

From the Christian Keepsake for 1837.

THE OUTCAST.

By Sarah Stickney.

Who is the alien from his father's home?
Who is the exile from his native shore?
Who the lone wanderer, self-condemned to roam,
And find the haven of his rest no more?

Is it the outcast from parental love?
The traitor banished by his country's doom?
The child of penury, whose footsteps rove
O'er weary paths, to find a nameless tomb?

No; for the outcast has a Friend on high,
And mercy shields him with her angel wings;
The banished exile may return, and die
A pardoned suppliant to the King of kings.

The child of penury ne'er walks alone,
Nor unregarded, save by mortal ken;
His steps are numbered, and his path is known,
Where heavenly guardians watch the ways of men.

It is the exile from the promised land,
The alien heedless of his Father's call,
The wanderer who returns not, that demand
Tears of the deepest sympathy from all.

He, in his long, long travel, knows no rest;
No welcome woos him, and no smiles repay;
Self-exile from the regions of the blest,
Alone he treads his dark and thorny way.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

RULES

Adopted at a Public Meeting in the National School-house,
Halifax, 22d May, 1837.

- 1st. That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia for the time being, and the Societies in England for the Propagation of the Gospel, and for Promoting Christian Knowledge, be respectfully requested to be the Patrons of this Society.
2. That the Bishop of the Diocese be the President of the Society, with a control over all their proceedings. His approval shall be necessary for the completion of all important acts of the Society, and especially, for the revocation or alteration of any of the Standing Rules and for making any addition to them.
3. That there shall be two or more Vice Presidents, of whom the Archdeacon of Nova-Scotia shall be the first; a Secretary and assistant Secretary when necessary, and a Treasurer.
4. That there shall be a standing Committee consisting of the Officers, all the Clergy, and as many Laymen as it shall be thought convenient to choose at the Annual Meeting of the Society. The Lay Members shall continue in the Committee for a year, or until other Lay Members be chosen in their place; and any or all of them may be re-elected. Seven of the Committee shall be a Quorum, provided four of them be Laymen.
5. That the Society shall be open to all the Members of the Church, all of whom shall be invited to unite with it. That ten pounds paid at any time shall qualify a person to be a Member during his life, and that the payment in advance of any sum, however small, shall qualify a person to be a Member for a year.
6. That the members of the church in every part of the province shall be invited to co-operate with the Diocesan Society by forming Committees of it which shall be formed, under the direction of their respective Clergymen, either in each mission or parish, or in more than one mission or parish united, as shall be deemed most convenient, and in strict accordance with the designs and rules of the Diocesan Society, and that it be recommended to the Committees to forward their funds, as they may be collected, to the General Committee who will faithfully apply them to the general objects of the Society; but when the Local Committees desire it, they shall receive books at costs and charges to the amount of one fourth of their remittances.
7. That there shall be one general Meeting of the whole Society, including any members of the Local

Committees who can conveniently attend, on such day and at such place as the President may name, of which due notice will be given, with an invitation to every Committee to send at least one Clergyman and two Laymen to represent such Committee, and with a recommendation that each Committee shall meet at some convenient time immediately before the General Meeting of the Society, that any necessary suggestions may be offered to the representatives of the Committees for their guidance at the general meeting. And that a special general meeting may be called at any time and in any place when the President, or in his absence, two or more Vice Presidents shall consider it desirable to appoint such General Meeting.

8. That the objects to which the attention of the Society shall be directed shall be generally those which have engaged the great Church Societies in England for the Propagation of the Gospel and for the promotion of Christian Knowledge and none other.

9. That the following objects shall more particularly engage the attention of the Society as soon as their means may enable them to afford such attention:

1. Supplies of Books and Tracts from the stores of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and none other, except in cases where other Books or Tracts in strict conformity with the principles of the Established Church and particularly adapted to local circumstances shall first be carefully examined and approved by a Committee of revision, to be appointed by the General Committee, the approval of which General Committee shall be necessary in the next place, and then the books must likewise receive the written approbation of the Bishop.

2. Missionary visits to neglected and destitute places, under the direction of the Bishop.

3. Upholding by all possible and proper means the Collegiate Establishments at Windsor.

4. Assistance to deserving young men desirous of being qualified for the ministry of the Church, but requiring aid in pursuing their studies at the Collegiate Establishments at Windsor.

5. Aid to Sunday and other Schools in which due attention is paid to instruction in the principles of the Established Church.

6. Encouragement to the instruction and training of respectable Teachers for Sunday and Daily Schools.

7. Assistance to the erection or enlargement of churches and chapels belonging to the Established Religion, in peculiar or extreme cases.

To these objects generally, the general contribution will be applied; while contributors who desire it, may have their individual contributions scrupulously confined to any one or more of these objects. And as some members of the Church, who are not unmindful of the great spiritual wants in their own neighbourhood still feel constrained, in pious gratitude for the blessings they enjoy, to allot something, however small, from the means with which a gracious Providence has blessed them, towards the spread of the glorious Gospel among the nations which still sit in darkness, it was resolved,

10. That this Society will gladly receive and forward to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel whatever sums may be given for the conversion and instruction of the Heathen, to which object such sums will be strictly confined by the East India Committee of that Society.

11. That Books and Tracts will generally be on sale at cost and charges; and whenever in particular cases a deviation from this rule is desired, it must be considered by the standing Committee and only permitted when recommended by them and approved by the President or in his absence, by two or more of the Vice Presidents.

12. That all Meetings of the Society and of the Committees, be opened and closed with the prayers used by the two Societies in England, adapted to our situations, under the direction of the Bishop.

The following persons have been chosen as Officers of the Society and Members of the standing Committee for the year ending on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1838.

PATRONS.

His Excellency Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, K. C. B.
Lieutenant Governor.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

PRESIDENT.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

The Venerable Archdeacon Willis, D. D.

The Hon. Chief Justice Halliburton.

The Hon. T. N. Jeffery.

The Hon. C. R. Prescott.

Mr. David Hare.

SECRETARY.

Rev. William Cogswell.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Henry Pryor, Esq.

TREASURER.

Lawrence Hartshorne, Esq.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

All Clergymen of the Established Church, and Messrs J. L. Starr, Leaver, Joseph Starr, Bartlett, J. G. A. Creighton, James Tremain, E. Pryor, sen- W. Pryor, jr. A. Richardson, R. Richardson, J. Templest, C. W. H. Harris, Nepean Clarke, Glover, Capt. Kelly, (83d Regt.) Gruber, Sawyer, C. W. Hill.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF REVISION.

The Rev. Dr. Willis, Rector of St. Paul's, Halifax.
The Rev. R. F. Uniacke, Rector of St. George's do.
The Rev. A. D. Parker, Rector of Dartmouth.
The Rev. Edwin Gilpin, Rector of Annapolis.
The Rev. J. C. Cochran, Rector of Lunenburg.

Contributions and subscriptions towards the objects of this Society of whatever amount, will be thankfully received by the Rev. Dr. Willis, the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, and the Rev. A. D. Parker, as well as by the Secretary the Rev. W. Cogswell.

For the Colonial Churchman.

Messrs. Editors,

If you consider the following extracts from a clergyman's journal adapted to your paper, they are at your service.
PHILOS.
New Brunswick.

April 21st—A great rage among the people this spring to leave the country; they are desirous to emigrate to some land where they will have to undergo less labour and meet with fewer disappointments. It will be very difficult to find that happy spot upon the surface of this earth, where there will be no more trials and troubles. Heaven only can satisfy the longings of an immortal spirit; and would to God our people would look for their rest in that blessed world, and not promise themselves too much enjoyment in this changing, unsatisfying scene of existence. If they would seek for happiness by more close communion with God in prayer; by meditating on the boundless love of the Saviour, and by reflecting on the numberless blessings they enjoy so far beyond their deserts; if they would suffer the crosses and disappointments of life to answer the purposes for which the Almighty sends them, namely, to wean their hearts from the world, and to fix them upon those endless joys which are at God's right hand for evermore,—we should hear less murmuring against the dispensations of the Almighty and discover a greater desire to cultivate with increased diligence, those graces which shall fit them for the kingdom of heaven.

26th—Attended the funeral of a little girl who had been suffering almost from her birth; she died of a dropsy in the eighth year of her age. What sad havoc has sin made in the world! and it is not the least of the evils which it has brought in its train, that it subjects little innocent children to such bitter pains and sufferings.

How comfortable if we could always be cheered at the grave with those animating hopes which support us when we commit these little ones to the ground.

On my return home, found one of my own children who had before been somewhat complaining, quite ill. And thus it is. How frequently do we