

You have probably heard of the *Newfoundland School Society*, which in several respects was similar to the *Colonial Church Society*. Some years ago, knowing my anxiety for the improvement of Newfoundland, they kindly urged me, by deputations and correspondence, to share in the management of their Association—but for reasons similar to those which have prevented my union with the *Colonial Church Society*, I felt myself bound to decline such share. Unwilling to lose the benefit of their exertions which were very zealous, and very desirous to promote their cordial union with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, I proposed that they should form a School Committee of this Society. Some of the Deputation, and especially the excellent Lord Bexley, were desirous to adopt my proposal; but others feared a diminution of their funds, which they candidly stated were derived from a particular portion of the Church. The union therefore did not then take place, but it was kept in view. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel were prepared for it; and I have been rejoiced to learn that it has at length been effected—but before this union, the Newfoundland Society had extended their objects from Newfoundland to the whole of the North American Colonies, and if my present proposal is adopted, I will gladly apply to them for aid to our Schools.

Allow me to request that before this proposal is determined upon, the numerous members of your Association whose names are published in a Newspaper of the 19th of this month, may be consulted. I think there must be many among them, who will anxiously desire to pursue even the most valuable object by means which will preserve our unity, and keep them in connexion with their Bishop, our Church Society, now embracing the members of our Communion in every part of the Diocese, and with that venerable Society in England to whom we should be bound by ties of gratitude and love for their zealous care and support in all past time, and to whose bounty we must still look, under God, for many coming years, as the chief support of our Church and Clergy.

I have only to pray for your right guidance by wisdom from above, and am Reverend and dear Sir,

Your affectionate Brother,

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

** Since the foregoing letter was written, my attention has been given to a published account of proceedings at a Meeting held on the 16th November, for the purpose of forming an *Association* in connection with the *Colonial Church Society*. In one of the speeches on that occasion reference was made "to the once destitute, but now altered condition of the Eastern shore," and the speaker "ascribed the good done, to the exertions of the *Colonial Church Society*." It is true that it was not said *totidem verbis* that it was solely to those exertions that the alteration should be ascribed, but to most hearers and readers of the Speech, such would be the inference from what they heard and read. I have therefore taken the trouble to look for evidence of facts, which were within my knowledge, respecting the Eastern Shore, and having found evidence for every particular of the following statement, I readily make it, and leave the inference entirely with those who may read it.

1. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel had Schoolmasters in Sheet Harbour and Country Harbour for nearly fifty years. 2. A Missionary from the same Society was the first Clergyman who made his way to many settlements on the Shore, when the access to them was full of difficulties, and he had to pass a night with his horse in the forest. This was in 1821. His report increased the desire to afford help where it was greatly needed, but the accomplishment of the desire was checked by numerous impediments, and visits for several succeeding years were few and desultory. 3. In the year 1832 much impression was made by another Missionary of the same Society, who forced his way to many places never visited before by any Clergyman. 4. These visits were repeated yearly, and in 1834, after three such visits had been made, more than 400 persons were presented to me for Confirmation, and among them there were many who gave good evidence of deep seriousness and devotion. 5. Similar visits were continued yearly, and at the commencement of 1835 twelve Lay Readers and ten Sunday Schools were aiding the Missionary, who never went to the Coast without a good stock of Books for distribution, sometimes to the value of £10. In that year, the same Missionary visited the Coast at Easter, at Midsommer, and at Christmas, that he might find all the fishermen at their homes. 6. Four Churches were now built on the shore—one by extraordinary exertions of the poor people at Ship Harbour, and others at Country Harbour, Pope's Harbour, and Jeddore, assisted by the Societies in England—and the usual Missionary visits were made, and assistance was also obtained, for some portion of the Coast, from the Missionaries at Antigonishe and Guysborough, which has been continued and increased to the present time. 7. In 1841 a Visiting Missionary was sent by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to re-