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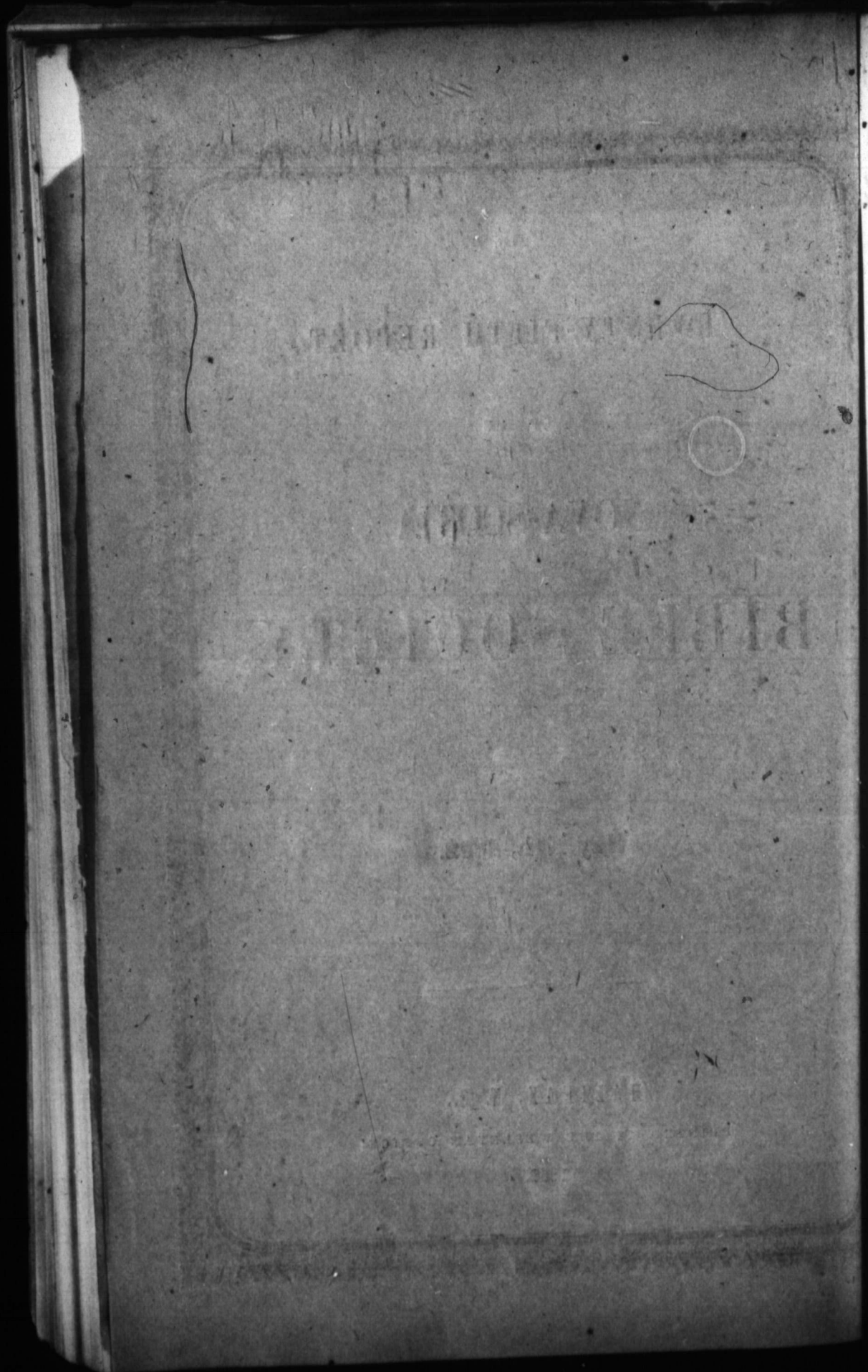
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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

- I. The designation of this Society shall be the **BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY**; of which the sole object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment: the only copies in the Languages of the United Kingdom, to be circulated by the Society, shall be the Authorized Version.
- II. This Society shall add its endeavours to those employed by other Societies, for circulating the Scriptures through the British Dominions; and shall also, according to its ability, extend its influence to other countries, whether Christian, Mahometan, or Pagan.
- III. Each Subscriber of one Guinea annually shall be a Member.
- IV. Each Subscriber of Ten Guineas at one time shall be a Member for Life.
- V. Each Subscriber of Five Guineas annually shall be a Governor.
- VI. Each Subscriber of Fifty Pounds at one time, or who shall by one additional payment, increase his original Subscription to Fifty Pounds, shall be a Governor for life.
- VII. Governors shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Meetings of the Committee.
- VIII. An Executor, paying a bequest of Fifty Pounds, shall be a Member for Life: or of One Hundred Pounds, a Governor for Life.
- IX. A Committee shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society, consisting of Thirty-six Laymen, Six of whom shall be Foreigners, resident in London or its vicinity; half the remainder shall be members of the Church of England, and the other half members of other denominations of Christians. Twenty-seven of the above number, who shall have most frequently attended, shall be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year.
- X. The Committee shall appoint all officers, except the Treasurer, and call Special General Meetings, and shall be charged with procuring for the Society suitable patronage, both British and Foreign.
- X. Each Member of the Society shall be entitled, under the direction of the Committee, to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the Society's prices, which shall be as low as possible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Nova-Scotia Bible Society.

I. This Society shall be called THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA AND ITS DEPENDENCIES; the object of which shall be the same as that of the British and Foreign Bible Society, viz:—To encourage the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, and to furnish copies of the Scriptures *gratis* to the indigent, and at reduced prices to those requiring them.

II. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee.

III. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, benefactions and subscriptions shall be solicited, and books opened for receiving the names of benefactors and subscribers.

IV. Every person contributing annually Ten Shillings at one time, or a donation of Ten Pounds, shall be considered a Member of this Society.

V. A general meeting of the Members of this Society shall be held every year, before which shall be laid the accounts and proceedings of the preceding year.

VI. The whole of the subscriptions and donations, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be remitted annually, in aid of the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

VII. Every Member of this Society shall be entitled to purchase, under the direction of the Committee, Bibles and Testaments, at the reduced prices of the Society, which are as low as possible.

VIII. The Committee shall be authorized to meet for the purpose of conducting the business of the Society, as often as may be necessary, and shall have power to add to their numbers, as occasion may require.

NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

HON. H. H. COGSWELL, *President.*
 HON. J. W. JOHNSTON,
 MARTIN G. BLACK, Esq.,
 JAMES W. NUTTING, Esq.,
 WILLIAM PRYOR, junr., Esq.

Vice Presidents.

M. G. BLACK, Esq., *Treasurer.*
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 ISAAC SMITH, Esq., *Assistant Secretary.*

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REV. DR. TWINING,
 " JOHN SCOTT,
 " R. F. UNIACKE,
 " JOHN MARTIN,
 " DR. CRAWLEY,
 " P. G. MCGREGOR,
 " DR. McLEOD,
 " GEORGE W. HILL,
 " ALEX. FORRESTER,
 " PROFESSOR LYALL,
 " EDMUND MATURIN,
 " JOHN MILLER,
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 CHARLES ROBSON, Esq.,
 PETER LYNCH, Esq.,
 JOHN W. RITCHIE, Esq.

LIFE MEMBERS.

By Donation of Ten Pounds and upwards, at and since the formation of the Society.

The Hon. CHAS. PRESCOTT,
 WILLIAM A. CHIPMAN, Esq.,
 SNOW PARKER, Esq.

DR. WEBSTER,
 The Hon. H. H. COGSWELL.

SOCIETY'S DEPOSITORY.—48, Barrington Street, opposite St. Paul's Church.

AT THE
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
NOVA-SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

Held in the Temperance Hall, Poplar Grove, Halifax, Monday, May 17, 1852.

HIS HONOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE
CHAIR.

The Meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Maturin.

The Report of the Committee having been read by the Secretary, it was, on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Twining, seconded by Charles Robson, Esq.—

Resolved Unanimously,

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

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Adam, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Dunn,

Resolved Unanimously,

That this Meeting desire to express their unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, for His continued blessing on the labours of the Parent Society, as detailed in their last Report,—and that in view of the extensive fields opening up for the dissemination of the Word of Truth, they deem it a solemn duty to redouble their exertions to promote the advancement of so good a work.

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, seconded by the Travelling Agent,—

Resolved Unanimously,

That this Meeting view with increased satisfaction, the efforts made by the Ladies' Associations of this City, and the several Branch Societies and Associations throughout the Province, during the past year, in support of the cause of the Bible,—and they rejoice that owing to these exertions, they are again enabled to transmit to the Parent Society a free contribution of One Hundred Pounds.

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Martin, seconded by J. W. Nutting, Esq.,—

Resolved Unanimously,

That this Meeting gratefully acknowledge the services rendered to the Society by its officers, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—Hon. H. Cogswell, *President*; Hon. J. W. Johnston, Martin G. Black, Esq., James W. Nutting, Esq., Wm. Pryor, Junr., Esq., *Vice Presidents*; Martin G. Black, Esq., *Treasurer*; S. L. Shannon, Esq., *Secretary*; Isaac Smith, Esq., *Assistant Secretary*. *Committee*:—Revd. Dr. Twining, John Scott, R. F. Uniacke, John Martin, Dr. Crawley, P. G. McGregor, Dr. McLeod, George W. Hill, Alex. Forrester, Professor Lyall, Edmund Maturin, John Miller, John McMurray, Dr. Ritchey,—Honbles. M. B. Almon, Hugh Bell, W. A. Black, Alexander Keith,—Dr. Avery, James N. Shannon, Esq., David Allison, Esq., J. H. Anderson, Esq., His Worship the Mayor, Henry Pryor, Esq., Henry Ince, Esq., S. Seldon, Esq., T. A. Brown Esq., W. C. Silver, Esq., T. A. S. DeWolf, Esq., James Thompson, Esq., J. G. A. Creighton, Esq., Charles Robson, Esq., Peter Lynch, Esq., John W. Ritchie, Esq.

On the motion of the Rev. P. G. McGregor, seconded by Peter Lynch, Esquire—

Resolved Unanimously,

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

The Meeting was closed with the Doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction, by the Rev. Dr. Twining.

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REPORT.

THE Committee of the NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY, at this their Anniversary, have again to present to their friends a Report of their proceedings during the past year. They do this with devout acknowledgments to the Almighty for the measure of success with which He has been pleased to crown their humble efforts, feeling that they are but instruments in His hands, and that though they may endeavour to plant and to water, He alone giveth the increase.

Your Committee come again before you with the cheering announcement that the cause of the Bible is still progressing. In the various fields which are occupied by the Parent Society, and its associated branches, there is not only no token of failure, but on the contrary, abundant evidences of the increasing interest which is felt in the dissemination of the Word of God. The part which your Committee has to perform in this great work is but small, and their efforts are confined to a limited district, but still they can regard with pleasure the details which are presented in the publications of the Parent Society; and feeling that they are, in their sphere, endeavouring to co-operate in the spread of Bibles, they can take courage for their own work by viewing the results which have attended the labours of others. These results they will proceed to lay before you, by extracts taken from the Bible Society's Report, before touching upon the operations of their own Auxiliary during the past year.

The Parent Society commence by briefly adverting to the losses they had experienced during the preceding year by the death of their noble and venerable President, the late Lord Bexley, and of their esteemed Secretary, the Rev. A. Brandram, both of whom had been connected with the Society for many years, and had been unremitting in their attention to its interests.

Proceeding then to a view of its foreign operations, they commence with France. In the report of their Agent in this country they notice the amount of his issues to have been during the year 109,210 copies, making a total since the establishment of his Agency at Paris of 2,838,178 copies. From the same Report it appears that the work of the Colporteurs still continues with undiminished success. The Agent states that the effect of Colporteur labour is marked by a more universal characteristic. It is not only in one place or in another that the

Colporteurs have awakened the attention of the people, but wherever they travelled. Here people bought the Testament, which they did not before possess; there they purchased the Bible, though already possessing the Testament, in order to know the whole of the Oracles of God. Districts which were formerly benighted have become important centres of evangelization solely through the instrumentality of these humble labourers. Their distribution throughout the country during the year amounted to 82,561 copies. As a pleasing evidence of their success it is mentioned, that it is now the labouring classes, and in these classes the poorest members, whom we find the most attentive to our Colporteurs' good words, and it is also they who are most inclined to make sacrifices, and often considerable sacrifices, to procure the Gospel. The Revolution of 1848, which appeared to be the commencement of an era of unlimited power and unexpected ease for the labouring classes, has left, after all, so much mortification, and such an immense disappointment, that people feel unconsciously urged to seek more real and more stable things. When, therefore, people hear men like the Colporteurs, who were themselves common labourers, speak with warmth and energy of the certainty of God's promises, and of the unchangeable happiness of Christians, they feel attracted towards them, and after having listened attentively, they are inclined to consult the Book, which is called the Book of supreme consolation; and they buy that Book.

From Belgium, Holland and Germany there are also encouraging accounts. In these countries the Colportage system is also pursued, and with the same cheering results. It is mentioned that one of these, who had died in the course of the year, had during the period of his employment distributed not fewer than 18,000 copies.

The Agent for Germany thus writes:—The reception which the Word of God has met with, in towns and villages, among rich and poor, as detailed in the Journals of our Colporteurs, bears testimony to the great utility of our work, and that our labours are not in vain in the Lord, but highly calculated to promote the temporal and spiritual good of our fellow men. And if it be asked, what evidence is there that in general the blessing of God has rested upon the fields so long cultivated? we reply, there are many signs of a reviving Christianity in Germany which were not to be seen a few years since; and we firmly believe, that the large sums expended by the British and Foreign Bible Society to diffuse the Holy Scriptures in this country since the year 1814, have materially promoted this re-action in favour of evangelical truth. The Home Missionary Society is now in operation in most countries of Protestant Germany, and through the adoption of their plans hundreds of pious persons have been admitted to a sphere of usefulness which seemed inaccessible to them before. Upwards of two hundred and fifty private meetings for expounding the Scriptures and for prayer are now held in the towns and villages of Baden alone, not to mention what is done in many other parts of Germany. There

are also reading rooms and lectures for young artisans, infant and Sunday schools, the distribution of religious books and tracts, itinerary Preachers and Colporteurs. All these are among the instruments now employed by the Home Missionary Societies for promoting a revival of Gospel doctrines and practice among the people. Although by far the majority of Protestant Pastors are still Rationalists, yet of the young theologians a very considerable portion are men of sound Christian principles.

An extensive journey was made by one of the Society's Agents into Austria and Hungary, in the hope of being permitted to resume and extend the operations of the Society among the Protestants in this Empire. This hope had to a certain extent been confirmed. A strong desire to obtain the Scriptures was evinced in many places, and much encouragement given by many respectable and well informed persons, who thought it most desirable that something should be done for the supply of the Scriptures to the multitudes now perishing for lack of knowledge. The Committee therefore resolved to move forward, and appointed an Agent to superintend their operations. Time sufficient had not elapsed to draw any general conclusions as to the state and prospect of the Society's work in these countries, but in the meantime the demand for the Bible is greatly increasing, and there is much encouragement given to unite in earnest prayer that in this Empire, where, a few years ago, it was almost impossible to introduce one copy of the Scriptures, the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. From recent events it would appear that these hopes have not been realized. The issues from 1st October, 1850, to 15th March, 1851, distributed in various parts of the realm, amounted to 6,965 volumes.

That the work in Switzerland is still extending and prospering, may be judged from the fact that the issues from the eleven depots in this country have been nearly 1,000 copies more than last year. It is mentioned in the Society's Report that the Italian Swiss Committee have restricted their operations to the Swiss Cantons, and that in some of the least fragmental parts of that romantic and beautiful country, there may now be seen the Bible Colporteur, when the snow permits, getting up into the highest summit of the mountains, and penetrating into the vallies; sometimes with the precious charge on his back, climbing on his hands and knees over the peaks, and along deep and frightful precipices. By this means many a dreary dwelling is cheered, many a desolate heart comforted, and many an humble believer filled with unspeakable joy.

The work of the Society in Italy during the past year has been chiefly confined to its northern portions—Piedmont and Lombardy. At Milan the authorities—more especially the military authorities—have allowed the introduction of the Scriptures; and 8,914 copies have been disposed of, principally through the medium of the booksellers, who, it appears, obtain for them a very rapid sale. These efforts

have been opposed by the Archbishop of Milan and seven of his Bishops, who have issued a Circular against the free circulation of the Holy Scriptures in the vulgar tongue; but in face of this opposition, the Society report the disposal of 11,251 copies in Lombardy and the Sardinian territories during the year.

The Committee mention that 3,642 copies of the edition of the New Testament, printed on behalf of the Society at Rome, have passed over into the hands of the Papal Government, who have paid back the full amount of their cost.

The work in Sweden, Norway and Denmark has been attended with the usual success. In Russia, particularly among the Finnish population of that Empire, there is great encouragement. Among these people, it is said, a great and increasing desire has been excited for the possession of the sacred volume, which will not be satisfied for years to come, even should the work be carried forward at the rate in which it has already progressed. In the south of Russia also, through the instrumentality of a zealous friend at Odessa, much good has been done.

From Spain and Portugal there is nothing of importance to report. But the Agency at Malta and in Greece continues in active operation. The Agent writes that there is no book so much used in the schools of Greece as the New Testament published by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

In Turkey the operations of the Society are of the same interesting character as during the past two years. The Agent writes,—“It appears from what I have heard that a favourable stir is taking place among the Greeks at Constantinople.” The Agent at that City confirms this by his statement that the sale of the Scriptures is going on as well as ever, and perhaps our accounts this year will show a greater circulation than ever of the Word of Life, and this success must be attributed to the increasing spirit of enquiry both among Greeks and Jews. There are very encouraging accounts of the Nestorians, and the good work amongst them is progressing favourably.

The accounts from the Protestant Armenians continue to be equally encouraging. A firman has lately been issued by the Sultan, confirming and enlarging the protection given to all his Protestant subjects throughout the Turkish Empire, and securing to them the full and free exercise of their religion. These Protestant Churches are increasing in number, no less than six additional places being mentioned, beyond those enumerated last year. Among them Diarbekir is referred to as being a very hopeful one: at the request of its members an American missionary has gone to visit it. This is another proof added to the many already existing in this country, of the wonderful power of the pure Word of God in the hearts of men. The Armenian Protestants are also congregating and forming themselves into a Church at Aleppo. The point of interest in the movements in the above places, is the fact that there has been no European or American missionaries established

in any of them, except for a time, some years since, at Mosul. There have, however, been in all of them visits of the Colporteurs of the Scriptures; and when Missionaries during this last year have visited these places, they have found there a people prepared for the Lord. At Sivas, the ancient Sebastia, in the heart of an Armenian population of 250 villages, we have had our hearts also cheered the past year by the rise of a congregation of, as we hope, faithful souls, who have had hitherto more to ascribe to the effect of the Word of God, as circulated among them by our Colporteurs, than to the effect of the voice of a living Preacher. I this day, continues the writer, received a letter from thence, giving a truly encouraging account of things. One interesting fact is mentioned by a Colporteur of piety, whom we are maintaining in that region, who relates that he stopped on Saturday night a mile distant from a village, on the bank of a river in a meadow. Before noon on Sunday it was noised that he was there, and forty men came out to see him; and a large part of them kept him busy until midnight in reading and explaining to them the Word of God in their modern language; they seemed to receive the Word gladly, and like hungry souls. Besides making him give up all the books he had, even to those he had brought along with him for his private use, they made him promise soon to send them a further supply.

From Jerusalem the Lord Bishop, in his communication to the Committee, states,—“I feel more and more that if it were not for the liberality of the Bible Society, I could scarcely do anything in this country.” He proceeds further,—“I believe I mentioned the blessed effects which the Word of God had begun to have on individuals in several localities. Since then, the work has considerably developed itself in Nazareth. Very soon after the first visit of one of my Bible readers to this place, several individuals from it visited me, and begged me to establish a school there, but I foresaw great difficulties, and could only supply them with Bibles, and direct them by correspondence. About a fortnight ago four heads of families came to me as deputies for a number of others to consult me as to the mode to be adopted for the purpose of being recognized as a Protestant community. The result was that this week they are to apply for such recognition to the Pasha of Beyrout, and I have no doubt they will succeed. And thus in consequence of the simple reading of the Bible, I hope that when you receive this, there will be a legally recognized Protestant Church at Nazareth.

The Reports from the Auxiliary Societies in India continue to be very gratifying. The Colporteur system has been introduced into this populous country, and with great effect in many parts.

From China there is the pleasing statement that the revised translation of the New Testament into the Chinese language was substantially brought to a close during the year. Unfortunately the differences between the translators on the subject of the controverted terms for “God” and “Spirit” have not yet been adjusted.

The Committee of the Parent Society record with much pleasure their acknowledgment of a further sum of £248 15s. received from the natives of Tahiti, and others of the Georgian and Society Islands, in return for Bibles sent from England; these remittances now amount to £922 4s. 9d. paid within the last two or three years. This is a most gratifying instance of the good effects produced by the Society's operations in heathen lands.

Without further adverting to the other portions of the field occupied by the Parent Society, we come back to the mother country, where we find from a recent letter received by the Treasurer of our Auxiliary from the Assistant Secretary that the receipts for the year amount to £108,449 0s. 10d., being upwards of £5,000 more than in the previous year. The payments amount to £103,930 9s. 10d. - The issues of the year have amounted to 1,137,617 copies, and the total issues have now amounted to 24,247,667.

Throughout the United Kingdom most active Agencies have been employed for the extension of the cause, and the Colportage system has been introduced in certain districts, with what effect may be judged from the fact that a single Colporteur has disposed of 7,029 copies in the course of the year in Liverpool alone.

From Ireland the information is of an interesting character. The issues for the past year of the Hibernian Bible Society have amounted to 103,138 copies, being an excess of 5,264 over the preceding year. The system of Colportage has been in more successful operation in this country during the past than in former years. In twenty-three districts 22,390 copies have been sold, making a total thus disposed of, since 1845, of 137,500 copies.

To the Sunday School Society for Ireland have been granted 34,000 copies of the Scriptures. Special inquiries have been instituted during the year, as to the preservation and use of the books issued by the Society; the returns to these enquiries afford very gratifying and satisfactory evidence, that the books are carefully preserved, diligently used, and highly valued.

The following is the testimony of a Clergyman in the County of Galway, who gives several incidents illustrative of his statements:

"As to the general feeling of the country with respect to the Scriptures, it may be good to state that there is a growing and rapidly increasing reverence for the Bible. Ay, I tell you plainly and fearlessly, that the public feeling is decidedly in favour of that volume which speaks of the light of life, which reveals the love of the Father, and declares the death of the Son to rescue man and restore him to his lost image."

Your Committee will now proceed to the operations of our own Auxiliary during the past year, and in doing so, are happy to state that the importance of its position is being now every year more fully realized. The friends of the cause in the several parts of the Province, where branches are established, have exerted themselves in its aid,

and your Committee can state that gratifying evidence is seen of this in the increased pecuniary returns to your Society. But they trust that its influence is still more felt by the Province at large in the increased circulation and corresponding appreciation of the Word of God; for they are aware that an increase of income is by no means the object of the Parent Society, neither should it be that of those connected with it. Still they consider it to be matter of encouragement that so many are found willing to contribute from their means to an object so strictly evangelical in its character, and that thus opportunities are afforded to our Auxiliary to aid to some extent, however humble it may be, in the operations of the Parent Society.

Among the varying events of the past year your Committee have to refer with regret to the decease of their esteemed Patron His Excellency the late Sir John Harvey, who had been a steady friend to the cause and supporter of this Auxiliary since the period of his assumption of the Government of this Province.

Mr. Smith, the Agent of the Society, has been engaged during the whole year in extensive tours throughout the Province, in the course of which he has visited every Branch Society, and has succeeded in forming new ones. He has furnished your Committee with a Report, which will be found in the Appendix.

Mr. Smith was much encouraged, during his recent tours through the Province, not only by the kindness everywhere shown to him as the Agent of the Bible Society, but also by the increasing interest manifested towards his object, and he trusts that a degree of stability has been given to most of the Branches which will render their future operations vigorous and permanent.

A short time previous to the commencement of the present year your Committee also availed themselves of the services of Mr. McLeod, who had been formerly so successful as a Colporteur in the distribution of the Scriptures in this City and its vicinity. So short a time has elapsed since his operations commenced that but little could be expected, but during that brief period he succeeded in disposing of 248 Bibles and Testaments, as will appear below.

The following extracts will exhibit the general distribution of the Scriptures by this Auxiliary during the past year:

	Bibles.	Testaments.
Cash sales at the Depository,	202	338
“ by the Colporteur,	120	128
“ furnished to Branch Societies and } Ladies' Associations,	966	1503
“ to Sabbath Schools,	169	175
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Distributed gratuitously,	118	99
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Total distribution,	{ Bibles, - - - - -	1570
	{ Testaments, - - - - -	2243
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There are now remaining on hand at the Depository 1653 Bibles, and 1191 Testaments. The total received from the Parent Society during the year 1851 amounted to 937 Bibles, and 1525 Testaments. The Receipts for the year ending December 31st, 1851, have been as follows, viz:

Amount of Collection at Public Meeting,	£ 11 2 0
“ received from the several Branch Societies, and Ladies’ Associations,	315 5 9
“ from sales at the Depository,	36 2 4
“ “ by the Colporteur in November and December,	8 18 0
“ Subscriptions at Halifax,	73 3 9
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Since the commencement of the present year, 1852, the Treasurer has received from various sources the further sum of £178 5s .4d., and he reports a balance on hand on 31st December, 1851, of £154 18s. 8d.

Your Committee have again to tender their thanks to the Ladies’ Associations of this City for their efficient services during the past year. The Ladies of the “St. Matthew’s Church Association” have continued the valuable assistance which they had heretofore given, and “The Ladies’ Bible Association” have contributed to the funds of the Society no less a sum than £72. Your Committee deem these to be cheering evidences of the interest now taken in the progress of the Society’s operations by those who feel the importance of the circulation of the Scriptures, and the necessity of zealous exertions in their respective spheres for its promotion. May their efforts continue to be attended with the same success in the future as in the past.

From the results thus mentioned your Committee have the pleasing announcement to make that the state of their funds will enable them to remit again this year to the Parent Society, as in the past two years, the free contribution of one hundred pounds sterling.

They have further to add that they have made an arrangement with their Travelling Agent, which will ensure the continuance of his efficient services to the Society for half of his time, by which they will be enabled to continue, and, they trust, extend their operations in the Province, without calling upon the Parent Society for that assistance which has been so liberally granted by them to your Auxiliary during the past four years.

Your Committee, in closing this Report, refer again with thankfulness to the details which they have given as the results of the past year. They trust that the organization of their Auxiliary and its Branches is now of such a character as to ensure their permanent

efficiency, and they hope that each such succeeding year will exhibit further evidences of the interest awakened in the population of our Province in behalf of the cause of the Bible.

That this cause may continue to prosper both at home and abroad; that tidings of its success, and of the multitudes brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus through its instrumentality, may each year reach our ears, both within our own borders and in other lands, is the devout aspiration of your Committee.

APPENDIX.

Third Report of the Halifax Ladies' Bible Association.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS! In presenting the Third Annual Report of the Halifax Ladies' Bible Association, your Committee feel it to be their duty to acknowledge with sentiments of the most profound gratitude, their thankfulness to "Him who ruleth over all, and doeth according to His will in the armies of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth," for the unprecedented success which has hitherto accompanied their efforts in collecting funds and distributing the Word of Life during the past year, and in the sublime language of the Psalmist would say, Not unto us O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy name give glory, for thy merey and thy truth's sake.

Your Committee feel that the spiritual destitution throughout this City is indeed very great, and their own incompetency effectively to combat with the difficulties which present themselves, and discharge their duty to this Society as Protestant Christians, was never before more vividly impressed upon them. Truly indeed may they say, a Paul may plant and an Apollos water, but God alone can impart His Holy Spirit.

Difficulties have sometimes arisen where appearances were favourable and the soil which at first seemed likely to become the recipient of Divine truth and yield an abundant harvest has ultimately proved barren and unfruitful. When this occurs surely we cannot imagine any inadequacy in the truth itself which is the Word of God, and cannot return unto him void. It becomes us then under these circumstances, Christian friends! contributors, collectors, and distributors to take

heed to ourselves, and ascertain whether we are actuated by the Holy Spirit in this our endeavour to advance the cause of God—and prayerfully invoke a needful supply of Divine grace. Who has not heard of the miraculous effect of prayer? Who has never in their own experience been able to testify to its all potent spell?

In the present crisis of the world's history loud calls are made to each soldier of the cross to put on the Christian armour and fight valiantly in a cause which affects the immortal destinies of individuals and nations—remembering then that the weapons to be used are not carnal but spiritual, and mighty through God to the bringing down of the strongholds, let us persevere under any discouragement feeling assured that nothing asked in faith will be denied. The cause of the Bible Society is the cause of truth, the cause of humanity, the cause of God. In the words of Dr. Mason, "The cause of the Bible Society is not the cause of a few visionaries, inebriated by romantic projects. It is the cause of more than giant undertakings, in a regular and progressive operation. The decisive battle has been fought, opposition comes now too late. He who would arrest the march of the Bible Society, is attempting to stop the moral machinery of the world, and can look for nothing but to be crushed to pieces. The march must proceed. Those disciplined and formidable columns which, under the banner of Divine truth, are bearing down upon the territories of death, have one word of command from on high, and that word is 'Onward.' The command does not fall useless on the ears of this Society. May it go 'onward' continuing to be and with increasing splendour, the astonishment of the world." May this Society with its parent the "Halifax Bible Society striving together with one heart and soul to bring glory to God in the highest, and on earth good will towards men, go on increasing in their zeal, their efforts, and their success, making stronger and stronger by the gospel the bands of their union."

159 Bibles and 30 Testaments have been issued by the Society during the year 1851.

DR. *The Ladies' Halifax Bible Association in acc't. with the Tr.,* CR.

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Nov. 12, Paid M. G. Black,		Balance remaining, 1850,	£1 11 0
Esq.,	£72 0 0	Do. Do. 1851,	0 15 0½
1852.		Subscriptions rec., 1851,	72 8 5
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" 10, Balance,	3 8 2½		
	<u>£75 14 5½</u>		<u>£75 14 5½</u>
		By sum on hand,	£3 8 2½
		M. A. BINNEY, Treasurer.	

Halifax, 18th Feb., 1852.

OFFICE BEARERS.

- Mrs. NEPEAN CLARKE, President.*
Mrs. S. N. BINNEY, Treasurer.
Miss FORRESTER, Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

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Extracts from Correspondence.

FROM MR. SMITH, the Travelling Agent.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY:

Gentlemen,—Though nothing very remarkable has transpired in connexion with my work during the past year, there has been much to call for gratitude to God. The steady progress of the cause of the Bible throughout the Province in times so unfriendly, and the manifested presence and blessing of the Almighty in the hour of need, demand expressions of praise for the past, and of hope for the future.

In the early part of Summer I visited Truro, and proceeded through Onslow, Londonderry, Economy, and intermediate places along the Northern side of Cobequid Bay, to Parrsborough; and continued my course still further Westward to Advocate Harbour in the Bay of Fundy. I then returned thirty miles and resumed my tour through Maccan and Nappan to Amherst, thence along the shores of the Gulph of St. Lawrence to Pictou; occasionally diverging as I proceeded, to River Philip, New Annan, and Earltown; visiting also Pugwash, Wallace, Tatamagouche and other places. From Pictou I travelled Eastward, through Merrigomish, and Antigonishe to Cape Canso, and back as far as Guysborough: thence in succession to Arichat, Sydney, Louisburg, and Gabarus Bay, in Cape Breton. On my return to Sydney I resumed my journey, by the Northwest Arm, to North Sydney and "the Mines"; then crossed the country by way of Bculardarie Island in the Bras D'Or Lake, St. Ann's, Bedeque, and Middle River to Margarie; and returned along the Western shores by Hillsburg, Mabou, and Port Hood, to the Strait of Canso, and back to Guysborough; also to and from St. Mary's and Sherbrooke on the one side, and Arichat on the other—and at length to the City.

In this extensive tour I visited, in pursuance of my object, forty-eight places, and attended thirty-nine meetings—in the most of which, with the countenance and efficient help of many influential persons, ministers and laymen, the interest previously excited, was renewed and increased; and a prospect of enlarged operations in future apparently secured. Three new Branch Societies were formed,—two of them in the neighbourhood of considerable destitution,—one at Advocate Harbour, one at Gabarus Bay, and one at Louisburg. Near the last mentioned place I visited several families who had no Bible, and

who had been seldom favoured with the privilege of uniting in public worship; but they were evidently desirous for both. Several of them gave me their names as subscribers to the Branch at Louisburg, where they can now be supplied with Bibles and Testaments within five miles of their homes—a small stock for the Depository having been since obtained. At Advocate Harbour, though I was but twenty hours in the place and no notice of my coming had been given, with the assistance of a youthful minister who had accompanied me,—an excellent meeting was held, and a very promising Branch Society was formed, from which subscriptions have been recently received.

From Halifax I proceeded in the latter part of November to Musquodoboit Harbour on the Eastern shore, about twenty-eight miles from the City. Here also a very good meeting was held, pursuant to notice given on the previous Sabbath. The attendance was as large as could be expected for the place, all things considered, and an excellent Branch Society was formed, which very soon remitted to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary, between five and six pounds;—a part for the purchase of books, and the remainder as a free contribution. On the Atlantic coast Eastward of this place, are several settlements much more destitute. To these attention will be directed, and the people supplied from that Depository, which has already been stored with Bibles and Testaments, and can be replenished as fast as they are sold.

In the beginning of December I commenced my tour Westward, and visited all the places accessible to my object between the City and the extremities of the Province. From the road along the Southern shore I diverged in two places to traverse "the mountains," or higher lands in the interior—visiting New Germany, near the head of La Have River, about thirty miles from Lunenburg, and Bridgewater about twelve miles;—also Brookfield, Caledonia, Harmony, and other places, from thirty to thirty-six miles north of Liverpool. On visiting Yarmouth I attended some interesting meetings there, as I had done in my journey thither, and proceeded to Weymouth and Digby; thence to Long Island, and to West Port on Brier Island, the farthest point of Nova Scotia in that direction. I then returned by way of Digby, Annapolis, and Windsor—through all the intervening, and neighbouring villages and settlements—to the City.

In this tour I visited more than forty places, and attended thirty-six meetings,—and was more successful on the whole, than I had ever before been,—both as regards the interest excited, and the numbers and influence of those who assisted me; and also in the aggregate amount of subscriptions to the funds. Nor were we left without manifest tokens of Divine approbation and blessing. One new Branch Society was formed, at New Germany, under very interesting circumstances, giving hope for its future efficiency and usefulness.

Since my return to the City, I have made several excursions:—To Sambro;—to Windsor, Newport, Avondale, Walton, Rawdon, and Maitland;—to Middle and Upper Musquodoboit; and to Margaret's Bay.

In these visits I attended thirteen meetings, of similar character, and accompanied by as pleasing circumstances and results, as those above referred to. In Walton a new Branch Society was formed, and means were adopted for carrying it into immediate operation.

From this rapid sketch it will be seen that nearly a hundred localities, scattered over the whole Province, have been visited; eighty-nine meetings attended, and six new Branch Societies formed during the year. The number of Bible Societies and Associations in the Province, connected with the British and Foreign Bible Society, as previously reported, was sixty-seven: There are now seventy-three, viz:—

AUXILIARIES.

Nova Scotia Bible Society,

| Pictou Bible Society.

BRANCH SOCIETIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOVA SCOTIA AUXILIARY.

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

BRANCH SOCIETIES IN CONNEXION WITH THE PICTOU AUXILIARY.

East River, Pictou
 Merrigomish
 New Glasgow
 New Annan
 Pugwash

River Philip
 River John
 Tatamagouche
 Wallace
 West River

ASSOCIATIONS IN CONNEXION WITH THE NOVA SCOTIA AUXILIARY.

Halifax Ladies' Association
 St. Matthew's Church do.,
 Guysborough do.,
 St. Ann's do.,

Yarmouth Association, and
 New Glasgow do. in connexion
 with Pictou.

Nearly all these Societies have already done something in the good cause, and if rightly conducted will do much more. Many of them have set an example which all might do well to emulate. The Ladies' Associations in general, have manifested a zeal and activity which need no commendation here,—their works praise them; and of many of the Branches the same may be justly said; but in their success they too have a better reward.

In Yarmouth I found that a favourable reaction had taken place since my former visit. Several ministers of the gospel, and influential laymen—officers of the Society—had determined to make a vigorous effort to revive their operations, and regain their former success. The Society was reorganized, attention to its objects was aroused—a better knowledge of its claims was diffused, and the results were—an increase of interest and an increase of contributions to its funds. This enabled the Committee to replenish the stock of the Depository, by an additional supply of Bibles and Testaments to the amount of about seven pounds; and to transmit to the Treasurer of this Auxiliary a free contribution of more than thirteen pounds. A meeting was held while I was there, in January last, and was well attended. The objects and claims of the Society were presented in a still stronger light, especially by the Rev. Mr. Christie and the Rev. Mr. Wilson; and an impression was made, which could not fail to be beneficial and lasting. About ten pounds remained in the hands of the Treasurer, to which more has been added since.

At Barrington a similar effect was produced by the untiring exertions of the zealous President and other office-bearers of the Society. Several young ladies also, as in many other places, lent their efficient aid by gathering up contributions to a considerable amount. A very good meeting was held on the 9th of January, in which a resident minister and several of the principal officers and committee took an active part. A very interesting Report was read, detailing the operations of the Society. In this it was stated that thirty-three Bibles and sixty-three Testaments had been sold during the preceding year, and one Bible and six Testaments distributed gratuitously—leaving seventy-

eight Bibles and 174 Testaments, of the value of £18 9s. 9d. still in the Depository. Since that time, twenty-five pounds have been paid over by this Branch, to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary, as a free contribution.

On my arrival in Windsor, I found that little had been done since our Meeting of the previous year, and the stock of the Depository was nearly exhausted. By the help of several ministers of the Gospel and some of the office-bearers, an effective appeal was made to the people generally, who manifested a sympathy with the object, alike creditable and encouraging. A desire to sustain the operations of the Society, and to keep on hand a good supply of Bibles and Testaments, was almost universally expressed. Over eighteen pounds were gathered up, including the sum on hand for sales at the Depository, and transmitted to the Treasurer;—twelve pounds as a free contribution, and a little more than six pounds for the purchase of Bibles and Testaments.

In Horton the operations of the Branch had been much revived, chiefly by the zealous efforts of the President and other officers. These well-timed exertions resulted in a more widely diffused knowledge of the object, and a stronger desire on the part of many, to give increased circulation to the scriptures, both at home and abroad. £13 8 4½d. were collected, and eight pounds of it remitted as a free donation, and the remainder for the purchase of books for local distribution.

The Society at Newport was divided more than a year ago, for the purpose of convenience, and the alteration has proved beneficial. The Scriptures are more extensively diffused, and enlarged contributions obtained. The new Branch formed at Avondale has made several remittances, and is now in active operation—and the old Branch in Middle and Upper Newport has been more successful than before the division, and is likely to sustain its activity.

In almost every place I visited, a lively interest in the object was manifested, especially at our meetings; and there is ground for hope that the cause generally will continue in gradual progression. Many other places might be specified, where the circumstances connected with my visitations could be narrated to confirm these remarks; but a reference to the contributions recently made will be some evidence of improvement, which may be sufficient.

Much will depend in future on the attention bestowed by the office-bearers, in carrying out the operations of the Branches to a successful issue. But if the circumstances of the Province improve, this may be done with very little effort, and at a very small sacrifice compared with the object contemplated. Though much has already been done, much more remains to be done before every individual in the Province be in possession of a copy of the Sacred Scriptures. The principal settlements, even in districts somewhat remote, are in a fair way of being well supplied; but places difficult of access, except by water, are many of them still comparatively destitute. In some of these, serious obstacles

to all moral improvement present themselves. In one place not twenty miles from a highly improved part of the Province, are found some families (not many, I believe) living in a state of almost incredible barbarism. Several attempts have been made by Ministers and others, to improve their condition, socially and morally, but with little effect. One of the families, and that perhaps the lowest, living alone on an island, has been broken up, and the children provided for in more favourable circumstances. This, it is thought, will open the way for the improvement of the rest.

Though one principal object of these Societies is to supply the destitute of the Province with copies of the sacred Scriptures, which furnish the best and only sure foundation for social and moral improvement,—there is another not to be lost sight of,—that of assisting, however humbly, the Parent Society in its great work of providing for the destitute of every land. For both these objects pecuniary means are required; and the contributions made, form no insignificant criteria of the real amount of interest taken in the cause. In both these respects the operations of the Societies in this Province may be reviewed with some good measure of gratification. During the last four years from three to four thousand copies of the Scriptures per annum, have been scattered over the Province by their means, besides some thousands of copies in that time obtained from other sources. In addition to these there are perhaps more than eight thousand copies in the Depositories of the Province—all paid for by the Auxiliary, and the Societies and Associations connected with it. These statements do not include what has been done by the Auxiliary of Pictou and its branches—but it is pleasing to know that the operations of those Societies have been continued and considerably revived during the same period: nor do they intend to relax their efforts,—I had the privilege of attending a Committee meeting recently called in Pictou to decide upon the appointment of a Bible Colporteur, whose avocation will require him to visit every part of the County.

As to funds contributed to the Parent Society, they have not been so large in amount as might be desired. The whole put together may indeed be regarded, in comparison with what is done in more populous and more wealthy countries, or even with what might be done here under more favourable circumstances, as forming a very insignificant item in the account; but to those who are familiar with all the difficulties of gathering up contributions for such an object, in this Province, there will appear much cause for thankfulness and encouragement.

The Receipts from the Associations and Branch Societies during the past year, to the 31st of December, have been as follows, viz.:

From Ladies' Association, Halifax,	- - - - -	£72	0	0
" Ladies' Association of St. Matthew's Church, do.,	- - - - -	12	0	0
" Ladies' Association, of	} for 1850, - - -	£ 6	0	0
Guysborough, - - }	" 1851, - - -	7	12	6
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From Shelburne Branch,	Free, - - -	3 0 0	
	On purchase acc't,	4 0 0	7 0 0
" Glenelg, St. Mary's,	for 1850, Free, -	4 0 0	
	" 1851, - - -	4 0 0	8 0 0
" Sherbrooke, do. - -	for 1850, - - -	3 0 0	
	" 1851, - - -	3 0 0	6 0 0
" Upper Margarie,	- - - - -	4 2 4½	
Subs'n H. Taylor, Esq., }	- - - - -	10 5	
per Travelling Agent, }			4 12 9½
" Arichat, - - - - -	- - - - -	3 16 4½	
	- - - - -	2 14 7	6 10 11½
" Sydney Mines, per Mr. Jost, -	- - - - -	4 0 0	
	" - - - - -	1 12 7½	
Sub'n W. Gammell, Esq., }	- - - - -	10 0	
per Travelling Agent, }			6 2 4½
" Hillsborough, per John }	- - - - -	2 14 2½	
Murray, Esq., }	- - - - -	7 8½	
Subs'n per T. Agent, -	- - - - -		3 1 11
" Margaret's Bay, -	Free, - - -	4 0 0	
	On purchase acc't,	2 10 0	6 10 0
" Liverpool, - - -	On purchase acc't,		14 0 0
" Manchester, - - -	Free, - - -		4 0 0
" Cape Canso, - - -	On purchase acc't,		1 0 0
" Upper Stewiacke, per }	Free, - - -		9 0 0
Rev. Mr. Smith, - }	- - - - -		5 0 0
" Wilmot, per D. Palfrey,	On purchase acc't,		4 0 0
" Chester, - - - - -	Free, - - -		1 0 0
" Newport, per Travelling }	- - - - -		1 4 0
Agent, - - - - - }	- - - - -		
" Avondale, per do. - -	- - - - -	8 10 10½	
" Aylesford, - - - - -	Free, - - -	1 0 8	4 11 6½
" Westport, - - - - -	On purchase acc't,		5 0 0
" Cornwallis, - - - - -	Free, - - -	5 0 0	
	On purchase acc't,	5 0 0	10 0 0
" Strait of Canso, - -	Free, - - -	1 0 0	
	On purchase acc't,	3 0 0	4 0 0
" Guysborough, - - -	On purchase acc't,		7 1 2
" Sydney, - - - - -	Free, - - -		3 12 8
" St. Ann's, - - - - -	Free, - - -	5 0 0	
	On purchase acc't,	5 0 0	10 0 0

From Lunenburg, - - -	On purchase acc't,	- - -	1 15 0
" Weymouth, - - -	Free, - - -	1 10 0	
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" Annapolis, - - -	On purchase acc't,	- - -	5 0 0
" Truro, - - -	Free, - - -	- - -	4 0 0
" Upper Londonderry, - - -	Free, - - -	2 0 0	
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" Economy, - - -	Free, - - -	- - -	1 15 5½
" Five Islands, - - -	- - -	- - -	1 2 8½
" Parrsborough, - - -	- - -	- - -	2 14 0
" Canso, - - -	Free, - - -	2 14 7	
	On purchase acc't,	2 14 7	
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" Horton, - - -	Free, - - -	5 10 0	
	On purchase acc't,	7 18 4½	
		<hr/>	13 8 4½
" Port Hood, - - -	Free, - - -	- - -	2 5 0
" Caledonia, Queen's C'y, - - -	On purchase acc't,	- - -	4 0 0
" Gabarus, - - -	- - -	- - -	2 9 8
" Yarmouth and Argyle, - - -	Free, - - -	12 15 0	
	On purchase acc't,	7 5 0	
		<hr/>	20 0 0
" Lunenburg, - - -	On purchase acc't,	- - -	7 0 0
" Miss Smith, for Bibles } and Testaments sold, }	- - -	- - -	9 6 8
		<hr/>	£315 5 9½

The following remittances have been made to the Treasurer since the commencement of this year;—many of them would have been made before the close of the last, had not my visitations to the different parts of the Province been reversed, which brought me to many of the principal places in the winter instead of the summer. This, however, was ultimately beneficial, as may be gathered from the amount received since, as stated below:—

	Free Con'n.	On pur. ac't.
From Upper Stewiacke Branch, - - -	£9 0 0	£
" Chester, - - -	2 0 0	2 0 0
" Musquodoboit Harbour, - - -	2 14 3	2 14 6
" Digby, - - -	5 0 0	3 3 4½
" Annapolis, - - -	4 8 9	4 9 6½
" Manchester, - - -	2 9 3	
" Louisburg, - - -	- - -	2 0 0
" Windsor, - - -	12 1 4	6 0 0
" Avondale, - - -	1 6 8	5 2 1
" Newport, (in two payments,) - - -	6 19 4½	2 0 0
" Walton, - - -	- - -	1 10 7½
" Douglas, - - -	2 0 0	6 0 0
" Barrington, - - -	25 0 0	
" St. Margaret's Bay, - - -	- - -	3 10 3

	Free Con.	On pur. ac't.
From Rawdon, - - - - -	3 2 6	1 0 0
" Cornwallis, - - - - -	6 5 0	6 5 0
" Shelburne, - - - - -	4 12 6	
" Weymouth, - - - - -	3 5 0	2 7 6
" Bridgetown, - - - - -	1 0 0	5 10 0
" Truro, - - - - -	2 10 0	2 10 0
" Aylesford, per Mr. A. VanBuskirk, £1 10s. 6d.	3 4 6	
per Mr. K. VanBuskirk, £1 14s. 0d.		
" Mrs. J. Graham, East River, Pictou,	1 0 0	
" Friend, per Rev. Mr. Scott, -	12 6	
" Liverpool Branch, - - - - -	8 19 6	3 0 0
" Lawrence Town, - - - - -	3 0 0	10 7 6½
" Upper Musquodoboit, - - - - -	1 16 7	
" Advocate Harbour, - - - - -	2 0 0	1 12 6
" Horton, - - - - -	2 10 0	2 10 0
" N. Sydney, collected by Miss Margaret Moore & Miss J. L. Musgrave)	1 4 0	
	£118 1 8½	£73 12 11

The total amount received since the first of January, is therefore £191 14s. 7d½.—over £13 of which came to hand since the former part of this Report was printed.

In conclusion I may say, that the kindness which characterized my reception at first, and cheered and encouraged me in the different places I visited, has been continued to the end; nor can it ever fail to be a source of pleasing and grateful remembrance. In all my work the hand of the Lord has been visible; on this alone could I build hopes of success; nor is there any other foundation for confidence as to its final results. Though many promising Branches have been planted, and some fruit has already appeared—though they be nursed and watered by many careful hands—God only can give the full and desired increase.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC SMITH,

Travelling Agent.

HALIFAX, June, 1852.

FROM MISS NEWTON,

SECRETARY OF THE GUYSBOROUGH LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

Guyborough, December 27th, 1851.

DEAR SIR,—After long yet unavoidable detention, I hasten to forward our annual return, regretting,—as I always do,—that it should

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be so like "a drop in the ocean," when compared with the great work it is destined to aid, and the vast and blessed object for which the Providence of God demands it of us. Much more pleasure would it give us to remit you seventeen pounds than seven, could we by any effort of our own bring it to pass; but we commit our case to the Lord, who searcheth all hearts; and, while we do but little, we feel the duty imperious to do something,—to do all we can,—that we fall not under the condemnation of "Meroz"—who "came not up to the help of the Lord,—to the help of the Lord against the mighty." The amazing end proposed, namely, that of circulating the sacred Scriptures to "earth's remotest bounds," is doubtless a divine work, as it is written, "He willeth all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth," yet it is evident infinite Wisdom condescends to employ and bless human agency in the accomplishment of His will: and this is why every individual should be found ready and "willing hearted" to be occupied at the call of Providence; should be emulous to bear a part, however small, in the accomplishment of the divine purposes—the divine will. It may not be optional, surely with any, to do or not to do, in this great work; because God commands, through His word,— "Say among the heathen, the Lord reigneth," and He will come to be our Judge.

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