

years, \$1263 towards the Church, and with the exception of about \$10, this amount has been made entirely within the parish. As to the disposition of this money, we may remark that we have paid \$900 into the hands of the Rector for the use of the Building Committee; the sum remaining (after deducting the price paid for Communion Linen in 1858) \$360, is now, as we have said, subject to our order.

We have recapitulated these statements in order to shew clearly and distinctly what the Society has been enabled to accomplish since its organization, with but a small number of working members. Could we but rouse the women of the Congregation generally to work with us heart and hand, we might double, nay treble our yearly amounts. With such a spur to exertion as our unfinished Church in our midst, silently but eloquently reprobating us day by day, week by week, month by month—alas! that we should have to say it,—year by year,—who will be content to sit idly down, with folded hands, in listless unconcern? Will you not rather up and be doing? You our fellow workers, who have strengthened our hand, and sustained our spirits, will renew your energies, and where you have given us minutes strive to give us hours, and you our friends, who have assisted at our sales, but thought it needless to cheer us by your presence at our regular meetings, will you not try to help us in some way. If you cannot give us work, we would suggest that you should bring in a small monthly contribution in money, and with this view we have passed a resolution at our last monthly meeting that some members of the Society should call upon those persons who have hitherto professed their willingness to assist us regularly, but for the want of time to work, and request them to give in a small monthly donation in money.

It is true that arrangements can now be made without further assistance from us, for the roofing in of the church building, but still much, very much remains for us to do, and if we but join hand in hand, with the blessing of the Almighty we will do it. Let none think herself too poor, or too young to assist in the work; even a little child may do something, and our Lord himself blessed the widow's mite.

Think of it friends, earnestly, faithfully; it may seem but a small matter, but it is our province, our work, the talent committed to our charge, and we shall as certainly be called to give an account of this charge entrusted to our care, as the ruler over tens of cities, or the man who holds the fate of nations in his hands.

MRS. STEPHENSON,
President.
I. R. MATHESON,
Treasurer

W. R. F. BERFORD, Esq., then moved the fourth resolution:

"That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby offered, to those ladies who during the past year, canvassed the parish for contributions to the Church Society, as also to the Ladies of the Sewing Society who have by their exertions during the past few years contributed the sum of \$1,263, towards the erection and beautifying of a House of prayer."

Mr. Berford made a few preliminary remarks upon the ladies' canvass of the parish for the Church Society collection last year, and felt quite certain that whatever was the cause of the smallness of the amount collected, the fault did not rest with those ladies who had made every effort to gain subscriptions, and certainly deserved the thanks of the meeting for their exertions. Mr. Berford then made some amusing remarks on the gentlemen not imitating their zeal, nor seconding their efforts. Time was when it was considered

an honour and privilege to be side by side with a lady, but in these degenerate days the ladies leave the men far behind. He then referred to the organization of the Sewing Society under the Rev. A. Pyne, and in a few well chosen words highly complimented the members on the principle which had encouraged them to persevere in their work, declaring that many even of the oldest among those who style themselves the lords of creation might be put to shame, by the noble spirit they had shown.

The Rev. J. LAUREN rose to second the resolution.

Mr. L. humorously remarked that when he arrived in Perth that evening, after a drive of fifty miles, and found that he was to second the last resolution only, he felt rather nettled, but when he discovered what the resolution was, he felt more than repaid for his trouble, by the pleasure it gave him. He was pleased with, but not surprised, at the efforts of the women of the congregation; he had ever found women the best collectors, and always had, and always would employ them in his own parish. In speaking of a woman's sphere of work, the Rev. gentleman alluded to the good done in his own congregation by a benevolent society which he had formed, to visit the sick and aged, &c. He intended to take home some reports of the Perth Society, as the ladies of his congregation proposed forming a similar society in Ottawa. He also commended the Perth society for their energy and perseverance in their labours.

The chairman then put this resolution to the meeting and it was carried unanimously. After singing the doxology, the Rev. R. L. Stephenson pronounced the benediction, and the meeting dispersed.

JOURNAL OF VISITATION OF THE BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND IN 1859.

We think we will confer an obligation on our readers by giving them, at full, the Journal of Bishop Field's visitation of his bleak and desolate Diocese. May God be pleased to stir up the hearts of his servants in England, so that the Bishop may have his hands strengthened by men to work out his plans, and by means to support them.

The Church-ship left St. John's immediately after the morning services, with Holy Communion, on St. Peter's day. The Bishop was accompanied on this occasion by the Rev. G. M. Johnson, (the Society's missionary of the out-harbours,) and the Rev. G. Tucker, (ordained deacon on the preceding Trinity Sunday) as his chaplains, and by the Rev. R. M. Johnson, appointed to succeed the Rev. A. Gifford in the mission of the Strait of Belle Isle, on the Labrador.

The special objects of this voyage were, (1.) To visit all the harbours and settlements in White Bay, none of which, unhappily, had ever been visited by a clergyman of the Church of England. (2.) To convey the Society's missionary, appointed to relieve Mr. Gifford, to his station on the Labrador. (3.) To celebrate the services of confirmation and consecration in all the different missions on the southern and western shores, commencing at Sandy Point in St. George's Bay, and ending at St. John's, thus making a circuit of the whole island.

All these objects have, by God's gracious mercy and help, been successfully accomplished, with no greater hindrance than that occasioned by calms and head winds, and no greater loss than that of an anchor. The anchor was lost by the parting of the chain, while getting under way in St. George's Bay.

Friday, July 1st.—The Church-ship put into

Twillingate, after a heavy breeze, which caused some damage to the main boom, and made repairs necessary. Here the Bishop and his companions had the unexpected gratification of being joined by the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, on his way to his mission on the Labrador, accompanied by Mr. Rutwood, of the Theological College. They were kindly conveyed in a vessel engaged by two American gentlemen (one of them a clergyman) to visit the coast of Labrador, for the purpose of examining and sketching icebergs. Their vessel put into Twillingate that they might have the benefit of the services of the Church on Sunday; and so it came to pass that on

Sunday, July 3rd, the Bishop and six clergymen were present at, and took part in, the services in St. Peter's Church at Twillingate; an event of no ordinary interest, where usually one clergyman, alone and unassisted, performs three full services. The Bishop preached in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon and evening the other clergy officiated on each side of the harbour.

Tuesday, July 5th.—The necessary repairs having been completed, the Church ship started for White Bay, but could make no way against a head-wind and heavy sea, and, after with difficulty beating out of the harbour, returned. The next day the attempt was renewed with better success, and on

Thursday, July 7th, the Church ship ran across White Bay (the wind blowing out) to Little Harbour Deep on the north shore; there on the following day,

Friday, July 8th, the services of the Church (Morning and Evening Prayer) were celebrated, for the first time in all White Bay, and were attended by the families of that and a neighbouring harbour, who brought several children to be baptized. The Church ship then visited in succession Little Coney Arm, Hauling Point, Jackson's Arm, Sop Island, Gold Cove, Purbeck Cove, Seal Cove, and Hooping Harbour, all in White Bay, and all of these, except Jackson's Arm, (from which the people followed the Church-ship to Sop Island,) the prayers and occasional offices of the Church were duly solemnized, and in all of them the inhabitants gladly and thankfully availed themselves of this novel and unexpected, but long and much-desired opportunity, of profiting by the services of their Church. Several couples came to be joined together in holy matrimony, who had been living together for years as man and wife. Parents presented themselves with their children to be baptized or received into the Church. All left their work to attend the Morning and Evening Prayers. It was very sad to observe the great and general ignorance of people apparently so much in earnest: very few, in some harbours not a single person, could read. In one harbour a woman was generally employed to baptize, because she was the only person who could pronounce correctly the sacred form of words, in another harbour two women, by agreement, baptized each other's children. Except in one harbour there was no common burying-place, and burials were conducted by the relatives only, without any form or service. It is yet more sad to consider that this state of heathenish ignorance and alienation from Church privileges and all the means of grace was not occasioned, at least in regard of the young, by their own fault, and cannot by them be remedied.

The visits to these harbours occupied, with some detention by calm- and head-winds, from Friday, July 8th, to Friday, July 22nd, on which latter day the Church-ship sailed into Canada Bay. Here there was the same need, and the same desire, of the offices of the Church as in White Bay, with this difference, that the inhabi-