

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE FOR THE YEAR 1820.

The Prince Edward Island District Committee of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, in presenting their Annual Report are of opinion, that it cannot but be productive of the greatest satisfaction to the true friends and supporters of genuine Christianity, as exhibited in the venerable and beautiful fabric of the Established Church, to be informed that this Committee have during the last year received additional support by the accession of several new Members.

The Committee under the active and zealous patronage of His Excellency Lieut. Governor SMITH, having thus become more extensive, did at the last Quarterly Meeting, come to a resolution to open a direct communication with the parent Society, by remitting the Subscriptions to, and receiving supplies of Books immediately from London; this they have done agreeably to the 20th article of the Society's Regulations for the establishment of District Committees, not omitting conformably to other directions contained in the same rule to communicate once a year at least, an account of their proceedings to the Bishop of Nova-Scotia.

The Committee have to notice with pleasure the arrival at this Island of the Reverend CORNELIUS GRIFFIN, a strictly orthodox Clergyman of the Church of England in Priests' Orders and a Missionary of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel: this gentleman having brought out with him at his own expence a young man whom he has had carefully instructed in the Madras system of Education as a School-master, and further intending having previously made himself acquainted with this most approved mode of Education to employ a considerable portion of his time, (without any pay, fee, or reward of any kind whatsoever from any of the Inhabitants of this Colony,) in acting as superintendent in the formation and conduct of the Central and other Schools, to be established in this Island, for the benefit of the Youth of this Colony.

Upon the introduction of this gentleman to this Committee by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor it was unanimously resolved that a Central National School on the Madras system be established in Charlotte-Town, as soon as circumstances will admit under the patronage of this Society; and the same Meeting the hearty concurrence of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, he lost no time in consulting the Trustees of a certain plot of ground in Charlotte-Town appropriated for the site of Kent College, proposing that the Central National School be erected on a part of that land and that it be understood as the commencement and forming a part of the intended College, in honor of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent of most excellent memory, and that it be

considered as the School for the junior classes upon that foundation. Which being acceded to, His Excellency further signified his most praiseworthy intention of granting out of the Revenue of this Island at his disposal a sum of money equal to the expence of erecting a School-House, which His Excellency first made public in his Speech at the opening of the General Assembly of the Island upon the 25th July, 1820: from which and from the Address of His Majesty's Council in answer thereto, we take the liberty of subjoining the following Extracts:

From His Excellency's Speech,

"A commencement is about to take place without delay, of a system of necessary Education on the National plan highly conducive to the interests of the rising generation, and which will be supported on my part in every reasonable degree that the pecuniary means at my disposal may be considered equal to."

His Majesty's Council's Answer.

"The establishing of a system of necessary Education on the National plan, is an undertaking which we highly approve and duly appreciate, and the pecuniary aid offered by your Excellency, will we trust, with the assistance of individuals, be equal to the support of the Institution."

In consequence a suitable Building comprising a School-Room and Offices, is now erecting, which we trust will be opened for the reception of Children at commencement of the ensuing year.

Upon the whole, the concerns of this most important Institution appear to be already in as prosperous and promising a condition as its warmest friends, admirers of order and regularity, as well as of civil and religious liberty can desire, affording substantial grounds to hope that the National Society will essentially ameliorate and improve the rising generation in this Island, and be instrumental in extending and promoting throughout the world,

"Glory to God in the highest,

"On earth Peace

"Good will towards Man."

By Order of the Committee,

CORNELIUS GRIFFIN,

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October 30th, 1820.

LONDON,

Sept. 20.

Among the speeches in the House of Commons on Wednesday last, there is none that deserves more attention than that of Mr. Crevey, who has made himself conspicuous by his plain good sense, and by his honest and direct way of expressing it in the course of the proceedings. The reason of the deep impression made on the country by the proceedings against the Queen, which the Ministers themselves do not seem able to explain, was well explained by Mr. Crevey. The question respecting her is not merely political;—it is a question of fair play—of the administration of justice; one of those questions which at all times have

been felt more warmly, and felt for the longest time.

September 25.

In the provinces of Lombardy and Venice, the greatest fermentation existed, and it was thought that the slightest check given by Austria would cause Italy *en masse* to rise in arms.

Austrian garrisons are already established in Bologna and Comacchio, in the Popes territories.

It is rumoured that the Earl of Lauderdale will shortly succeed to the Governor-Generalship of India.

Upwards of 100 Addresses have been presented to the Queen. The Address from the females of Bristol had upwards of 14,000 signatures.

Marshal Kellerman, Duke of Valmy, and Marshal Lefebre, Duke of Dantzic, died in Paris last week.

From the intelligence of the last Whaling ships arrived in England, some of which had proceeded above lat. 80, an opinion prevails that the discovery ships have found a passage into the Pacific!

BOSTON, October 30.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Sangrato, two of the witnesses on behalf of the Queen, have arrived in London, and dined with Her Majesty, at Bradenburg house.

John Byrne, the cabin joiner, on board the Leviathan, at the time the Queen was on board that ship, is now in Dublin, and from his situation on board, states, that he had frequent opportunities of witnessing the conduct of the Queen. He fully invalidates all the evidence in regard to the Queen's conduct on board, and states, that he is willing to prove, this and other facts if called on.

A letter from Glasgow, of the 24th, says "The Queen has many and powerful friends in Scotland. An Address to Her Majesty is now signing here, and is patronised and supported by the clergy and the most wealthy—thirty-six thousand names are already subscribed."

Bergami has been sent for, to be in readiness, if the Queen's counsel should have occasion for him.

The Countess of Oldi, (Bergami's sister,) was expected in London, on the evening of the 25th Sept: [Not arrived on the 26th.]

A Vienna article of Sept. 10, announces, as positive, that the Duke of Wellington will immediately join the camp at Pest, where the Duke of Cambridge is already.

The Patriotic Societies of Andalusia, like those of Madrid, have been put down.

Letters from Frankfort of the 7th September announce, that the Baron d'Anestt, Minister Plenipotentiary from Russia to the Diet, has just made to that Assembly, in a confidential sitting, a communication, of which the following is the substance: "The Emperor of Russia does not recognize in any Power the right of interfering in the affairs of the States, on account of innovations introduced into the Government of those States. His Imperial Majesty declares

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