

system adopted, in accordance with which aid will be granted proportionate to the exertions of the parishes.

During 1855 the sum of £153 10 has been given in trust to the Society; to be held as the property of the parishes by which it was sent, and the yearly proceeds paid to the Rectors. Of this amount £100 has been returned to the parish of Cornwallis, a secure investment having been found there. Care was taken by the Committee on Endowment that it should be so secured that the interest could be paid only for the use of the incumbent of the parish. The total amount under the care of the Investment Committee is stated in the Treasurer's abstract of sums invested.

CHURCHES.

The Society has paid £10 during 1855 toward the erection of a new Church in Ship Harbor on the Eastern shore, being first moiety of a grant for that purpose.

The following grants have been made for this object :

New Church at Bridgewater	-	-	£20	0	0
" " Tracadie	-	-	10	0	0
" " Coxheath, C. B.	-	-	10	0	0
" " Wallace	-	-	10	0	0
" " Ship Harbor	-	-	20	0	0
" " Forks, Windsor	-	-	7	10	0

It might be desirable for the Society to adopt plans and models of churches such as are best adapted to the wants of the country, and that all grants should be made upon the condition that one of the proposed plans and models should be followed.

BOOKS.

£37 11 8 has been paid for Books from the Depository of the S. P. C. K., to be returned to several of the local Committees, in lieu of the fourth of their contributions.

The Executive Committee, acting upon a recommendation adopted by the Society at the last Annual Meeting, voted £40 stg. to meet the same amount given by the Foreign Dist. Com. of S. P. C. K., in order to distribute by means of a colporteur, some of the valuable Books in the Depository.

The Committee of Revision, appointed by the Society in 1853, was directed to take the superintendence of the effort.

For some time the Committee were unable to find a suitable person to act as colporteur; but lately they have been more fortunate, and the experiment has been tried with sufficient success to induce the committee to renew the effort as soon as possible.

The zealous and active colporteur, a divinity student at King's College, was able, during six weeks of the summer vacation, to dispose of about £116 6 1 worth of Books, although his supply was not very well adapted to the wants or taste of the people on the western shore, where the trial was made.

It is very desirable that the effort to distribute these books of the S. P. C. K. should be continued, although it cannot be done without some cost to the Society.