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NEWFOUNDLAND &c. SCHOOL SOCIETY.

SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Sermon.

Wednesday, April 29, at vi¹/₂ p. m.; at St. Bridge's, Fleet Street; by Rev. Thomas Dale, M. A., Vicar; from 1 John v. 12: Col. 40l. 2s. 11d.

Meeting.

Thursday, April 30, at xii; in the Lower Room, Exeter Hall; Lord Bexley, President, in the Chair: Col. 33l. 0s. 7d.

Movers and Seconders.

Lord Mountsdford; and Rev. Daniel Wilson—Rev. John B. Marsden; and Rev. Henry Budd—Rev. Josiah Bateman, Vicar of Marlborough; and Rev. Dr. Steinkopff—and John Wheelton, Esq., Sheriff of London and Middlesex; and Percival White, Esq.

Resolution.

—At the close of the Seventeenth Year of the operations of this Society in Newfoundland, and of the First Year of its establishment in Lower Canada, this Meeting seems especially called on to review, with devout gratitude, the manifest blessings which it has pleasure Almighty God to bestow on the labours of the Society in Newfoundland: and from such review, to derive encouragement to labour yet more abundantly, where its first-fruits of faith and love have been gathered; and, at the same time, to press forward with fresh ardour into those wider fields of usefulness in British North-America, which, after ten years' waiting, Divine Providence has now thrown open to the Christian enterprise of this Society.

State of the Funds.

Receipts, 3202l. 4s. 9d.—Payments, 3748l. 8s. 11d.

Summary and Appeal.

For upward of 16 years the Society has been steadily prosecuting its work in the Colony of Newfoundland. In that long and much-neglected spot it has planted about 50 Daily, Sunday, and Adult Schools, in which many thousands have received instruction. In connection with each School it has established its Loan Library, which has been found of great usefulness to the inhabitants; and it has put into circulation, through the liberal grants of the Bible, Prayer-Book and Homily, and Religious-Tract Societies, thousands of Bibles and Prayer-Books, and hundreds of thousands of other Religious Publications. Its Teachers, besides their primary duty in the School, have acted as Catechists—visiting the sick, distributing Tracts, and conducting, under ecclesiastical sanction, Public Service in Settlements where there would otherwise have been no Means of Grace on the Lord's Day. The beneficial results of these various and persevering endeavours to do good, both to the children and the adult population, have called forth the merited acknowledgment of the Constituted Authorities; and have given to the Society such hold on the affections of the inhabitants generally, that, if assistance were rendered, it might at once extend to many yet destitute Settlements and earnestly imploring help, the blessings of a Scriptural Education.

Such being its decided success in Newfoundland, the Friends of the Society have been most anxious to redeem the pledge given in 1829, by the Establishment of its Schools among our Transatlantic Brethren in the Provinces of British North-America. In the full confidence,

under the blessing of God, of meeting with adequate support, the Committee were induced to send out two Teachers to the Eastern Township of Lower Canada: they were most kindly received; and the object of their visit warmly entertained by many, both among the Clergy and Laity. Other places have forwarded applications. Two other Teachers have since sailed for Canada, one of whom has been admitted by the Bishop of Montreal into Holy Orders; his Lordship having engaged to ordain such of the Teachers as may be qualified, and where the stations to which they may be appointed are without Pastoral Ministrations.

The Society has not done half its work in Newfoundland; and never was it more needed than at present, when, through the spread of Popery and the deficiency of Protestant Instruction, a system of Education is attempted on the unhallowed principle of excluding the Bible; while in the Canadas, both official and private documents abundantly prove the necessity for the immediate Establishment of Scriptural Schools on Church-of-England principles. At Present, no such uniform and general system is provided: nor can it be expected where the Clergy are so few; and they, for the most part, itinerant Missionaries, separate from one another at immense distances.

The population of both Provinces amounts together to about 1,000,000; for whom the Church of England has provided only about 90 Clergymen; giving to each, on the average, a charge of upward of 10,000 souls, dispersed through an extent of country equal in size to an English County.

The Bishops of Montreal and Newfoundland have taken the Society under their patronage. Men, properly qualified are ready to go out; and places are prepared, and earnestly asking for them. A wide door and effectual is opened—nothing is wanting but Christian co-operation and support.

LOCAL.

(From the Public Ledger.)

TRINITY, JULY 27.—After a painful journey from Carbonear, the Lord Bishop of this Diocese reached Heart's Content; and having visited the Churches in that neighbourhood, passed over to Trinity on the 17th instant attended by the Rev. H. Hamilton. His Lordship was received on his landing in Trinity with every demonstration of joy and respect,—the same evening he preached in his usual style of persuasive eloquence.

Address, respectfully signed, was presented by the Rector, accompanied by a deputation appointed for that purpose, to which his Lordship returned a most kind and affecting reply—referring with great feeling to early associations, and expressive of the pleasure he experienced in finding them mutually cherished.

On Sunday, the 19th, his Lordship confirmed 192 persons; administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 145 communicants, and preached twice to overflowing congregations, by whom his discourses were received with breathless attention.

During the week, although much indisposed, His Lordship inspected the School, transacted the business of the mission, visited the Churches and settlements in the neighbourhood, and was pleased to express great satisfaction at the state of the Church and the general order of the mission. His Lordship has conferred on the Rev. W. Bullock the office and dignity of Rural Dean of Trinity, with jurisdiction over the Churches and Schools in the Northern District of the Diocese.

On Sunday, the 26th, an ordination was held, when Mr. David Martin was admitted

to the order of Deacon, and licensed to assist in the Churches under the care of Mr. Bullock; in the evening his Lordship preached a sermon highly instructive to the teacher and the taught, which was listened to with the deepest interest and attention, not unmixed with concern for his Lordship's too evident sufferings from the effects of a severe cold caught by exposure to the inconvenient and uncertain mode of travelling in this country. We sincerely hope his Lordship will soon be restored to health; and that he will not find it necessary to seek the more genial climate of Bermuda.

It having been previously agreed, at a vestry meeting, held in St. Paul's vestry-room, in Trinity, the following address was presented to the Lord Bishop on the 18th instant:—

To the Right Reverend Father in God AUBREY, Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, and having Episcopal jurisdiction over the Island of Bermuda.

WE, the Rector, Church Wardens, and Parishioners of Trinity, are happy to congratulate your Lordship on your elevation to the episcopate, and upon your safe arrival in this newly constituted Diocese.

In common with all the members of our apostolic Church, we are thankful that it has pleased her Most Gracious Majesty to erect this Island into a separate Bishopric; and that the oversight of it has been intrusted to your Lordship, and we feel confident that under your paternal care, the Church will be brought more immediately under Episcopal control, and that everything connected with it will be settled on the best and surest foundation.

It is a source of no small gratification to us that we hail in the first Bishop of Newfoundland, the once diligent pastor of this humble settlement, in which there are many still living who remember with lively emotion your earnest exhortations and faithful labours, in which all are brought to pray for the blessing of the Lord God Almighty upon your person and upon your sacred ministry.

(Signed by the Rector, Churchwardens, &c.)

To which his Lordship gave the following reply:—

Trinity, 18th July, 1840.

GENTLEMEN.—Among the many marks of attention with which I have been honoured since my arrival in this Colony, I receive with peculiar satisfaction the congratulations of the inhabitants of a district endeared to me by the indelible recollection of reciprocated confidence and kindness, and of whose prosperity I have frequently heard, with thankfulness to the Almighty Giver of all good, during the many years that have elapsed since the termination of our more immediate intercourse. That during the greatest part of that long interval, my place among you has not been left desolate, but has been fully supplied by your exemplary Pastor, is a matter on which I cannot feel too grateful; and in my present re-connection with you in the character with which it has pleased God to invest me, as the Bishop of this Diocese, you may confidently rely on my careful and affectionate superintendence of this most interesting portion of my charge.

I pray, with the deepest cordiality, that the Great Head of the Church, the Eternal Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, may increase the blessings which have hitherto attended you; and I trust that so long as it is in the Councils of the Divine Wisdom to continue my pilgrimage on earth, I may largely participate, with respect to this flock, the feelings of St. Paul towards his beloved Philippians, and that hearing of your sustained piety and patient continuance in well doing, I may thank my God on every remembrance of you.

To the Rector, Churchwardens, and Parishioners of Trinity.

From the Times, August 19.

We have much pleasure in announcing the return to St. John's of the Bishop of this diocese.—His Lordship arrived here in the brigantine *Mary Jane*, Captain TAYLOR, accompanied by his Chaplain, from Catalina. We are glad to hear that notwithstanding the arduous duties His Lordship has had to perform, and the severe indisposition under which he laboured during his stay at Trinity he is looking much stronger than when he left St. John's, some seven or eight weeks ago.

On Saturday the 8th instant His Lordship proceeded to Catalina, and on the following day (Sunday) he preached at the Church in that settlement, and administered the rite of Confirmation to 52 individuals. In the afternoon of the same day he crossed the country, over a most wretched road, to Bonavista, the residence of the Rev. Mr. WOOD. There, in the evening of the same day the Bishop preached to a very large congregation, and confirmed 41 persons. On the 10th His Lordship again preached at Bonavista both at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7 in the evening; and again held a confirmation at which 22 people received the imposition of hands. On the 12th His Lordship proceeded in a boat to King's Cove, and after having visited the school on the following morning, 73 persons were confirmed, the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to 32 recipients of the body and blood of Christ, and 8 children were admitted into the body of the Church of God.

On Saturday the 15th the Bishop was rejoined at Bonavista by his Chaplain, the Rev. C. BLACKMAN, who had proceeded in the *Mary Jane* in quest of His Lordship with important despatches from England and Bermuda. On the following morning he again preached, and confirmed 19 persons, at Bonavista, and from thence passed over to Catalina, where with the assistance of the Rev. Messrs. BLACKMAN and WOOD a full service was performed, another confirmation held, and the sacrament of Baptism administered. After the most fatiguing exertions of the day His Lordship went on board the vessel sent to convey him to this town, and at a very early hour on the morning of Monday sailed from Catalina, and arrived here in the course of the day. Thus, in addition to many other pressing duties, His Lordship has held in the Island fifteen or sixteen Confirmations, and admitted to that holy rite nearly