

We regret to have to state that no collection was made last year towards the completion of the Church at Old Bonaventure, not on account of any unwillingness of the people themselves, for before proceeding to the Labrador they had promised subscriptions; but owing to an oversight or omission on the part of the collectors, Messrs. HENRY and WILLIAM STONE, who had not as they intended, furnished in time to Messrs. SLADE of this place, the amount of the promises made, in order to their being collected from the parties who had dealings with that firm. However, the Messrs. STONE have engaged a crew to prepare during the winter, at their own expence, 2,000 feet of clapboard for the Church.

At Ireland's Eye no collection was made for the Church Society, as the ability of the people is for the present sufficiently taxed to build the New School House at that place under the Board of Education, having had a Teacher lately engaged by the Board to serve them.

It is hoped that when the New School House at the North Side shall have been finished or prepared for use, some person may be found capable and willing to read the Church Prayers on Sundays for the benefit of the many inhabitants in that quarter, young and old, who hardly ever, if ever, go to Church at Trinity or Salmon Cove. Last fall the Reader of Cuckold's Cove who resides at Trinity, declined continuing his services there, alleging his inability to do so. And in reference to Trinity, you are aware that since the removal of Mr. Crouch, Mr. Watts has been engaged by your Committee to say Prayers, &c., at Trinity Church, during the occasional absence of the Minister on Sundays, for an addition of 40s. to his salary as Reader at Salmon Cove; while the Reader at English Harbour supplies his absence during half the day at Salmon Cove for an additional consideration of 20s. per annum.

In August last your Minister on the faith of the promised payment of Church Members here and elsewhere, and of the additional vote of the Committeæ here of Ten Pounds towards the Harmonium for Trinity Church, ordered out the Instrument from London, which as he is informed by Mr. Hepburn is expected to be sent out in the ensuing spring by Messrs. Brooking, free of freight, so that the expense of conveyance out may be saved to the congregation.

Trusting that this useful and honorable association, which is yet but in its infancy, may enlist the zealous exertions of its members, and that no temporary discouragement of whatever nature may have the effect of extinguishing their ardour in the good cause, we close this report of operations in the mission of Trinity for the year 1856.

The Depository of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, fostered by your Society, and under the care of Mr. J. T. BURTON, Water Street, St. John's, is in a flourishing condition and is the means of doing much good by the circulation of