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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In submitting the Tenth Annual Report of the Home Missionary Society, your Committee feel thankful to the God of Missions that a measure of success has attended their efforts during the past year. The reports from the various mission stations give us much encouragement, and should prompt us to renewed exertions in the future; the work being not ours but God's, we can confidently look to Him for all needed blessing.

In June last, a petition from a number of the heads of families at Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, was received, praying to be organized as a Congregational church, and your President, accompanied by two deacons of Queen's road chapel, met there and complied with their request by organizing a church and electing seven deacons. Mr. Squires was ordained as their pastor in accordance with their earnest desire. A commodious school and teacher's residence have been erected there under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, valuable assistance having been rendered by the people of the settlement, and the building formerly used as a school and chapel is now beautifully fitted up as a place of worship exclusively. The following extracts from the reports of the pastor and teacher are very encouraging:

"I am happy to tell you that the Lord has been blessing us here this winter; we have had some very happy times; a great many of the young people are coming out on the Lord's side. I think it is the beginning of brighter days. Dear Mr. Harrington often told me his prayers would be answered after he would be gone home, and I believe it is so. Our Sabbath school has increased very much this winter; all the young men and women attend."

"The Lord has been pouring out His Spirit upon us. What a blessed change in Smith's Sound! best of all to hear hardened sinners of a month or two ago, praising and glorifying God for giving them new hearts. We hold a young men's meeting every Friday evening and a cottage prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening, at Skinner's Cove and Lance Cove alternately. We ask the prayers of your people that those who are still hardened in sin may be brought in."

The Fortune Bay Mission has been worked as usual during the year, the missionary visiting round the extensive bay during the summer months and concentrating his efforts in the larger settlements during the winter. This extensive mission will require at least another missionary from your Society, and, did our funds permit, we would counsel the employment of such an agent as soon as practicable. Subjoined is the report from this field of labour:

"In view of the approaching annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society, when, no doubt, the friends and supporters of our missionary operations will be anxious to hear the result of our efforts, I beg to submit a brief report of the past year's work in this bay.

"During the year fifteen of the most important settlements were visited, some of them often, others only seldom, owing to the poor travelling facilities within my reach. At all these places either the Gospel was preached in its simplicity, or the people were visited in their homes, where, as is usually my custom, a few verses of Scripture bearing upon the glorious theme of the soul's salvation, were read, explained and applied in a familiar way, and prayer offered for God's blessing to follow. The tracts which are distributed from time to time are frequently the means of accomplishing much good. They seem to attract the attention of the careless to the importance and reality of the 'things which are eternal' when perhaps they would not take the time to read a larger work. In some instances a single interesting tract goes the whole round of a community, and often several groups together in order to hear it read. Two whom it was my privilege to visit in their last illness, have passed away during the year, leaving an undoubted testimony that they were going to be with Jesus.

"While, owing to the settlements being so scattered, and the almost utter impossibility of visiting them frequently, we cannot expect to see all the fruit in this life, yet, I am thankful to say, some of the seed is already bearing fruit to the glory of God.

"Notwithstanding the intense cold, the attendance at all our religious services held of late has been generally large, and there are cheering signs of the Spirit's presence."

Your Committee, owing to the people of Mose Ambrose, Fortune Bay, having failed to build a school-room as agreed upon, have recalled for the present the teacher stationed there.

The missionary work at Twillingate has been proceeding satisfactorily during the past year. Our people there have taken possession of their church property and have altered and improved the building to suit the purpose for which it was purchased. We gather from the subjoined report that this church is fast approaching the point of self-support. No doubt when the balance due on the building is paid and a contemplated parsonage is erected, this new interest will be independent of your Missionary Society.

"Our liabilities up to the end of the year will be discharged, after which there will be a balance of \$26 towards our last instalment of \$200 for payment of the church building."

"During the past year Brother Hodder presented the

church with an eligible piece of land near the Bluff Head Cove road for a burial ground. The hallowed spot should be properly cared for.

"Our financial state, for so small a congregation, is, we think, creditable; at the same time, perhaps it was possible for us to have been more liberal, which would not only have been more satisfactory financially, but might have placed us in a higher social and spiritual position.

"It will be necessary, we suppose, this year, to put a respectable fencing round our church property. This and the other claims coming in upon us will tax our liberality, but with united effort and the blessing of Jehovah, there is not the least doubt of the removal of the mount of difficulties.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

The pastor of Twillingate church has been conducting his labours during the year acceptably to the people, but your Committee regret to learn that his health is failing and it may probably be necessary for him to retire to his native country.

The Juvenile Society have shewn a far greater amount of zeal and energy during the past year, and their interest in the work of Missions seems only now to have begun in earnest. By their uniting and united efforts the handsome sum of £36 0s. 4d. was added to the funds of the Society in the past year, and the Committee would now publicly express their appreciation of the substantial assistance rendered by them, and tender them their best thanks for so materially helping in the spread of the "good tidings."

To Miss Chancey and her juvenile troupe your Committee is also deeply indebted, for they have added very considerably to the funds in the past year. The proceeds of the two concerts given amount to £12 3s. 9d. Miss Chancey and her little band of singers and reciters have the hearty thanks of the Committee.

Your Committee would acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the continued assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary (who during the past year have contributed £28 5s. 6d. to the funds of the Society) and take this opportunity of warmly thanking them.

The Rev. J. B. Saer's course of study being now completed, he is expected shortly to return, and, no doubt, with his characteristic zeal, will do a good work for your Society in the cause of God. This might be the proper place to commend our denominational College in Montreal to the support of this Society, for it affords facilities to young men of approved piety and ability to obtain a thorough preparation for the work of the ministry at a moderate expense, being as it is, affiliated with McGill University.

In June last the Rev. Mr. Black visited us as a deputation from the College, and was successful in collecting \$270. We trust that from year to year some support may be continued from our people to this valuable institution.

Your agent, Mr. J. B. Thompson, has applied for permission to proceed to the above-named College to take a course of study for the ministry, promising to return at its completion to his native land. This request your committee has cordially granted, and there are others who will likely accompany him. We rejoice in the fact that a native ministry is being raised up here.

This Society is still indebted to the Colonial Missionary Society for valuable assistance, and we believe that if they were acquainted with the pressing need of this country, they would make an effort to increase their gifts.

In order that your Committee might be better acquainted with the progress of the mission stations during the year, they passed a resolution in June last "That half-yearly reports be sent in from all the agents of the Society."

Your Committee would be guilty of gross ingratitude, were they to close this report without referring to the "St. John's Training School," which, though not under the auspices of your Society, has rendered invaluable aid to the mission work during the past six years. The Misses Good, who by their own exertions and self-denying energy are conducting this noble institution, not only impart a sound education to a large number of scholars, but are providing us with trained teachers to take charge of our elementary schools in the outport mission stations. We tender these truly missionary ladies our high appreciation of their services, and our warmest thanks.

Your Committee have long felt the necessity of having more funds at their disposal to enable them to provide missionaries and teachers for the many destitute settlements round our coasts where the Word of life is seldom heard, and the children are growing up in ignorance and vice for the want of teachers, and have been considering what the best means would be to adopt to secure assistance outside this Colony, and your Committee hope that some conclusion may be arrived at and measures taken ere long to enable this Society to send the blessed Gospel and education to those settlements where sin and ignorance abound.

In closing this report your Committee would earnestly appeal to all interested in mission work to double their diligence this year, and solicit the prayers of God's people for the Divine blessing on the labours of this Society during the year on which it has just entered.

On behalf of the Committee, respectfully submitted,
P. D. KNIGHT, Sec.

St. John's, Nfld., March 17, 1880.

NEWFOUNDLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

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1879. To Paid Missionaries Thompson, Wilson, Squires, twelve months, each £60; School Teachers, twelve months, £28; Insurance on property in outports, £6; Printing annual report, £2 10s.; Deputation to Smith's Sound, £4

10s.; Stationery, 3s. 6d.; Paid on account of the estate of late Missionary Harrington, £20; Balance in Commercial Bank, £89 14s.; Total, £330 18s.

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1879. Balance from last year, £82 11s. 6d.; Collection at annual meeting, £4 11s. 3d.; Children's concert, per Miss M. K. Chancey, £12 3s. 9d.; Monthly prayer meetings, £5 6s.; Christmas cards, per Sabbath school children, £36 4d.; J. W. Hunt, Esq., England, £1 5s. 2d.; E. U. Motherwell, Scotland, Sabbath school, per J. Neilson, Esq., £3 12s.; Ladies' Auxiliary, £28 5s. 3d.; Messrs. J. H. Martin, £8; A. Taylor, £5; L. T. Chancey, £1; J. Beer, £1 5s.; Richard Barnes, £1; P. Bulley, 10s.; Charles Barnes, sen., 10s.; Robert Barnes, £1; C. Smith, A. Lindstrom, W. Radford, each 5s.; J. McDonald, James Hutchings, each £1; T. Gale, 3s.; P. D. Knight, W. J. Barnes, each £1; W. T. Freeman, 1s. 3d.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Hall, £2 10s.; Capt. McDougall, 10s.; Mr. H. W. Seymour, £2; An Old Salt, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. L. T. Chancey, £1; Mrs. W. Murray, £1 16s.; Mr. Richard Knight, £1; Mrs. Chancey, sen., 10s.; Mrs. Colton, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Jackman, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Duckworth, 5s.; Colonial Missionary Society, £120; Total, £330 18s.

H. W. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct: L. T. CHANCEY, A. TAYLOR, Auditors.

St. John's, Nfld., March 15, 1880.

REPORT OF LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In presenting the Second Annual Report of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society, the committee desire to tender their best thanks to the subscribers for their continued support, also for the kind and courteous manner with which the collectors have been received. And although their receipts have not been so large as in the previous year, owing to some having discontinued their subscriptions, still the Committee are not discouraged, believing it is the Lord's work, and it must prosper. And it is their earnest desire to put forth increased effort and seek to create a greater interest in the mission cause.

At the request of the committee, the Rev. J. L. Forster delivered a lecture in the basement of the church, in aid of their funds, on which occasion the sum of £4 13s. was realized.

The committee also received a donation of material from the Misses Good, which was worked up by the children of their school, and sold for the benefit of our Auxiliary, proceeds of which amounted to £4 11s. 15d. In concluding their report, the Committee would earnestly invite the ladies of the congregation to unite with them in this good work, remembering our watchword, "The Night Cometh."

M. A. CRUICKSHANK, Secretary.

COLLECTED BY MRS. CHANCEY AND MISS EARLE.

Mrs. Hall, £1; Mrs. Martin, £1 4s.; Mrs. Matthews, 9s.; Miss Good, 5s.; Mrs. Davis, 7s. 6d.; Mr. L. T. Chancey, 15s.; Mrs. L. T. Chancey, 5s.; Mrs. Duckworth, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Freeman, 8s.; Miss Knight, 3s. 9d.; Mrs. Lindstrom, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Cowan, 5s.; Miss Radford, 6s.; Mrs. Taylor, £1; Miss Barnes, 12s.; Mrs. Parsons, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. A. Parsons, 14s.; Mrs. Garland, 8s. 6d.; Mrs. Beer, 12s.; Mrs. Colton, 3s. 4d.; Mrs. Sheppard, 7s.; Mrs. Simmons, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. Nichols, 1s.; Mrs. E. Chancey, 1s.; Mrs. Wiseman, 2s.; Mrs. Tynes, 5s.; Miss Nichols, 1s.; Robt. Hall, 1s.; £10 18s. 1d.

COLLECTED BY MISS CRUICKSHANK AND MISS BARNES.

Mrs. Smith, £1; Miss Radford, £1; Mrs. W. Barnes, 10s.; Mrs. Murray, 10s.; Mrs. Seymour, 10s.; Mrs. E. Barnes, 5s.; Mrs. Butler, 4s.; Mrs. A. Barnes, 3s.; Mrs. E. Colton, 5s.; Mrs. Ainsworth, 3s.; Mrs. Cruickshank, 5s.; £4 15s. Proceeds of lecture, £4 13s.; proceeds of clothing made by children in training school, £4 11s. 5d.; clothing sold, £3 7s. 9d.; total, £28 5s. 3d.

E. GOOD, Treasurer.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure for Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. SHERAR, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

FORM a habit of quoting from the books you read. If you try to quote and fail, don't be discouraged, but look the matter up and succeed better next time. When you visit, talk about your books rather than about your neighbours. Persevere in your labour, and great shall be your reward. Do not be discouraged if at first you do not like this or that standard author. Remember that men of culture do like him, and you will like him when you have made their culture yours. In boyhood one thinks "Yankee Doodle" on a fiddle, or a picture of Peter with a green beard, the perfection of music and art; while Beethoven and Raphael have no charms. But years and culture bring a change. And so in reading. Persistent effort in the line of right will bring its reward.