

## S. P. G. REPORT FOR 1792

It is stated with reference to the Rev. J. Stuart "In the last summer he went to Niagara, and was detained there almost four weeks, as Chaplain to the Upper House of Assembly, and he found the people well disposed to make Mr. Addison's situation as comfortable as may be, whose talents and character, he says, will doubtless contribute to the increase of the members of our Church."

In the Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Society held at Lambeth Palace on Jan. 16th, 1795, His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury being in the chair, on the recommendation of the Bishop of Quebec an additional £20 per annum was granted to Mr. Addison "to aid him in the expenses of travelling to the Mohawks at Quantit".

The following abstracts are taken from the original M.S. Proceedings of the S.P.G., the spelling etc. being unaltered.

At a General Meeting of the Society held on May 21st. 1790, His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury being in the chair, the Committee reported that a letter had been received from the Bishop of Nova Scotia dated Mar. 15th, 1790, in which his Lordship stated among other matters

"That he had received a joint letter from Colonel Butler and R. Hamilton Esqr. of Niagara, stating the desire of the People there to have a Clergyman. The inhabitants are 1000 men, 700 \* women, & 1400 children, half of which are of the church, and a very few Papists. They also transmitted the copy of a bond, by which the 12 principal inhabitants engage to pay £100 a year to any Clergyman appointed by the Bishop or the Society, from the time of his arrival for seven years to come, unless a legal provision is made in the mean time. That he will have a glebe and house, and if he chooses it, may easily procure lands for his own private property. Besides this, that a subscription is set on foot by The Magistrate in each Township for building Churches and supporting Ministers: and the first Protestant Clergymen that shall arrive, of whatever denomination, are to be first provided for out of their subscriptions. The state of the country, it seems, requires this latitudinarian scheme, many leading men being Dissenters, who have no Clergyman, and Government has not interfered in the business: and as the annual income of the wealthiest people is from £100. to £200 it is their intention that this Clergyman's income should be nearly the same, (the bond of £100 being paid to the Clergyman appointed by the Society, which is a separate business) and whoever goes first, if he manages prudently, will have a majority of the in

\* This refers to Fort Niagara then British.