

instead of making the grass grow almost as quick as winking as he was told this manure would do. His man had mixed water with some of it and spread it out, and on returning a short time afterwards, he found the stuff as hard as a flag, and came to him in breathless haste, saying "Mestur, I never seed sitch muck him ho my loife as yon new ganno muck, for I mixt sum on't whe what tur, un hits tordn hinto a flag; hin little mack grass gro hittle mack out gro." "Oh! (exclaimed the plasterer,) that must be the Roman cement, and I have been mixing up your Guano instead of it." The mistake of the carrier was rectified, and the parties returned home.

## Communications.

### LADIES' BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of the Miramichi Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society was held in St. John's Church, Chatham, on the 14th inst., Mrs. PERLEY, V. P., in the Chair.

The Rev. J. M'CURDY opened the meeting with prayer, and read the Report for the past year.

It was Resolved that the Report be received, and published in the Miramichi Gleaner, along with the list of Subscribers and Benefactors.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Collectors for their diligence.

It was agreed that the funds on hand be remitted to the Parent Society.

The undermentioned Ladies were elected Office Bearers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. ABRAMS, President.  
Mrs. CLARKE, Mrs. PERLEY, and Mrs. D. JOHNSTONE, Vice Presidents.  
Mrs. M'CURDY, Treasurer.  
Mrs. THOMSON, Secretary.

Committee—Mrs. W. Bryant, Porter, J. Russell, J. Kerr, Dr. Thomson, G. Kerr, A. Fraser, T. Little, Allison, J. Spratt, Hea, Harkins, and Miss Percival. Collectors—Nelson, Miss Percival, Newcastle, Miss Clark and Miss Johnstone, Chatham, Miss Thomson and Miss Spratt, Napan, Miss M. Johnstone.

### ABSTRACT OF REPORT.

Your Committee have to lament that within the last three or four years, a few of the old contributors to the Society have withdrawn. This consolation, however, is furnished: others have come cheerfully forward and supplied their place; so that the work advances with its wonted vigor.

It is due to those friends of the Society who assisted in its formation, watched over it in its infancy, sympathized in its difficulties, and rejoiced in its successes, and have steadily supported it with their contributions and prayers, to state, that their steady attachment and efficient exertions are appreciated. They have no small portion of reward in the reflection that whatever other interests in the community have suffered of late years, the funds of the Society have kept up, and its operations have advanced with usual spirit and success. The Head of the Church, indeed has smiled upon its labors, and acknowledged it as one of His own instruments in extending His kingdom.

Since the last Annual Report was published, your Secretary has remitted to the Parent Society £24 8 7 Currency, one half of which she was instructed to desire should be appropriated to the Chinese field of operations. With this request, the Secretary of that Institution, in acknowledging the remittance, gives a pledge that the London Committee will comply. Ere long then a portion of your funds will be employed in diffusing Gospel light in the far distant and benighted regions of the Chinese; while the remainder has already gone into other important channels. The place which we occupy was once the land of idolaters: now we, their successors, are employed in chasing away the gloom from other idolatrous regions. What a delightful and God-like employment!

During the year, there have been sold 28 Bibles and 33 Testaments, and 1 Bible and 4 Testaments have been given gratuitously. The sum realized for sales is £74 1 1-2, and the amount of free contributions is £27 16 7 1-2, making a total of £35 0 9.

Since the Collectors closed their labors for the year, a friend of your Society had occasion to call upon a poor widow in affliction. Leaving the bedside of her afflicted daughter, she retired for a few moments, and on returning she handed him two shillings, which she said she had laid past sometime previous for the Bible Society, and no longer considered it her own. She had devoted it to the Lord. On his remarking that he thought she could hardly spare it from her small resources, she instantly replied that she could, and further observed that there

were few but what could spare a trifle if they would only put it by when in hand, and resolve not to touch it for any other purpose, viewing it as consecrated to the Lord. She seemed moreover a little mortified, that the Collectors had not sought her out both this year and the last. Her mite will surely be accepted of the Lord, along with the offerings of the more affluent cast into the Treasury. Your Committee would remark that three valuable hints are supplied by the above circumstance:

First, That the poor should emulate her example.

Second, That the comfortable in life who have formerly been negligent should by it be provoked unto good works: and Third, That Collectors should not pass by any, but give the poorest an opportunity of proving their good-will, or at least of a refusal.

If the rich out of their abundance would only give in the same proportion as the willing poor, how soon would the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God!

Instances like the above should operate as powerful stimulants to increased exertion upon those who are employed in disseminating the Gospel. Animated by such examples, let us go forward, under the assurance that "the Lord our God will lead us on," and shew us "greater things than these."

### Extract from the last Report of the Parent Society.

"The entire Receipts of the year amount to £98,359 2 4, being £5838 19 2 more than in the preceding year. The increase has principally taken place in the Donations, the Legacies, and the free contributions from the Auxiliary Bible Societies.

The Issues of the Society have been—  
From the Depository at Home, 676,624  
From Depots abroad, 267,407

Total, 944,031

The total issues from the commencement of the Society amount to 15,965,025."

### SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Per Miss Clark.	
Mrs. Abrams	5 0
Allison	5 0
Clarke	5 0
Harkins	5 0
T. Maltby	5 0
Sargeant	5 0
Thomson	5 0
Miss Henderson	5 0
A Friend	5 0
A Friend	5 0
A Friend	2 6
Miss Abrams	2 6
Sarah Clarke	1 6
Mrs Berton	5 0
Ermond	3 0
Brander	1 0
Davidson	2 0
Driscoll	1 6
A Davidson, Esq.	5 6
rs Ellis	2 6
Falconer	2 0
Gifford	1 6
Hamill	2 6
Miss Ingram	2 6
Ms Kelly	2 6
McCallum	1 3
Scott	3 0
Swanston	1 0
C Simonds, Esq.	5 0
Mrs J. Urquhart	2 0
E. Williston, Esq.	5 0
rs Watt	3 0

Per Miss Johnstone.	
Mrs Lamont	0 3 0
Webster	2 7 6
Miss Wishart	5 0
Chanthers	5 0
Creighton	3 0
Mrs McKillop	3 0
Jas. Millar	2 6
McCombs	2 6
Abbot	2 0
Sinclair	1 0
D Johnstone	5 0
Miss Johnstone	2 6
M. Johnstone	2 6
Mrs A. Ramsay	3 0
Mr Jas. Ramsay	2 0
J. M'Callum, Esq.	6 3
Mr R. Gordon	2 6
J. Deverix	5 0
G Fiddler	3 0
D. M'Connell	2 8
W. Stewart	1 0
Hugh M'Ewen	2 6
John Perry	2 6
Joseph Dickson	2 0
G. Davidson	1 0
G. Wassan	2 0
Mrs M'Dugald	1 0
A Friend	2 6
A Friend	2 0
Mrs Dickson	2 0
Jas Stothard	2 6
Mr Jas McKay	6 0
F. Armstrong	2 6
A Taylor	5 0
A Friend	5 0
Mr R. Renney	3 0
Murdoch Gillis	4 6
J. McAskill	5 0
Jas. M'Donald	2 0
R. Johnstone	2 0
A Friend	5 0
Mr D. Creighton	3 0
A. Rankin, Esq.	1 0 0
Mr J. Boyd	7 6
G Russell	5 0
K Smith	3 0
A Friend	1 0
Mr J. Urquhart	1 3
W. Campbell	2 6
J. Hewitson	5 3
Mrs Renney	2 6
Mr R. Wilson	2 6
A Friend	1 6
Mrs R. T. Millar	2 6
Mr T. Wallace	1 0
rs Jessamin	2 0
Mr D. Murray	3 0
A. M'Nicholl	5 0
G. Copeland	2 0
Mrs Wallace	1 0
Mrs Wyse	5 0
A Friend	5 0

Per Miss Thomson.	
Mrs R. Haddow	2 6
Miss Hamilton	6 0
Mr M'Farlane	0 2 6
J. Samuel, Jr.	2 0
A Friend	1 0
Mr M'Laughlan	5 0
Mrs Fall	1 0
A Friend	3 7 4
A Friend	1 0
Mr M'Cuiley	3 0
John Fraser	5 0
Mrs J. Samuel	2 6
G. Kerr, Esq.	2 0
Mrs W. Little	2 6
Mr Haddow	2 6
Mrs W. M'Lean	2 0
Brockway	1 6
A Friend	1 0
A Friend	1 0
Rev. J. Macbean	2 6
Mrs R. Haddow	2 6
Miss Hamilton	6 0
Mr Anderson	2 6
Miss M'Arthur	2 6
A Friend	3 0
Miss Peters	2 6
E. Peters	2 6
Mrs Shepherd	5 0
Spratt	5 0
A. Fraser	5 0
G. Kerr	5 0
A. Russell	5 0
Nesbit	5 0
H. Cunard	5 0
T. H. Peters	5 0
M'Curdy	5 0
W. M' Rae	5 6
C. Thomson	5 6
Kilpatrick	2 0

Mrs Macbean	2 6	Mr Lowden	3 1 4
Mason	1 6	Mrs Morrow	5 0
A Friend	3 0	Mr Morrow	5 0
A Friend	2 0	Ms Hea	5 0
Mrs Joseph	3 0	Cormack	2 6
Wyse	1 0	Pierce	2 6
M'Laughlan	2 0	J. Cunard	5 0
Millar	2 0	Perley	5 0
Marshall	2 0		

Per Miss Percival.

Miss Percival 4 0 | Mrs Brehaut 3 0

Per Miss M. Johnstone.

Mrs James Kerr 5 0 | Mrs Wm. Gray 1 6

G. Johnstone 5 0 | Miss P. Searl 0 7 4

D. Steel 3 0 | Mr S. Jardine 2 6

J. Dickson, Jr. 2 0 | J. M. Dermid 2 0

A. Dick 2 0 | J. Galloway 1 0

Abstract of Accounts for the year ending

September, 1844.

Receipts.

On hand last year £24 8 7

Contributions: 5 8 3

Per Miss Clark 10 3 0

Miss Johnstone 10 11 3

Miss Thomson 10 11 3

Miss Percival 10 11 3

Miss M. Johnson 1 4 7 4

Mrs Marshall's dona. for 1843 2 6

Sales: 5 13 0

Per Hon. J. Montgomery 1 4 6

Rev. John M'Curdy 6 7 4

Miss Percival 6 7 4

Total.....£59 9 4 1/2

Expenditure.

Remitted to the Parent Society

since annual meeting in 1843

in currency £24 8 7

On hand to be remitted 35 0 9

Total.....£59 9 4

ANSWER

TO THE ORIGINAL ENIGMA BY R. W.

Wisdom's the VIRTUE by Fools always hated;

Earth is the ELEMENT of which man's created;

Sun the GREAT LIGHT of which we much need,

Love it CONSTRAINED the Saviour to bleed;

Eden the GARDEN from which man was driven;

Youth is the PERIOD to set out for Heaven.

That WESLEY's the name appears to be plain,

But, if incorrect, I'll ne'er try again.

J. G. L.

Newcastle, August 24, 1844

Chatham, 20th August, 1844.

Mr. Pierce,

Sir—The public have been very much annoyed for the last three or four months with the immense number of Hogs, of all ages, sizes, and colors, that infest our streets, on Sunday and Monday, not even paying respect to the Sabbath. No matter which way we look, we find hogs variously employed, either in gardens, potato fields, manure yards, or ploughing up the streets, and it seems to me, that if they are not very shortly put up, we shall have next year an additional day to work on the roads. Only think Mr. Editor, that the roads, which were only a few weeks ago, thoroughly repaired, are now turned up again by the hogs. What the Hogreaves have been about, I am at a loss to discover, as on reference to the list of Parish Officers, I find no less than sixteen names for Hogreaves, eight of whom reside in the town. I cannot possibly think that those persons have qualified themselves to the faithful performance of their duties, else they would certainly pay a little more attention to their oaths. If they have not qualified, is there, or is there not a law in existence, whereby they might be compelled to do so, or pay a fine. Would you, or can you inform me, who is most to blame. The Hogreaves, who have an unpleasant duty to perform, and care not about performing it unless urged thereto, or the Magistrates, who have the power to compel them to act. In fact, I think if I were one of the Commissioners of Highways, I would lodge a complaint, and have the Hogreaves brought up for non-performance of duty.

Hoping that these few remarks (should you deem them worthy of a place in your paper) may have the effect of stirring some person or persons up to the performance of their duty.

I remain, your obedient servant,

W. A.

At the request of a Subscriber, we publish the following communication

which appeared in the Halifax Times

of the 13th instant, under the signature of "A LAYMAN."

Mr. Editor, I am far from desirous of witnessing the agitation of the question at all in the Provinces, between men who have been born and brought up within

the pale of the Establishment. A question that has so unhappily agitated and divided the public mind in Scotland. Notwithstanding, however, wise and desirable it might have been to avoid the agitation of the sore question, which involved the peace and unity of Presbyterians on this side the water, the question has unfortunately been thrust upon them, and it is as unlikely to be determined here, by the calm, dispassionate force of enquiry, as in Scotland, the calamitous result of which, here every good man must deplore. Emissaries or agents from the seceding body, have crossed the broad Atlantic—not for the pure evangelical purpose of preaching Jesus the Saviour of men—his peace-speaking righteousness—in the mildness of Christian charity and love, persuading men; but with all the zeal of a missionary spirit preaching a crusade against that venerable Establishment that has done so much as an Orthodox Church of Christ—that has done so much too for Scotland and Scotchman both at home and abroad—with her munificent, philanthropic, and evangelical schemes—diffusing the blessings of gospel instruction and sound knowledge far and near—and all for which a Scotchman hold his national Church—the Church of his fathers dear—and it is his comfort to believe that he will live and die in her communion.

The Seceding body may have sent out men to agitate, to whom personally a great deal of courtesy and kindness may be due for bye gone services, and which still should be remembered to them for good, yet the integrity of principle must be maintained.

I am far from supposing that could these very men, who are now found so active in disseminating the elements of discord in the Church, and among christian brethren, but perceive, in the vista of time, the result of seducing the sympathies of Colonists from the Church of their fathers, as by law established, that most of them would shrink in dismay from the responsibility and guilt of being the instruments of first planting the germs of national defection and rebellion. These gentlemen should bear in mind the aptness and vigour of the soil they are broad casting in. I am no polemic—I desire not to enter into the discussion of abstract or abstruse points of doctrine or church discipline. I am a plain Scotchman that loves my country, and love and venerate the church in which my fathers worshipped, and I humbly trust found grace—and in singleness of heart, pray for her peace and prosperity! As a Scotchman I feel that, do away with that attachment which has grown with his growth and strengthened with his strength—convince him that the object of his earliest veneration—has become an apostate to the faith, trampling down the covenant, cemented by the blood of martyrs—show her to be spiritually blind, greedily devouring the substance of the State, as the reward of her apostasy and venal desertion of the Standards of her holy faith—shew her doctrines and practices to be in opposition to the rule of faith and obedience, to the Scriptures—to be "a soul destroying, Christ denying Church"—shew her to be thus corrupted and defective, and clearly as he prized her, he will seek her fane no more! but enlist his sympathies in favor of a purer Church in another nation. Instil into a plain honest man's mind that the law of his native land is playing the tyrant—encroaching upon the spiritual immunities of the people—convince him of this and you strike at the very link that most firmly binds him to his Queen and country. Let those who are compassing sea and land to make proselytes, therefore pause to reflect, that when they have succeeded in weaning the feelings of attachment of the thousands in Canada, in New Brunswick, in Nova Scotia, &c., from the Church of Scotland, (which may God forbid,) they will then have succeeded in inflicting the deadliest blow on the connection between these Colonies and the British Isles, and the patriotism that now glows a passion will have perished.

The question, whatever its merits may be, as confined to Scotland, should not affect us here—and it is to be fervently hoped that even there, where these great, but erratic spirits, who have put forth their strength in conjuring up the ghost of grievances, shall have calmed down and contemplated, in a proper spirit, the work of their hands; or, should it not be sooner, when they of to-day shall have passed away, and be gathered unto their fathers, unity and peace will again prevail.

\* An expression made use of by one of the champions of the Free Church, so called, who has been lately engaged in a