

care, and for the due improvements of which they will have to render a strict account, than in raising up and sustaining some worthy young man, to preach Christ Jesus to a perishing world? A gentleman connected with this country by business relations only, having learned the great want of Divinity Students in this Diocese, and having providentially met in one of his visits to this country a promising lad, in whom he became interested, is now educating him, preparatory to sending him to Trinity College, with a view of his being prepared for the ministry. Your Committee trust that this excellent example may find many imitations amongst those, more intimately connected with this country, than is the Christian merchant alluded to!

Clergymen and Sunday School teachers might further the increase of Divinity Students, by noticing in their parishes or classes, pious lads of promise, calling their attention to the ministry, and recommending them to the care and patronage of benevolent individuals or of the authorities of the Church.

In accordance with the practice of the inspired Apostles, as recorded in the Acts, the Church has directed that all her members should, by fasting and prayer, seek God's blessing for those ordained to the office of the sacred ministry; and in order that there may be united prayer for this most important purpose, she has fixed upon certain seasons of the year to be thus observed, the Ember Weeks.

Your Committee firmly believe that a more faithful observance than has hitherto prevailed in this Diocese of this Scriptural practice, would, under God, be not only blessed to those, for whose benefit it was specially ordered, but would also bring down God's richest blessings upon parents and children, that more of the former may turn the attention of their sons to the holy ministry, and that larger numbers of the latter, not counting their lives dear unto them, may devote themselves to the highest office to which man can be called—that of being fellow-workers together with Christ in saving souls.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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### Foreign Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

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

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Tuesday, April 6th, 1859.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Colombo, dated Colombo, Ceylon, Jan. 29, 1859. The following are extracts—

"It is most gratifying to me to thank the Board very sincerely for the grant of £25 towards Batticaloa new church. For the large type Testaments and Prayer Books for each of our four military hospitals also, I gladly thank the Society.

"I am much pleased to tell you of the re-opening of the Rev. J. Thurstan's Industrial School on the first day of the new year, and of its result thus early. The Governor, convinced of its usefulness to the native population in giving a thoroughly practical turn to their training, took up the case heartily, and last year passed £1200 at the disposal of Mr Thurstan, under a trust consisting of two influential lay members of the civil service with myself, for the various buildings required, and has added this year £500 more, for their continued extension.

"Mr. Thurstan has worked most successfully, and advanced the buildings to that state, that at the opening of the year he determined to occupy them at once, and took his thirty boys with him, to begin the simplest of their industrial works, and the cultivation of thirteen acres for the growth of arrow root, tapoca, &c. He means to take 100 boys, when able, and for the remaining seventy, has 161 applications already. I visited it with the Bishop of Pertu a few days since, and was greatly pleased to find already eighty boys in active, cheerful employment, gardening or working.

"The Society will, I am persuaded, think £20 well expended in furnishing Maps and Books for an Industrial School of 100 or 150 native Singalese boys, to teach them not only the English language, but the spirit of English self reliance (as far as we can teach it), and what is still better, the abiding principles of Christian truth and faith. And therefore I ask this without fear or misgiving."

It was agreed that publications to the value of £20 be granted for the object specified by the Bishop.

The Lord Bishop of Huron, in a letter dated London, Canada West, Feb. 19, 1859, wrote as follows:—

"For some time I have intended to write to you, but I have been so much absent from my home, that I deferred doing so until I should have finished my travelling for the season. I have now visited every part of my extensive diocese, even those places which are only accessible in winter when the snow is on the ground. There is a large tract of country bordered by Lake Huron, and comprising about 5,500 square miles, which I penetrated last month. In it I found large settlements of our fellow-churchmen, who recently settled in the country, and who were entirely destitute of the means of grace. I have placed two missionaries, in part supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, amongst them, and I hope soon to be able to send three more into the tract.

"The grant of Books which your Society made me when in England has been of infinite service; I gave the last set of Service Books to the church at Bayfield, in the Huron Tract. I would, therefore, ask of your Society another grant of Books. The six sets of Service Books I gave to new churches, and I have applications from at least twelve new churches which are in progress in the new settlements. I would venture to ask the Society for a liberal grant of Prayer Books; I should like some of all sizes, but the Long Primer 24mo, strongly bound in calf, is the best suited to this country. It is very difficult to obtain Prayer Books so far back in the country. Bibles and American Prayer Books we can procure from the States, but our own Prayer Books must come to us from England. I trust that your Society, which so liberally supplied my wants before, will again assist me. I can assure them my wants have rather increased than diminished.

"I lately received a letter from Stephen S. Gower, Esq., requesting me to recommend to your Society the church at Bayfield for a grant towards its completion. I visited Bayfield on the 25th November, and confirmed in the church, and I was happy to be able to give £20 for the purpose of finishing the interior of the church; this I did from the grant of £300 made to me last year by your Society. Several things remain to be done for the church externally, but Divine Service is now regularly held in it. I have been able to assist sixteen churches out of the grant made to me by the Society. In no case have I given more than £25, and in some

only £10, and always for the purpose of placing the church in such a position that Divine Service could be held in it. As this grant is now expended, except about £5, I would ask an additional grant from the Society for the same purpose. The work of church-building will go on actively in the newly settled parts of this diocese for several years; and it is a great encouragement to the people to know that there is a fund from which they can hope for assistance to render their churches fit for Divine Service. From what I have myself witnessed, I can assure the Society that the members of our Church, scattered throughout the woods of Canada, are worthy of the assistance of their brethren at home. They are ready to do all in their power to provide themselves with places of worship, but money they have not.

"I am at present engaged in establishing a Diocesan Library for the use of the Clergy. Books are so expensive here that our Clergy cannot afford out of their small stipends to purchase them; and a good library would be an incalculable benefit to them, more especially to those who have not had the advantage of an University education. I would therefore ask the Society for a grant of Books suitable to this object. I have applied to the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and Dublin for a grant of their publications.

"The Bishop of Toronto is wonderfully well for his years; he is yet active, and administers his diocese with as much vigour as ever. I am happy that by the separation of Huron from his overgrown charge, the most fatiguing part of his duty is taken off his hands. To all appearance he will yet live many years to confer the benefit of his great experience upon the Church throughout the entire of Canada."

The Board agreed to place the following grants at the disposal of the Lord Bishop of Huron:—

For the purposes of church building in his diocese, £300

A supply of Common Prayer Books, £30.

Towards a Diocesan Library for the Clergy, £20.

Twelve sets of 4to Books for the performance of Divine Service.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec, in a letter dated Quebec, March 12, 1859, forwarded with his recommendation a communication from the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, late the Society's exhibitor at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, now missionary at Danville, Canada East, requesting a grant towards the completion of a new church in his mission. Mr. Fothergill said:—

"I feel sure that such appeal will not be made in vain, when that venerable body is made aware that the mission is one of great prospect, yet needing much assistance at the commencement. The congregations are steadily increasing, both in Danville and at the various outposts. The Sunday-school is also in a very flourishing condition, and almost daily do I hear of some persons that once belonged to the Church desirous of returning after their many wanderings."

The Board granted £30 towards this church. Mr. Fothergill having also requested books towards a Parish Library, these were granted to the value of £5.

The following grants of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Books and Tracts were made:—

For a Lending Library at Cape Cove, Gaspé, Canada East, on the application of the Rev. S. Crosse, £6.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED TO JULY 1.

TO END OF VOL. VI.—W. A. H., Pembroke; J. B., Thornhill; Rev. E. M., Barrie.