dependent lessing to believe in the necessity and reality of Divine revelation is beholding their resurrection body reflected in the glorious body of Chris

of all others the worst, the most inconsistent. and yet is the most formidable. The infidels of all ages and of all countries, put together cannot compare, in their opposition to the Scriptures, with that which, for many centuries, has proceeded from "Eternal City" of Rome, spreading a blighting and deforming influence over the moral character and evangelical aspect of the nations of Lurope. Ignorance, superstition, oppression and infidelity have ever been, and still, are, the natural fruits of that influence. That influence, however, is destined by God to be destroyed. The stone cut out of the mountain without hands must fall, and is falling upon the iron and the clay of that image, whose brass, silver and gold are already broken in pieces. The world's conversion must advance space—the time of the end draws near-the kingdom of Christ must fully come, and kingdoms, dominions and constitutions of this world, which have long been hostile to, and in the way of that kingdom, must in the appointed time, and by the appointed means, give way. The iron and the clay of the Babylonian image are passing under prophetic The Eastern Empire is in the last stages of political consumption. The Western Empire is under nervous excitement. Infidel France long assailed the Scriptures. Austria, Belgium, Russia, Spain, Portugal and Italy have long opposed their untrammelled use in Europe. China, Japan, and the dominions of the followers of the false prophet have long opposed them in the East. But now, as your report shows, all the powers of Europe begin to yield to the decree of Heaven and the claims of Scripture. France cannot always successfully oppose their claims-nor can Austria-nor can Italy-nor can all the states of the world, or united powers of Europe much longer hinder their free circulation and use. Those powers themselves are to be removed and taken out of the way; because that, " in the days of those kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all those kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." We do not pray then, on this topic as they who have no hope of being answered Happy, happy thought!—the Scriptures, at last triumphant, universally received, and the mountain of the Lord's house filling the whole earth. Amen and amen. Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth throughout all lands. Shall we live to see it? No-but though our bodies shall have long ceased to be food for worms ere that glorious day arrives, yet when it does, I trust that the spirits of many who now hear me shall then be before the throne of God and the Lamb, admiring "the mystery of godliness, God" still "manifested in the flesh" substantially—comparing the bodies of Enoch and Elijah if comparison can at all be made in the case, and admiring the like ness of both to that of Christ, and, sweetest, happiest thought of all beholding their resurrection body reflected in the glorious body of Christ

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The following letter was addressed to the Secretary of the Auxiliary, by Miss Allan, the Treasurer and Secretary of this Association :--

"The Saint John Ladies' Bible Association desire to record with gratitude their thanks to Almighty God for the very great success that has attended the labors of their Co lectors this year.

"During that time some changes have taken place among them, their present number is eleven, eight in the city, and three in Portland, all have made returns of the sums received by them.

"The former in their particular districts have collected \$502.70, the latter \$67.68, in all making \$570.23.

"A few more dollars are expected in the city"; but already, notwithstanding the depression in trade and consequent scracity of money, the subscriptions amount to twenty-three dollars more than last year. To him who has said 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' be all glory."

A letter was afterwards received, intimating that an addition of \$27.04 had been obtained, which made the whole sum \$598.42.

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Circumstances having occurred to prevent the Annual Meeting of the Association from being held last year at the time appointed, no report of the proceedings for the previous year was presented to the subscribers. Your Committee now beg to state that previous to the time when it became necessary to remit the funds to the Saint John Auxiliary, the sum of £53 1 0 was collected in nine of the collectors' districts, and paid to the Treasurer; £40 of which was appropriated in aid of the funds of the Parent Society, and the balance was reserved to provide a supply of the Scriptures for the Depository. Subsequently the Treasurer received from Miss Irvine and Miss Sowerby £1 19 7 collected in District 8, and from Miss Doherty and Miss Stothart £3 4 4 collected in District 10, of which lists of the contributors will appear with those of the present year.

It was deemed advisable to change the time of calling on the members for their subscriptions to June and July, at which time the collectors resumed their duties, and the sum of £33 0 2 has been collected and paid to the Treasurer. This shows a considerable falling off from the previous year, but your Committee trust that this is not the result of declining interest in the great cause of Bible Distribution, but that it is rather owing to the unusual depression in business.

It is gratifying to learn from the Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society that the labors of that noble institution continue to be prosecuted with unabated vigor. Its whole income for the year was £168,443 15 5, and its circulation for the same period, 1,595,248 copies of the Scriptures. As its income continues to increase, so God in His providence is making way for the enlargement of the field of its operations by removing the obstacles which for a long time prevented the introduction of His word into some of the most populous countries of the earth; and His people ought to view it, not only as a duty, but as a most precious privilege and their greatest honor to be co-workers with Him in disseminating that glorious light before which every species of false religion will eventually disappear from our world, and by which the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

The general meeting of the Richibucto and Weldford Ladies' Branch Bible Society was held by appointment in the Presbyterian Church at Kingston, on Wednesday, 15th October. Hon. David Wark was called to the chair. The meeting was opened with the usual devotional exercises. Rev. James Law addressed the meeting from Zech. ix. 7. The Report for the past year was read. (See ante.) On motion the Report was adopted.

Moved by the Rev. James Law, seconded by Mr. John Main, and passed unanimously:-

Resolved, That we express our thankfulness to Almighty God for the great success which has attended the efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and unite in fervent prayer for his continued blessing on its future labors.

Moved by T. W. Wood, Esq., seconded by J. Brait, Esq., and unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Meeting are due to the Officebearers and Collectors of this Branch Society for their successful efforts in carrying out its objects.

The following ladies were elected Office-bearers for the ensuing vear :--

Mrs. McLAREN, President.

MRS. JOHN MAIN, MRS. WM. CHANDLER, Vice Presidents. " H. PETERS, " PHINNEY, " THOS. GIRVAN, " THOS. JARDINE,

Miss WOOD, Secretary. Miss KIDSTON, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE.

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COLLECTORS.

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4. Miss Isabella Main and Miss Janet Graham.
5. Miss Schollick and Miss Dixon. 66

6. Mrs. Dargarel and Miss McEachern.

7. Miss Brown and Miss McKendrick.

8. Miss Sowerby and Miss Irving.

9. Miss Johnston and Miss McMichael. 10. Miss Doherty and Stothart.

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The Ninth Anniversary of the Sheffield Branch (Twenty-third of the Sheffield Bible) Society was held in the Temperance Hall on Friday evening, 26th December, 1862

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

The meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. Dr. Spurden, after which the following resolutions were submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously:—

Moved by Rev. Mr. England, seconded by Rev. Mr. Reece, and

Resolved, That this Meeting gratefully acknowledges the power and love of God which, during the past year sustained the interests and blessed the labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society; and while the meeting ascribes to God alone the glory of past success, it confides in Him for future help, and especially implores the promised grace of the Holy Spirit, to render the word circulated, the "Power of God, and the wisdom of God" to the salvation of those who receive it.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hurd, seconded by Rev. Mr. Weddall, and

Resolved, That while the continued success attending the circulation of the Sacred Scriptures in European Countries, in British Colonies, and in the Missionary Field, demands the expression of grateful praise; the political changes in Italy, the abolition of prohibitions in Austria, the emancipation of Serfs in Russia, and the re-opening of Madagascar, present most promising fields for future operations.

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

Resolved, That this meeting, while deeply sympathising with the thousands who are at present suffering in England under the influence of commercial depression, which it trusts will prove but of short duration, is yet highly gratified with the fact, that whilst the friends of this Auxiliary have contributed of their substance to supply the suffering poor in Lancashire with the "bread that perisheth" have not diminished their subscriptions for giving the "bread of life" to the myriads who are "sitting in darkness and the shadow of death."

Moved by Mr. Isaac Burpee, seconded by Mr. Archibald Barker, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to those Ladies who have acted as collectors, and that they be earnestly requested to continue their services.

Moved by Mr. H. P. Bridges, seconded by Mr. William Bridges, and

Resolved—The following constitute the Committee for the ensuing year:—

Rev. R. WILSON, President. Rev. R. WEDDALL, Vice President. Mr. JOSEPH BARKER, Secretary. Mr. ARCHIBALD BARKER, Treasurer. Mr. C. J. BURPEE, Depositary.

COMMITTEE :

Mr. James Burpee,
Mr. David Cowperthwaite,
Mr. David Cowperthwaite,
James Harrison,
Mr. Stephen Burpee, Mr. Archibald Barker,
Mr. Samuel Taylor.

Moved by Mr. Archibald Barker, seconded by Mr. W. Bridges, and

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to those gentlemen who have so kindly favored us with their attendance, and addressed this meeting in behalf of the Word of God.

After which the exercises of the meeting, which were very interesting, were brought to a close by singing the Doxology, and the President pronouncing the Benediction.

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LANCASTER BRANCH.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Lancaster Branch Bible Bible Society was held in the School Room at the Lancaster Mills, on Monday evening, Dec. 8th, 1862; John Dunn, Esq., in the chair.

The Meeting was opened by singing a hymn; Rev. G. M. Armstrong read the 19th Psalm, and Rev. G. A. Hartley engaged in prayer.

The Secretary then read the following

REPORT.

The Committee of the Lancaster Branch of the Bible Society, in offering their Seventh Report to the Subscribers, desire to express their thankfulness to Almighty God for the measure of success vouchsafed to the Parent Society and to its numerous auxiliaries and branches throughout the past year.

The removal of a part of our transient population, and other causes beyond our control, have prevented the total amount of our parochial contributions from reaching the maximum of former years; but we have reason to believe that the love hitherto felt for the Bible Society in this Parish, has in no degree diminished.

From the Parent Society's Report we learn that the work of translating the Scriptures into other languages is progressing, and that fresh instances are related of individuals brought to a knowledge of the truth in heathen lands, by reading the Bible without note or comment.

The reports of the agents of the Bible Society in most parts of the world are of a most encouraging character.

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It was moved by the Rev. G. A. Hartley, seconded by the Rev. W. S. Covert, and unanimously

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

John Dunn, Esq., then left the Chair, and the Rev. W. S. Covert took the same, whereupon the following resolutions having been moved and seconded, were unanimously adopted.

Moved by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, seconded by John Dunn, Esq., and

Resolved-That the Bible Society should have our continued earnest, hearty support, and should be remembered in our prayers to the

Hymn—" Nature and Scripture compared."

Moved by the Rev. George Brown, seconded by G. C. Carman, Esquire, and

Resolved-That this Meeting desires to record an expression of its gratitude to our HEAVENLY FATHER for giving us the Bible in our own language, and prays that the day may speedily arrive, when the millions of China and Japan, and other heathen countries, may love God's holy word, and receive "the truth as it is in Jesus."

Hymn-"The Bible."

Mr. Isaac Smith, the Agent of the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, then addressed the meeting.

Hymn-" Preciousness of the Bible."

Moved by Mr. Daniel Clark, seconded by Mr. David Clark, and

Resolved-That the thanks of this Meeting are due to those Ladies who kindly engaged in collecting for the funds of our Branch Bible

Moved by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. G. F. Smith:

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

Rev. W. S. COVERT, President.

G. C. CARMAN, Esq., Vice Presidents.

JOHN DUNN, Esq., Vice Presidents.
Mr. J. E. KNIGHT, Secretary, Treasurer and Depositary

COMMITTEE:

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

Moved by John Dunn, Esq., seconded by G.C. Carman, Esq., and Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to Mr. John P. Robson, for the use of this School Room.

"The Missionary Hymn" was then sung, and the meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong.

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The Annual Meeting of this Branch, was held in the School House, in the McAlpine Settlement, (District No. 10,) on the evening of Monday, the 3rd of Nov., 1862. The President William Foshay, Esq., in the Chair.

The business of the evening was commenced by the Rev. Thos. Lockey; who offered up an appropriate prayer for the Divine blessing to crown the efforts of the Bible Society; and for direction on the present occasion.

The President then called upon the Secretary to give an account of the state of the Branch, which was done.

Mr. Smith, the Society's Travelling Agent, being present, was next called upon, rose, and after giving expression to his surprise in finding such a neat commodious building erected in a rural district, for school purposes, said that the erection of such reflected much credit on the inhabitants of the locality. He (Mr. Smith) then proceeded to give to the listening audience, a detailed account of the rise, progress, present position, and object of the Bible Society, in such a clear and satisfactory manner as to enlist the attention of all, and to overcome every prejudice that could possibly be entertained against the Bible cause. He next urged the claims of the Society on all present, and in conclusion suggested the propriety of opening a subscription list, which was afterwards attended to. Rev. Thos. Lockey, in a short concluding speech, referred to the more prominent features of Mr. Smith's speech; of the incalculable worth of the Bible, and of the responsibility resting on all who had already received it, that they should lay up its truths in their hearts, and recommend them to others as worthy of all acceptation.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :-

I. That Mr. Leonard Slip, be President of this Branch for the ensuing year, or until another be appointed (at one of the Annual Meetings,) in place of William Foshay, Esq., now resigned on account of the infirmities of his advanced age.

II. That David Bates, be re-appointed Secretary and Depositary as heretofore.

III. That Mr. David Wright, be the Treasurer of this Branch, in place of Mr. Leonard Slip, now appointed President.

IV. That Mr. Chas. McAlpine, Junior, be a member of the Committee of this Branch.

V. That all the other Office-bearers, and members of Committee of this Society be re-appointed.

VI. That Miss Annie L. Foshay and Miss Annie Gidney, be collectors for this Society in the upper district.

VII. That Miss Eliza Slip and Miss Ruth Hendry, be collectors in the lower district.

VIII. That Mr. John McAlpine and Mr. Robert Slip, be collectors for those parts that cannot be conveniently travelled by the Lady Collectors.

IX. That the Rev. Mr. Lockey, be one of the Vice Presidents of this Society.

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Your Committee, in making their report, first have to state that no Annual Meeting was held during the year, it having been deemed more expedient to awaken the public to the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society by means of Sermons, the first of which was delivered by Rev. W. Elder, of St. Stephens, who most forcibly and eloquently urged the claims of the Society as being one of the greatest means employed for the spread of the Holy Scriptures, and which had been blessed of God from its earliest commencement up to the present moment. The second Sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Dunlop, of this place, who, taking for his subject the "Rise, progress, and present state of the British and Foreign Bible Society," gave us a most interesting account of its small beginnings, its rapid increase, and the glorious results which by God's blessing have already followed its labours. To both of these Rev. gentlemen the thanks of this Branch are most sincerely tendered. The annexed financial statement will show a smaller remittance to the St. John Auxiliary than was last year forwarded from this Branch, but as many causes combined have rendered this a year of unusual depression and dulness in business, which causes we trust may soon be removed, your Committee hope for better results during the coming year. Your Committee have distributed during the year Thirty-five Bibles to the Hotels in this place, and hope next year to distribute copies to some few Hotels which as yet have not been supplied. Also, to Rev. Mr. Dunlop's Sabbath School a small donation of Twelve Testaments has been made. To the Lady collectors who so heartily and zealously lend their aid in promoting the interests of our Branch, the thanks of your Committee are most especially tendered.

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SUSSEX VALE BRANCH.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of this Branch, was held on the third day of January, 1863.

The President A. C. Evanson, Esq., in the Chair.

Office-bearers elected, as follows:-

A. C. EVANSON, Esq., President. WILLIAM STONE, Esq., Presidents.

Mr. HENRY HAYWARD, Vice Presidents.

"F. H. PEARSON, Treasurer.

"ROBERT MCCULLY, Secretary.

"GEORGE H. BARNES, Depositary.

James McNaughton, Esq.,	Mr. Robert Ellison.
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" R. C. Weldon,	Dr. F. P. Taylor,
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COLLECTORS.

Miss	Eliza C. Parlee,	Miss Susan O. McCully,
66	Eliza M. Sharland,	James McNaughton, Esq.,
	Marion Smith,	C. R. Palmer, Esq.

Resolved-That the thanks of this Branch are due, and the same are hereby tendered to the several Collectors.

Resolved-That the next Annual Meeting be held in the Temperance Hall, on the 24th day of December, 1863, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

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Total, \$58,05

ROBERT McCULLY, Secretary.

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OFFICE BEARERS.

JUSTUS EARLE, Esq., President.
REV. JAMES GRAY,
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REV. JAMES R. HART,
MR. EDWIN HOYT,
MR. JOHN P. FLEWWELLING, Secretary.
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66	Thomas G. Barnes,	" Thomas Dickson.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES.

Resolved, That this Society remit to the Parent Society Fifty Dollars as a Free Donation.

Resolved, That the balance of money now on hand be appropriated to the purchase of Books for this Society.

The Treasurer was requested to appropriate the money in accordance with the above Resolutions, showing the amount to be reserved in Books, after deducting the amount of bill for Books had in advance.

JOHN FLEWWELLING, Secretary.

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RICHMOND BRANCH.

Richmond, 30th Nov., 1862.

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I have the pleasure of informing you, that the Annual Meeting of the Richmond Branch of the New Bruns. Aux. Bible Society, was held within the Presbyterian Church, on the 24th of last month. In the absence of the one and the sickness of the other Vice President, Cap. Ivory Kilburn was called to the chair. After the Report of the Secretary, in which he referred in touching terms to the lamented decease of our venerable President, Cap. McKenzie, he stated that the income of the year had fallen short of expectations, because, from the neglect of our friends and collectors, not one third of the Parish had been called upon to subscribe. The result showed, there had been collected \$61 02.

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The Office-bearers appointed for the ensuing year, are :-

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

COMMITTEE:

Patrick McIntyre, S. P. Hall, Cap. Killburn,

William Crawford, John Guy, Charles McDougal,

The Clergymen of the Parish to be members of Committee, Ex-Officio.

I ought to have stated, that an admirable Essay was read by the Rev. James Kidd, A. M., chiefly confined to the History of the English Bible, and the Rev. Mr. Rogers of the Church of England, cheered us by his presence, and a few words of clear and strong encouragement. Afterwards at a meeting of the Committee, it was resolved to transmit to you, as a free contribution to the general funds of the Society, (\$46) forty-six dollars, and for Bibles and Testaments, (\$14) fourteen dollars. A list enclosed of what is wanted accompanies this along with the cash.

I have the honor to be, Sir, respectfully,

JNO. HUNTER.

WM. SEELY, Esq., Treasurer of the N. B. Auxiliary Bible Society.

P. S.—The Secretary hands me the enclosed lists, which we would request you to publish in your Report.

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In presenting the Annual Report of this Branch, your Committee regret that more active means have not been employed to circulate in our own immediate sphere, the Word of Life. A few families have been visited and supplied gratuitously with copies of the Scriptures.

A larger number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold from the Depository this year than usual, and in order to meet the wants of the community more generally, a sub-depository has been located at Mr. Thomas Tingley's, in Upper Sackville.

The Committee have much satisfaction in recommending an appropriation from their funds of forty dollars as a donation to the Parent Society, and acknowledging the important trust committed to them by the Head of the Church, and stimulated by the example of lamented friends of this Branch who have gone to their reward, would seek in future to be more diligent in the discharge of the duties which this trust involves.

Your Committee beg to submit the following financial statement:-

Sackville Branch Bible Society,

In Account with H. B. Allison, Treasurer & Depositary.

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Sackville, 8th Dec., 1862.

H. B. ALLISON, Treasurer.

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REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the Sackville Branch Bible Society was held in the Bethel (Baptist) Chapel, on Tuesday evening the 16th December 1802. The night being dark and stormy, and the travelling very bad, there was but a small attendance.

After the usual devotional exercises (which were conducted by the President) the annexed Report was read by the Secretary.

The following resolutions were then moved and seconded, and unanimously adopted:

Moved by Mr. J. F. Allison, seconded by Mr. Edward Cogswell: Resolved, That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Thomas Pickard, seconded by Mr. Titus Hicks: Resolved, That the thanks of this Meeting are hereby given to the Officers of this Branch of the N. B. Auxiliary of the B. & F. Bible Society, for their services during the past year, and that the dollowing persons be appointed as Office-bearers and Committee for the year 1863, viz:

Rev. Dr. PICKARD, President.
Rev. J SNOWBALL,
Rev. THOMAS TODD,
J. F. ALLISON, Esq.,
H. B. ALLISON, Esq., Treasurer and Deposits
EDWARD COGSWELL, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

Rev. John Allison,		Mr. M. Wood,
Rev. G. G. Roberts,		Mr. William Morrice,
Charles Dixon, Esq.,		Mr. Chris. Harper,
S. F. Black, Esq.,		Mr. James George,
Thomas Carter, Esq.,		Mr. J. B. Bowser,
T. W. Knapp, Esq., M.D.,		Mr. William Cole.
James Ander	SOI	i, Esq.

Moved by Rev. Thomas Todd, seconded by James Anderson, Esq:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Meeting are hereby given to the following ladies, who have acted as Collectors for the present year, viz: Miss George, Miss C. Dixon, Miss Susan Allison, and Miss Susan Bowser, and that they, with Miss Sarah Boultenhouse, Miss Eliza Evans, Miss Sarah J. Cole, Miss Harper, Miss Cahill, and Miss Carter be requested to act in this capacity for the ensuing year.

After singing a Hymn the meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Todd.

EDWARD COGSWELL, Secretary.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

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PETERSVILLE BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of Petersville Branch Bible Society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Petersville, on Friday evening, Nov. 7th, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Owing to the severity of the snow storm that day it was much regretted by the meeting, and our much respected President (whose zeal and influence have much ex-

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No was la our es two or closed tended our Branch) that he could not remain till after the meeting, his residence being over 12 miles from the place of meeting. Lauchlin T. Pender, one of the Vice Presidents, took the Chair.

The meeting was opened with Singing and Prayer by Rev. A. Stirling.

The following Resolutions were moved, seconded, and unanimously adopted:

Moved by Mr. Isaac Smith (Agent of the Society) and seconded by Mr. A. Woodman,

That the origin and progress of the British and Foreign Bible Society manifest the encouraging and comforting assurance that God's Word shall not return unto him void but shall accomplish that which he pleases and prosper in the thing whereto he sends it.

Moved by Rev. A. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Charles Perkins,

That the Petersville Branch Bible Society expresses its thankfulness to Almighty God for the success attending the efforts of the Parent Society; for its connection with it; and pledges itself to aid the Parent Society in sending the light of God's truth throughout the world.

Moved by Mr. J. Smith and seconded by Mr. T. Leonard,

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Ladies who kindly collected the contributions to this Society for the preceding year, and they are herein respectfully requested to continue their valuable services.

Notwithstanding the severity of the raging storm, our meeting was largely attended, so much so, as greatly to surprise and gratify our esteemed friend, Mr. Isaac Smith, who so kindly gave us on two occasions his valuable instructions at our Branch Meetings; he closed with singing and prayer.

OFFICE BEARERS.

ROBERT BAYARD, Esq., M. D., President.
JOSEPH B. PERKINS, Esq.,
LAUCHLAN T. PENDER,
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Messrs. Dunham, Perkins, McCracken and Leonard, Depositaries.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Committee the Lists showed the sum of \$65.78 cents had been collected. The collection at the Annual Meeting was \$2.73 cents, and for Bibles and Testaments sold \$8.86 cents, making in all the sum \$77.37 cents, less incidental 63 cents, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer \$76.74. It was therefore resolved to send \$10 as a grant to the Parent Society and expend the remainder in purchasing Bibles and Testaments for the Depositaries of the Branch.

Our Branch sells at a reduction of 25 per cent. on the price at the Depositary of the Auxiliary, and will endeavor to allow no person within its limits to be without the word of our God which shall stand forever making wise unto Salvation.

THOMAS LEONARD, Secretary.

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STUDHOLM BRANCH.

February 2nd, 1863.

MY DEAR SIR,—I herewith transmit a Report of the Studholm Branch Bible Society, which held its Annual Meeting on the 3rd of January last, when the following Officers were elected:

RICHARD S. FOLKINS, President.
WILLIAM COATES, Esq., Vice Presidents.
JAMES RYAN,
JAMES C. PARLEE, Secretary.
PETER Z. PARLEE, Treasurer.
JOSEPH A. MCNAUGHT, Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Brown Harrison,
Samuel Gosline,
Lewis Folkins,
Isaac Z. Parlee.

J. N. Coates,
J. A. McNaught,
J. A. Fenwick,

COLLECTORS.

Miss Sarah E. Manning, Miss Catherine Folkins, Miss Eleanor Ryan.

Resolved, That the next Annual Meeting be held in the School House near William Sinnott's, on the third Wednesday in December, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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DORCHESTER BRANCH.

During the past summer, this Branch, under the direction of Isaac Smith, Esq., was re-organized, officers appointed, &c.

The Office Bearers for the present year are-

Hon. E. B. CHANDLER, President.
ROBERT GODFREY, Esq., Vice President
J. L. MOORE, Esq., Secretary.
D. L. HANINGTON, Esq., Treasurer.
S. W. PALMER, Esq., Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

Charles E. Knapp, Esq., Thomas Keillor, Esq., John Hickman, Esq., Mr. Fletcher Weldon, Mr. George Black.

Collectors, Miss Moore and Miss Godfrey.

The Committee are much indebted to Mr. Smith for the valuable assistance rendered, and the interest taken in this Branch.

Though the amount now forwarded (\$28) is small, the hope is entertained, that with more perfect arrangements, it may be considerably increased for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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MONCTON BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Vestry of the Methodist Chapel, on the 29th December. The President, Jas. McAllister, Esq, occupied the Chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Mackie, G. M. Barratt, Lane and several lay gentlemen.

Several Resolutions were put to the meeting, and unanimously adopted. The following is the

REPORT.

Your Committee do not offer any apology for such a brief Report this year of stirring events. We do not feel discouraged, though our funds are less this year than last, but are thankful for receiving as much as our Report shows.

It is a consolation to us to know, that in spite of the unsettled state of politics in most parts of the World, the civil war that is raging in the American States, and the distress which prevails among the massess of mankind, the Bible is being freely circulated in many places. For this reason we feel stimulated to renewed exertion in the cause.

We hope before many years pass over, that our community will find themselves in better financial circumstances than at present. We know our taxes will be less, and probably business will be more flourishing, which circumstance, together with willing minds, will enable us to add largely to the funds of the Society.

Your Committee report funds in hand as follows:

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Total amount of Collections and Subscriptions received, \$34.80. Out of this amount we give \$33.00 as a free contribution to the Parent Society.

H. D. CHARTERS, Secretary.

The following are the Office-bearers and Committee elected for the year 1863:

JAMES McALLISTER, President.
All resident Clergymen, Vice Presidents.
Mr. H. D. CHARTERS, Secretary.
"EZEKIEL TAYLOR, Treasurer and Depositary.

COMMITTEE:

Mr. John Humphrey, "John Read,	Mr. Jonathan Wier, "J. G. Simpson,
" Bliss Botsford,	" J. G. McCurdy,
" James Robertson,	" W. S. Bowser,
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UPPER NORTON BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the Lower Sussex, Studholm, and Upper Norton Branch Bible Society was held in the Lower Baptist Church, Studholm, on the evening of the 2nd inst.

Amount collected \$31 15, which, as free contribution, is now remitted to the Auxiliary Society.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

MR. JAMES SECORD, President.
REV. JAMES GRAY, A. M., REV. EDWARD WEYMAN, Vice Presidents.
MR. SETH McLEOD, Treasurer.
MR. JAMES STARK, Secretary.

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GRAND LAKE BRANCH.

At the Hall near Douglas Harbor, on the evening of the 27th December, 1862, was held the Twenty-seventh Anniversary of the Grand Lake Bible Society; the President, Mr. Daniel C. Stilwell.

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in the Chair. The meeting was opened by reading the 63d Psalm, and Prayer by the President. The number of Speakers was greater than usual, and their addresses were very appropriate. The following persons were chosen officers for the ensuing year:

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D. C. STILLWELL, President.
C. H. BALMAIN, Vice President.
W. E. WHITE, Treasurer and Depository.
DAVID PALMER, Secretary.
JAMES PALMER, Assist. Secretary.

COMMITTEE:

Isaac A. Palmer, John H. Hunter, Charles H. Balmair, Stephen J. Clark.

REPORT.

At the present advanced age of our venerable Parent Society, your Committee cannot but be reminded of the times and circumstaces attendant on its birth and infancy. A cold fog of formalism was brooding over the lands which had long enjoyed the light of the Gospel; war, with all its horrors, raged over the fairest portions of Europe, while the dark places of the earth were filled with the habitations of cruelty. God stood and measured the earth. He beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains which hindered the free circulation of the Holy Book were scattered; the perpetual hills, which reared their opposing heads, did bow; for the knowledge of the glory of the Lord must cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, when God goes forth for the salvation of his people.

Since its institution, the British and Foreign Bible Society, by its Reports, has taught the science of Geography more effectually than any other agency. It may well be said that it hath measured the earth, and divided the nations. Commerce may bring distant nations acquainted with each other, and enable them to ascertain their mutual wants; but the free circulation of the Holy Book will bring men acquainted with their Maker and their God, where all

their most enlarged desires shall be forever satisfied.

When Mr. Charles, of Bala, was musing over the query, "How shall Wales be furnished with the Book of God?" how little did he think that some of that generation, over whose wants he was then poring, would live to witness, not only the Principality supplied, but more than forty millions of the Holy Oracle put into the hands of all nations and tongues; and the fountain still full and running over.

And shall Great Britain and its dependencies lament the expenditure of so many thousands in giving free course to the glad tidings of salvation, while its beloved Sovereign does not hesitate to acknowledge that in this very thing the secret of her country's greatness consists? No, let us rather regret that our means are so limited as to prevent our entering more deeply into the blessed work. But while we rejoice in the prosperity of the cause in general, we may indulge the hope that it is gaining ground in our own locality. Notwithstanding the pecuniary depression which has marked the events of the closing year, your Committee have been enabled to realize the sum of \$30.75, which they remit as a free contribution.

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CHIPMAN BRANCH.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Chipman Branch Bible Society was to have been held in the Temperance Hall on Saturday evening, the 20th December, 1862, but in consequence of the

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bad state of travelling and it being uncommonly cold, there was no meeting. The Collectors, however, with two exceptions, made their returns on that evening, and two others have not yet been heard from. The Committee met on the next week, and after getting through with the financial affairs of the Society it was resolved unanimously that Thirty Dollars of this year's subscriptions be sent as a free donation to the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society in St. John to be disposed of as seemeth them best. Committee acknowledge the good service done the Chipman Branch by Mr. Isaac Smith, your travelling Agent, who visited this section of the Country in September and held a public meeting in the Temperance Hall and spoke for nearly two hours in behalf of the Bible cause. The Committee have reason to thank the giver of all good for the success of those collectors who have made their returns, and if the two others who have not made theirs up to this date were equally successful, the amount would exceed considerably last year's subscription, as it is they are enabled, notwithstanding the scarcity of money, to remit your Society an amount equal to that of the last year.

OFFICE BEARERS.

EBENEZER L. BURPEE, Esq., President.
WILLIAM H. FLEMING, Esq.,
JOSEPH T. ESTABROOKS, Esq.,
JOHN CHRISTY, Treasurer.
ISAAC C. PURPEE, Secretary.
CHAS. E. LANGIN, Esq., Depositary.

COMMITTEE.

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ISAAC C. BURPEE, Secretary.

Chipman, January 3rd, 1863.

JERUSALEM BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the "Jerusalem Branch Bible Society" was held in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday evening the 25th of December 1862. The President, Thomas Harrison, Esq., in the Chair. The Meeting was opened by the President reading the 67th Psalm. The Rev. S. T. Teed offered prayer.

The President addressed the Meeting, and the Secretary then read THE REPORT.

Your Committee in meeting with you this evening to hold our fourth Anniversary, would humbly acknowledge the goodness of a kind Providence for the preservation of our lives, and that it is our lot to dwell, in a land of Peace, and to live under a Constitution,

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and to form part of a great Empire that secures to us so many inestimable blessings, and that has for its foundation that precious Book, which alone is able to make wise unto salvation, whose claims we are met here this evening to advocate, and for the dissemination of which you have for the last four years felt it a privilege to contribute, which is characteristic of every true Christian.

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While your Committee would thus express their feeling of gratitude to God, they cannot help contrasting the state of their beloved Province with the neighbouring Republic, and hope that you unite with them in sympathy for all lovers of the Bible in that distracted country, now rent by civil war, and desire to join with you in prayer to Him who rules the Universe, that it might please Him to bring peace, and stop the effusion of blood, that the Word of God might have free course and be glorified.

Your Committee on looking back on the past few years, would acknowledge the wisdom and goodness of an overruling Providence, although, in many instances, strife and war has arisen between nations, yet he has "made the wrath of man to praise him," and the result has been the opening of several countries to the admission of the Holy Scriptures, which, hitherto, had been barred against them. And your Committee believe that this should stimulate us to renewed exertion in aiding, as far as in our power, to send the Word of God to the dark and benighted places of the earth, that they, with us, might thereby hear and learn a Saviour's love.

Your Committee believe that you will rejoice with them for the great success which has attended the labors of the British and Foreign Bible Society in the past year. They have, by the blessing of God, been enabled to put into circulation 1,595,248 copies of the Book of Life, thereby shedding their bright light upon the otherwise dark and dreary places of the earth.

The total issues of the Parent Society since its formation gives an aggregate of nearly 41,000,000 copies, and their total receipts for the past year amount to the sum of £168,448 15s. 5d

Your Committee have little to report of the working of this Branch for the present year. From funds in the Treasurer's hands, arising from collections and the sale of books last year, your Committee appropriated the sum of \$30 as a free contribution to the British and Foreign Bible Society. It would appear from the small number of Bibles and Testaments sold from the Depository this year, that the people in this neighborhood were generally

well supplied, but your Committee still believe that you, as lovers of the Bible, will continue to assist, as you have done heretofore, in its circulation, and forgetting all self, and sect, and party, and difference, will combine for the promotion of this glorious object, until every child of man, in his own tongue, shall be able to read the wonderful works of God.

After reading the Report, the following Resolutions, being moved and seconded, were unanimously adopted.

Moved by Mr. George Inch, and seconded by Mr. John Hutchinson,

Resolved, That the Report now read be received and adopted.

Moved by Rev. S. Teed, and seconded by Mr. Joseph M. Sleep,

Resolved, That this Society recognizes the hand of Providence in opening up new places to the admission of the Holy Scriptures, and would urge increased liberality in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

A vote of thanks was given to the Secretary, who retires, for his efficient services. Also, the thanks of the meeting were given to the Lady Collectors.

The following persons were chosen Office-bearers and Committee for the ensuing year:—

THOMAS HARRISON, Esq., President.

JAMES POLLEY, Esq., Vice President.

ALEX. MACHUM, Jr., Treasurer and Depositary.

JAMES SMITH, Jr., Secretary.

COMMITTER

George Inch,	Richard Polley, jr.,
Alex. Machum, sr.,	Nathaniel Inch, sr.,
William Burgess,	John Jackson,
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At a meeting of the Committee, held on the 1st January, 1863, it appeared from the Treasurer and Depositary's Accounts (hereto annexed) that the amount on hand from Collections and sales of Books, was \$28.09, less 50 cents incidental expenses, which leaves \$27.59 available for the purposes of this Society. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$27.50 be appropriated as a free contribution to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

SAMUEL MAHOOD, Secretary.

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LEPREAU BRANCH.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Lepreau Branch Bible Society was held in the Temperance Hall, Lepreau, on Wednesday evening, December 10th, 1862. Wm. K. Reynolds, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The proceedings were opened by singing a hymn. The Rev. W. S. Covert read the 19th Psalm, and engaged in prayer.

The following resolutions having been moved and seconded were unanimously adopted:-

Moved by the Rev. W. S. Covert, seconded by Mr. John McDiarmid,

Resolved, That the openings for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures recently made in Countries so long closed against their introduction call loudly on all who are favored with the light of truth to renew and increase their efforts to aid the great work of supplying the destitute in every land with this bread of life.

Moved by Mr. A. A. Robinson, seconded by Mr. John Courtney,

Rsolved, That the success vouchsafed to the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society and kindred institutions should excite the devout thanksgiving of all their friends, and stimulate them to renewed and persevering efforts to promote so good a cause.

Moved by Mr. John McDiarmid, seconded by Mr. H. P. Reynolds.

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

WM. K. REYNOLDS, Esq., President.

Mr. JOHN McDIARMID, Vice Presidents.

JOHN REYNOLDS, Treasurer.

"A. A. ROBINSON, Secretary. " A. A. ROBINSON, Secretary. " ALEXANDER GIBSON, Depositary. A wall at M.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. David Shaw, Mr. David Shaw, Mr. John Courtney, Wm. M. McGowan.

LADY COLLECTORS.

Miss Grace McDiarmid,

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Moved by Mr. A. A. Robinson, seconded by Mr. John Courtney,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society are due and are hereby tendered to Miss Grace McDiarmid who has so kindly aided us in collecting contributions on its behalf and hope they will be kindly continued.

Moved by Mr. John Reynolds, seconded by Mr. John Mc-Diarmid,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. W. S. Covert for his kindly assistance at this meeting and the interest he has taken in this great work, and hope he will continue in his efforts with abundant success.

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

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SPRINGFIELD BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of this Branch was held on the 19th Nov. The President, Mr. Benjamin Gray in the Chalr.

After prayer by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, and a few opening remarks by the Chairman, apprepriate addresses were delivered by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Mr. Isaac Smith, the Society's Agent and Mr. Carmel Secord. Although the meeting was small, owing partly to the unfavorable state of the weather, it is to be hoped that a greater interest will be felt in this good cause.

Resolved that the next Annual Meeting be held on the first Tuesday in October, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

OFFICE BEARERS.

BENJAMIN GRAY, President. CARMEL SECORD, Vice President. ROBERT BURNETT, Treasurer. B. C. MARVEN, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

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HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.

REPORT.

The Committee of the Hampstead Branch, in making their Annual Report, would be thankful to a gracious and kind Providence from whom we receive all the blessings we enjoy, that we have been preserved through another year, and are again enabled to join with a number of friends in contributing to the aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society; it is the prayer of your Committee that the small amount we forward may, by Divine blessing, be instrumental in enlightening some poor benighted heathens, and bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We are sorry to say that we are not able to come up to last year's amount, owing in some measure to the depression of the times, but still more to the want of a due consideration of the bounteous blessings we enjoy, contrasted with those of the dark, benighted heathen, yet we have thought on that sacred injunction, "for if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath."

We give as a free contribution to the St. John Auxiliary, to be forwarded to the Parent Society for the purpose of furnishing the destitute with the Scriptures of truth, our entire amount of subscription, \$20 00.

We would say that Mr. Smith, Agent for the Society, held a meeting with this Branch on the evening of 5th November, but owing to unfavorable weather, and the absence from home of several neighbors, the attendance was very small, and consequently no business was transacted. We were glad to have his visit.

The following is a list of officers for the ensuing year :--

REV. BENJAMIN MERRITT, President. MR. WILLIAM SLIP, Vice President. Mr. ASA SMITH, Treasurer. JAMES SLIP, Esq., Secretary.

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BRUNSWICK AND HAVELOCK BRANCH.

We held our Annual Meeting of the Branch Bible Society, (known as the Brunswick and Havelock Branch) in the Wesleyan Chapel on Butternut Ridge, on Monday evening last, the attendance was small in consequence of a lecture being delivered on the International Railway, in the Baptist Chapel at the same hour, by a Student at Law from your City, Silas Alward. The real friends of the Bible cause were, however, at their post, and as the collector, Miss Selina Stockton, had been successful in her arduous duty, it was deemed best to go through with the business of the meeting so that the names of the Officers and Subscribers should be forwarded in time for your Annual Report. The officers of the previous year were re-elected, viz:

JOHN HAGARTY, Esq., President.
WILLIAM A. STOCKTON, Esq.,
JOHN C. PRICE, Esq.,
Mr. SIDNEY S. STOCKTON JOHN C. PRICE, Esq.,
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COMMITTEE.

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The foregoing sums having been all collected except a small amount, which our Collector yet expects, the Committee thought proper to direct the Treasurer to pay the amount of \$20 into the hands of the Treasurer in St. John as a free donation for the general purposes of the Parent Society, and the balance to be expended in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments to be kept at our Depository for sale or distribution, according to the rules of the Society.

I regret that we could not do more as a Branch, but the resaon is too obvious; our Baptist friends take no interest in the cause, as they are generally subscribers or life members of the Bible Union. Notwithstanding these things, our friends feel encouraged, and are determined to do more in the present year. For this purpose they have appointed additional Members of Committee at North River, and at Corn Ridge, where nothing has yet been done. I hope to be able shortly to visit these sections and make an effort to get additional subscribers. Please excuse this hasty statement, made in order to forward the names of subscribers in time for insertion in your annual Report.

With sincere esteem, I remain, Dear Sir, Yours truly, JOHN HAGARTY.

JAMES PATERSON, L.L.D.

CLIFTON BRANCH.

Pursuant to a notice issued by Mr. Isaac Smith, a meeting was held in the Clifton School room on Jan. 5th, 1863, for the purpose

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Wm P GHF Gabrie of forming a Branch Bible Society for this village. Justus S. Wetmore, Esq., in the Chair. After prayer by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, the 100th Psalm was sung. The Rev. gentleman then addressed the meeting at some length, and apparently with great effect, on the origin and working of the British and Foreign Bible Society, showing that it was the duty of all to contribute to its support. He was followed by Mr. Isaac Smith, after which it was resolved that a Branch Society be formed for this place in accordance with rules and regulations submitted to the meeting by Mr. Smith.

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After singing the Missionary Hymn, subscriptions were solicited from the audience. The meeting was then closed by singing the Doxology.

Altogether the meeting was a very pleasing one and gave great promise, a great interest seeming to be awakened for the circulation of the Scriptures.

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The Greenwich Branch Bible Society has again this year, through the kind assistance of the Lady Collectors, been enabled to collect \$18.47; for the sale of one Bible and one Testament, 30 cents, amounting in all to \$18.77, which we now give as a free donation to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

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Your Committee desire to be grateful to the source of all their mercies that they are indulged with the privilege to commence the Twenty-fourth Anniversary of this Branch with increased desire for the circulation of the Word of God. We desire to remember with increasing gratitude to the overruling hand of Providence that has opened so many effectual doors to receive the blessed Bible. It far exceeds their power in this or any report we could frame to enumerate all the truly blessed effects that have been produced even for the past year. We would mention the great change under the Almighty disposer of events in moving the heart of the Emperor of the vast empire of Russia to favor the cause of the Bible and the consequent welfare of his numerous subjects. We desire to be grateful that her Majesty, our gracious Queen Victoria's life is spared to sustain the Bible Society and rule over us. May the Lord defend and bless her and, every branch that is dear to her.

We desire to acknowledge with gratitude the visit of the Bible Agent, Mr. Isaac Smith, who advocated the Bible cause with much zeal and ability. His appeals to the heart were well received by all present. The weather was not so favorable as we could have desired which prevented many from being present on the afternoon of the meeting, and much regret is since expressed by them that they were absent. A general desire is that Mr. Smith may be permitted to visit our Branch the coming year.

Our subscriptions for this year amount in the whole to the sum of \$16.39, which was paid to the Treasurer of the New Brunswick Auxiliary as a donation to the Parent Society to assist in printing and circulating the Scriptures.

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"We are sorry," said Mr. Holmes in his letter, "that it is not in our power to send a larger amount, but at present it is all we can collect; however, we are hoping shortly to collect more."

It has to be recorded with sorrow, that neither lists nor remittances have been received from the following Branches, viz: those at St. Andrews, St. Stephen, Blissville, Hillsborough, Grand Falls, Northampton, Gagetown, Buctouche, Salisbury, Tobique and Florenceville. From St. Andrews only a letter was received, which intimated that the President and other official members were in so bad a state of health, that a meeting could not be held, nor a collection made.

It gives us pleasure to record at the end of the Appendix containing the Branch Societies, the formation of a new Branch, called the "Botsford Branch Bible Society." Two letters were received from Thomas B. Hanington, Esq., Secretary of the Shediac Branch, with regard to the formation of this new Branch. The second one we give to our readers with the greatest pleasure as follows:—

SHEDIAC, 3d March, 1863.

DEAR SIR,—Agreeably to the arrangement of which I wrote you last week, we were out at Shemogue yesterday, and attended the meeting which had been called for the purpose of forming a Branch Bible Society for the Parish of Botsford. The meeting was opened by prayer and singing by the Rev. Robert Tweedy, after which Mr. Abercromby, our President, was called to the Chair, and stated briefly the object of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Tweedie and others made a few remarks, and upon taking a vote of those present, it was unanimously resolved to form a Branch in connection with the St. John Auxiliary. The rules and regulations usual were then passed, and twenty-one names immediately signed as members of the Branch. The following gentlemen were then elected Office Bearers:—

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The Lady Collectors are to be appointed at a meeting of the Committee. Owing to a very heavy snow storm on Sabbath evening, many were unable to attend the meeting, but will add their names to the Society at first convenient opportunity, and from the spirit manifested by all, I am persuaded that a lively interest will be taken in the Branch, and by God's blessing it will succeed in its work.

The state of the roads prevented the Rev. Mr. Dunlop and others, who wished to be present, from getting to the meeting, but arrangements will shortly be made for a general meeting, when an opportunity will be afforded them.

The sum of sixteen dollars was subscribed at 'the meeting for the object of the Society.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your's obediently, T. B. HANINGTON

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[E. E.] Saint John, N. B., 3d March, 1863. WILLIAM SEELY, Treasurer.

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W. J. STARR, EDWARD SEARS, Auditors.