

talking of building houses for themselves on this spot. Some of them I understand have already cut down timber and squared logs for this purpose. It will certainly be a great advantage to them, if they succeed in putting up strong and comfortable houses.

March 6th.—Most of the Indians in the village have gone to their sugar-camps to make preparations for making maple-sugar. Those who are still here intend leaving next Monday. Our Evening School for the Indian children is therefore closed for the present. On the whole the attendance of the children since the beginning of the winter has been good and regular; they have made a marked improvement in their reading. Thus our labours in this branch of our mission work have not been in vain.

Here I bring my report to a close.

Praying that the Lord may shed down his heavenly blessing on all that is being done by the Society for the good of souls, and that he may aid their efforts to bring about the extension of his kingdom.

I remain,

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

PETER JACOBS.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

### SYNOD.

The annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron is hereby convened for Thursday, the 23rd day of June, to meet in London. Service at 10 o'clock a.m., in St. Paul's Cathedral.

By order of the

LORD BISHOP.

J. WALKER MARSH, M.A.,

*Clerical Secretary.*

L. LAWRENCE,

*Lay Secretary.*

London, April 4, 1859.

The attention of the Clergy and Churchwardens is called to articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Synod Constitution, and a strict compliance with these is requested.

Members of Synod, who have business to bring before the Synod, are referred to article 6 of "Rules regarding Committee's."

The annual meeting of the Church Society will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of June, in St. Paul's Schoolhouse, at 7 o'clock p.m.

A business meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock a.m.; and the Standing Committee will meet on Tuesday, the 21st, at 6 p.m.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

### REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Never since the formation of this Society, had its members more reason for encouragement than at the last Anniversary meeting. The proceedings have been published in full in the last Annual Report, and presented to the subscribers in a form, which it is hoped has met with their approval. His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, who presided on that occasion, showed the warmest sympathy in our work, and expressed his views of its importance in a way which has, no doubt,

been fully appreciated by the Society. The account of his late visitation tour, kindly read by the Lord Bishop, added greatly to the interest of the Meeting, and it set before the Society the pressing need of the work it has undertaken to do, and of additional exertions in carrying out its holy objects.

At the last Meeting, it was found that the contributions for the past year had considerably exceeded those of any former period. The General Committee, therefore, were enabled to appropriate a sum larger than usual for Missionary purposes. By this means, a new Mission was at once opened at Canning and the adjoining Parishes on the Grand Lake, and a Clergyman at once appointed by the Lord Bishop for this important and extensive field. Soon after the last meeting of the Society, the vacant post of curate of Saint Stephen was filled by his Lordship, by an appointment which has proved highly beneficial to the Church in that place.

It is deeply to be regretted that the Missionary at Greenwich and Petersville, whose failing health was noticed in the last Report, has been obliged to resign his charge. And more recently, the Rev. J. S. Williams, Missionary at Campobello, was compelled by ill health to apply for leave of absence.

The continued depression in commerce and other pursuits of industry during the past year, may reasonably be supposed to have affected in some degree the operations of this Society. Already, it is hoped, this period of embarrassment and difficulty has nearly passed, and with the renewed prosperity of the Province, the Society will, without doubt, by the blessing of the Almighty, make greater advances in its career of usefulness. How far, meanwhile, it has maintained its position—how far that more important portion of its work unaffected by the changes incident to all temporal things, has been permitted to prosper during the past year, must be learned from the reports of the Missionaries, and of the several Local Committees.

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The result then, with regard to the contributions for the present year, as gathered from the foregoing reports, is as follows, viz:—Missionary visits, £8 5s; Divinity Scholarships, £2 2s. 6d; Books and Tracts, £3 18s 9d; Churches and Chapels £23; Aged Clergy Fund, £1 10s; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, £9 2s; General Purposes, £1508 16s 7d; total, £1556 13s 10d.

Here it may safely be affirmed is ample proof that the Society is now prepared to cope with ordinary difficulties, that its holy objects are regarded with increasing interest, and that the cause it has embraced is taking deep root in the confidence and affection of its members. And there is much in those Missionary reports to stir the zeal and to animate the hopes of those who long to see "the Church of the living God," with all its blessings, extended to the ignorant and to the destitute.

By reference to the returns of the Missionaries and comparing them with those of the past year, it will be observed that there is a large increase in the number of public services performed, and in the number of communicants and baptisms, while the Society may observe with astonishment the enormous labour performed by the Missionaries, and the miles they are compelled to travel in the performance of their duty.

It may at times happen to this Society as it does to individuals—it may have to pass through trials, and meet with discouragements. Were it otherwise—did all things, at all times, go on smoothly and prosper, it might be doubted whether the work were of Him, whose kingdom on the earth ever has been, and ever will be opposed, even to the end.

Such things, so far from tempting any to desert their Master's cause, ought rather to excite to more determined earnestness and zeal. The frailty of man should feel the greater need of heavenly strength. In this way, the Society, as in the case of individuals, under the correction of the Almighty, may become only the more "established, strengthened, and settled." Each of its members, whatever be his calling or his occupation, not only resolved to give of his substance according as God has blessed him, but, what is of really more importance, to show by true holiness of life, the advantage of those blessings this Society would extend to others.

But while the Society claims alike from all its members such support, the time seems to have arrived when it must also take up the call made of old, for more labourers to go forth into the fields now "white unto harvest." In a temporal point of view, little inducement can be held out to those who would devote themselves to the work of the ministry. Still, it may be asked, in what other cause is there afforded scope for a nobler ambition or higher aims? The object is so weighty, the interest invested so important, that the highest intellect and the most untiring energy can always find abundant exercise, and, in the end—an abundant reward.

These are truths, which brought with all their force before rightly minded Churchmen, are ever highly regarded. And when at the Annual Meeting of each Local Committee the members of the Church are generally assembled, and the claims and wants of the Society are pressed upon their attention, this appeal will not fail to meet with a ready response in every devout and generous heart.

Since the above was written, it has pleased God to call to himself one whose name has always been closely associated with this institution—the Venerable and Reverend Archdeacon COSTER, its first Vice President. To the wise foresight of the late Archdeacon, this Society owed its formation, under a Constitution, which, with trifling alterations, has been found admirably fitted to carry out its holy objects. Though for many years past prevented by illness from taking an active part in its proceedings, no one felt a warmer interest in the work of the Society, no one rejoiced more at its success. His death, which occurred on the 8th January, after a brief illness, is deeply deplored in the Parish of Frederickton, of which he was for nearly thirty years the Rector. It will be felt especially by the younger Clergy, to whom he was ever a kind friend and judicious counsellor, and this Society will no doubt be ready to add its expression of deep regret for the loss it has sustained.

### MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

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Tuesday, March 1st, 1859.

The LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD in the Chair.

The Rev. Dr. Kay in a letter dated Bishop's College, Calcutta, Dec. 22, 1858, wrote as follows:—

"I have received the two boxes of Books sent by the 'Satledge'; they arrived in very good condition.

"The two native girls' schools, at Baripore and Hourah were commenced in 1857 and 1858 respectively. The former contains twenty-four, and the latter seventeen, Christian girls, who are boarded, lodged, and clothed, as well as taught; the greater part being orphans. The monthly expense of each girl is three rupees, on an average.

"The reason why the Committee of the Society