

Pitcairns Auxiliary Bible Society was formed, on the 10th day of April 1812 at the West River. I was not there, but immediately after became a member, and have been enabled ever since to continue my yearly Mites to that good Cause. In the same year I formed the acquaintance of the Rev Jas Mc Gregor, whom to know was to know - for there was not one ^{friend} of all Nations in his whole composition - The acquaintance thus formed continued up to the day of his Death, unaltered.

The Society, I believe, never met again, or, at least soon, went down, for in 1815, only two years after its formation, Mr Mc Gregor applied to me to assist him in making collections, and keeping a Depot of the Societies Books in the Town, which I did, and also occasionally assisted him in making Remittances to the Parent Society, to the best of my ability up to 1825 when the Society was reorganised.

About 1817 & 18 I formed out by my intercourse with the French Catholics of Cape Breton & Magdalen Islands, that the Scriptures were in a great measure unknown to them, and that there would be no great difficulty in introducing them, I mentioned this to Dr Mc Gregor, and we at once ordered out a few Bibles & Testaments of Dr Scays Mission, to make the Trial, and from that time forward, with the continuance & aid of

Some of their Priests, but in spite of the determined
oppositions of many others of them, we succeeded in the
course of several years in salting and giving to
the extent of several Hundreds of Copies among
the French Inhabitants of C. Rictou, P. E. Island
New Brunswick, and the Magdalenas - we also
sent them to Anishat, & Tracadie by the Trading
Vessels visiting this Port. But there was one large
Portion of that People, whom we had not yet reached
residing at Clame & in the West of the Province.

about 1823 I addressed a letter to their Pastor
the Rev. Mr. Liguac, stating what we had done
for others and offering to supply his people through
his instrumentality. I received a very courteous
Reply asking me to send him Copies for inspection,
this was done, and in a very short time rec^d
another Communication, enclosing £2, stating his
cordial approbation of the mission, and ordering
the value of his money in Testaments, this he repeated
from year to year almost to the time of his Death
at which time he had put in circulation nearly
500 Copies among his own People and at Minudie,
at the head of the Bay of Fundy. In 1829 I had
an accidental interview with the Abbe, at Annapolis
whom he took occasion to state that at the time we first
communicated with him, there was not one com-
plete copy of the Scriptures among all the People under

his Charge - that many few of them, had even read
any portion of the word of God, and that not
a few had never seen, nor heard of such a
Man till he brought them to them. He further
states, the high degree of Pleasure it had given his
People, to receiving this valuable Treasure from
his hands, and that a marked difference, to the
letter, was manifest among his People in their
moral & religious deportment, in consequence
of their reading the Scriptures. He also made some
very severe remarks on some of his Brethren
for withholding the Bible from their People,
under the Evanescent Impression that by giving
them, it they ^{would} weaken their own influence over
them - so far from this being the case in his
own Experience, he said, he verily believed that
if he required some of his own People to lay
down their life for him, they would not hesi-
tate to make the Sacrifice. These Sentiments
so freely uttered, and so honourable to the Bible
as a Christian Pastor, he has not hesitated to
Embodiment in his letter, to me, in defiance of the
annual fulminations, against Bible Societies
from the Vatican.

In making my yearly call on the In-
habitants of the Town, in 1824 for the Bible
Society. Some of the Parties who formerly con-

tributed, with hidel their contributions saying
they had heard that Dr. McGregor applied
all the money thus collected to his own use,
I mentioned this to the Dr, - when he replied
with the usual calm smile on his counte-
nance - "well, this is no more than I had
reason to expect, but we must think of some
Remedy". The next time I saw him, he said, "we must
make an attempt to reorganise the Society; this
will relieve you and me of much responsi-
bility, and you can get a committee to enquire
into my claims for the last 10 or 12 years".
Accordingly we advertised a Public Meet-
ing in the Court house, for the 9th July - 1825
and by making many personal calls we suc-
ceeded in getting a good meeting. The
Society was reorganised and the Rules
of 1813 modified to suit the then circumstances
of the Society - and one of the first of its
acts was at Dr. McGregor's Request to appoint
a committee to draw up a Statement of
his and my proceedings since the dissolution
of the former Society, Their report amply
vindicated, as might be expected, the Dr
from all sinister conduct.

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