

ON PRAYER.

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Utter'd or unexpress'd,—
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,—
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech,
That infant lips can try;—
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the christian's vital breath,
The christian's native air,—
His watchword at the gates of Death—
He enters Heaven with prayer.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways,—
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry, behold he prays!

In prayer on earth the saints are one,
In words, in deeds, in mind,—
When with the Father and the Son
Sweet fellowship they find.

Nor prayer is made on earth alone,
The Holy Spirit pleads,
And Jesus on th' Eternal Throne
For sinners intercedes.

Oh! Thou by whom we come to God,
The life, the breath, the way;—
The path of prayer thyself hath trod,
Lord teach us how to pray.—*Selected.*

THE COLONIAL CHURCHMAN.

LUNENBURG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1838.

OUR FATHERS, WHERE ARE THEY?—We have lately seen a list of the Clergy in Nova Scotia, in the year 1788, who signed the address to the first colonial Bishop, and we subjoin their names here. Their places know them no more,—their race is run, and they have gone, with their venerable head, to render their account to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. While we who now feed the flocks which once were fed by them, should take heed to ourselves and to the sheep of Christ committed to our charge, and anxiously watch for them as those who must give account,—we cannot but rejoice at the same time at the great increase of labourers since the period referred to above, inadequate though it still be to the wants of the vineyard.—In place of *eleven* watchmen then upon the walls of our Zion, we now have *thirty-eight* in Nova Scotia alone. Here are the Fathers of the Nova Scotian Church:—

Mather Byles, D. D., Wm. Walter, D. D., Joshua W. Weeks, Roger Viets, Bernard Michael Houseal, John Wiswall, Richard Money, John Eagleson, Wm. Ellis, John H. Rowland, Thomas Shreve.

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS.—We observe in the 'Church,' published at Cobourg, U. C. statements frequently given by the clergy of the different parishes, of the births, deaths, marriages, and other matters relating to them. We shall be glad to receive similar items of intelligence from our brethren in this Diocese, which when afterwards collected in one tabular statement, would afford a complete synopsis of the state of the Church at large. We subjoin the *notitia parochialis* for Lunenburg in the year 1837:—

Baptisms 106, marriages 20, burials 46, communicants 240. The Chester *notitia* stands thus—Baptisms 81, marriages 20, burials 10, communicants 172.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—We understand that the Rev. John Stannage was enabled to collect a small sum of money among his friends while in Jersey, with which he is now endeavouring to establish schools and places of worship in the destitute parts of his mission.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the head of St. Margaret's Bay, held on the 18th December last, it was resolved to build a School-house in that settlement, 18 feet by 24, to be also used as a place of worship, where the service of the church and printed sermons shall be read on Sundays by the teacher, under the direction of the minister; and which building shall be called "Filleul's School," in honour of the family who have done most towards it.

The people of Hagget's Cove and Boutilier's Point in said bay, also met on the 5th inst. and encouraged by the help promised them, agreed to erect a school-house at the head of Boutilier's Cove, 24 feet by 30, to be also used as a place of worship like the other. These schools and places of worship promise to be of great use in this extensive Bay; and it is greatly to be desired, that all the other places in the same mission which are destitute of schools, &c. could be supplied with them.

In the same parish, we are happy to hear, a collection in aid of the Diocesan Church Society was made, which brought several pounds, notwithstanding the poverty of the people arising from the failure of the fishing upon which they principally depend.—*Communicated.*

SYDNEY, C. B.—We are happy to find that a movement in behalf of the Church Society, has been made in this ancient town, the particulars of which we cheerfully record as below:—

ST. GEORGE'S CAPE-BRETON COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

On Saturday the 6th January, being the Festival of the Epiphany, a meeting was held in the church immediately after Divine service, for the purpose of forming a Church Society, pursuant to a requisition signed by several parishioners; when, the meeting being opened with prayer, an Address was delivered by the Rector, at the close of which the following resolution was

Moved by Rev. C. Ingles, seconded by Hon. W. Ouseley, That it is the opinion of this Meeting, that some steps should be taken to procure for the Church in this place, the benefits to be derived from *union and system*; and in order to obtain such benefits, as well as for purposes to be hereafter specified, that a Committee of the Church Society be forthwith formed in Sydney, to cooperate with the Diocesan Church Society in Halifax, and that a Committee is hereby formed accordingly.

The following Officers were then elected—

PATRON.

Right Rev. and Hon. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

PRESIDENT.

The Rector of the Parish,

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Hon. E. M. Dodd.

Hon. W. Ouseley.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

W. Y. Porter.

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

Rev. O. S. Weeks,	Samuel Rigby, Esq.
C. E. Leonard, Esq.	G. A. Haliburton, Esq.
P. H. Clarke, Esq.	J. L. Hill, Esq.
J. Bourinot, Esq.	J. Clarke, Esq.
E. Sutherland, Esq.	

The following Rules were then adopted—

I. The name of this Society shall be "The St. George's Cape Breton Committee of the Diocesan Church Society of Nova Scotia."

II. The Bishop of this Diocese shall be requested to be

the Patron of this Committee, and the Rector of the Parish its President. And besides, there shall be two or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

III. Every member of the church contributing annually any sum *in advance*, however small, shall be a member of this Committee; and the payment of Ten Pounds at one time, shall constitute a person member for life, without further charge.

IV. There shall be a Standing Committee consisting of the Officers, and as many other Members as shall be deemed expedient to choose at each annual meeting. Five of the Standing Committee to form a Quorum, with one or more officers, provided the President or one of the Vice Presidents be present.

V. Every member may devote his or her contributions either generally to the objects embraced by the Society, or especially to any particular one, which funds shall be scrupulously applied according to the intentions of the donor under the direction and by the agency of the Standing Committee, who shall lay a report of their proceedings before the General Meeting twice a year.

VI. There shall be a general meeting of the Committee in the first week in January, and another in the first week in July in each year, of which timely notice shall be given.

VII. The Objects of this Committee shall be as follow—

1. Supplies of Religious Books and Tracts, from the stores of the Diocesan Society.
2. Missionary visits to neglected and destitute places under the direction of the Bishop.
3. Upholding in every proper way, the COLLEGIATE ESTABLISHMENTS AT WINDSOR.
4. Aid to poor and deserving young men designed for the Ministry of the Church, and prosecuting their studies at the above named Institutions.
5. Aid to Sunday and other Schools conducted on 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 Church of England, in particular and extreme cases.
8. Conversion or instruction of the heathen; contributions for which object will be forwarded through the Diocesan Society, to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, which will strictly appropriate the amount according to the purpose of the donor.

VIII. The meetings of this Committee shall be opened and closed with the prayers used by the Diocesan Church Society.

It was then moved by the Hon. W. Ouseley, seconded by P. H. Clarke, Esq.

That a report of the proceedings of this meeting be transmitted to the Editors of the Colonial Churchman, for insertion in that publication.

Moved by the Hon. E. M. Dodd, seconded by C. E. Leonard, Esq.

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Rev. the Rector for his conduct in the chair.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

In conclusion, it is proper to state, that the meeting, although not large, was exceedingly harmonious and delightful; and we trust that the humble commencement made this day, may be (D. V.) the foundation of a flourishing Branch of our excellent Church Society.

W. Y. PORTER, Secretary.

Sydney, C. B. January 6th, 1838.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

1. Contributing for general purposes,

Rev. Charles Ingles, ..	£1 0 0
G. A. Haliburton,	0 5 0
Mrs. Ingles,	0 5 0
Mrs. Porter,	0 1 3
2. Contributing towards missionary purposes, pursuant to the 8th object in Rule 7,

Rev. C. Ingles, amount of two collections in the year	
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