

tained its position, how far that more important portion of its work unaffected by the changes incident to all temporal things, has been permitted to prosper during the past year, must be learned from the reports of the Missionaries, and of the several Local Committees, of which the following is an abstract.

ANDOVER AND GRAND FALLS.—Rev. J. S. Hanford has forwarded the following Report:—

"Seeing the usual want of books in the country, and the readiness which my people generally manifest to procure and read those which we have already in our small lending libraries, I must ever be most thankful for such grants as the Church Society may be able to make to our Mission.

"We have now three libraries; one at each of the two Churches, and one at the Grand Falls; and these contain, respectively, 225, 235, and 120 volumes. Of course, some portion of the grants is taken up in Prayer books and pamphlets for general circulation. We are, however, desirous of adding to the libraries, and shall continue to do so, as far as the Society will enable us.

"Would it not be well to obtain, with the usual books and tracts, more of such publications as bear practically on Missionary work? The accounts of Missionary labours are always acceptable, and, I think, tend to awaken in the breasts of our people a deeper interest in this important subject, and cause them to value more highly, and more justly understand what has been, and what is still being done by the Parent Society.

"As to the change in the season for holding the Annual Meeting, I am quite willing to abide by the decision of the General Committee."

Contributions are as follows:—Divinity Scholarships, £2 2s. 6d., Widows' and Orphans' Fund, £1 10s.; Aged Clergy Fund, £1 10s.; General Purposes, £18 2s. 1d.; total, £23 4s. 7d.

"This amount," Mr. Hanford observes, "is a little over that of last year. Under the present state of business, this is peculiarly a cause of thankfulness to 'the Giver of all good gifts.'"

BLACKVILLE AND NELSON.—Rev. W. Cruden regrets that there is a great falling off in the contributions of his parishioners; but the state of the times, he writes, makes it almost impossible to get any money. The whole amount for the present year is, £9 10s.

In reviewing his work during the past year, Mr. Cruden finds he has had two adult baptisms; 12 persons were confirmed in Blackville, and 9 in Nelson.

Through the kind exertions of the Rev. J. Hudson, the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, contributed books to the value of £5, which, in addition to the grant from the Diocesan Church Society, has enabled the Missionary to lay the foundation of two libraries—one in each parish.

BATHURST.—Rev. C. F. Street writes as follows:—

"Respecting the progress of this Mission, I have every reason to be much encouraged. My labours, though very abundant, seem not to be in vain. I can see an increase wherever I have faithfully and diligently planted and watered; and not only does this increase consist in many being added to the Church, in many returning, who had withdrawn from her Communion, but in many adding to their faith, the virtues of a Christian life.

"The Lord Bishop visited this mission last summer, baptized an adult, and confirmed 87 persons. The blessing resulting from these triennial visits of his Lordship, the interest and concern which they manifest to the people, that the Church generally has regard to their spiritual welfare, the encouragement and joy felt by the Missionary—all this was espe-