

last, when it was announced that of the sum of £4162, the amount required, only £250 remained to be subscribed. In this emergency the Hon. Mr. Cogswell offered, in addition to the large amount already paid by him, to supply the deficiency: wishing it to be understood that he did it as a thank-offering, in memory of the ministry of his beloved son, and the happy fellowship which existed for fourteen years between the Rev. William Cogswell and the members of the Church and Parish of St. Paul's.

We shall gladly publish the list of subscribers, whose contributions have produced this happy consummation, and we hope their example will stimulate other Parishes throughout the Province, to rid themselves of debt in like manner. We are happy to add, that already in St. George's, Halifax, has a movement begun in the same direction; and we hope soon to announce the good news, that like its rancomed neighbor St. Paul's, it "owes no man anything."

It has for some time been the fashion, throughout the country, for those who perhaps wanted an excuse for doing little themselves, to be always saying that comparatively nothing was done in the Metropolis. This fertile topic of declamation, at Parochial gatherings, will now be available no more. Perhaps justice has never been done to Halifax in this respect. It has generally been forgotten, that hither resort the maimed, the halt and the blind—all that want "help" in the various calamities which are of constant occurrence in the rural districts; or for the various undertakings of a public nature, which are there set on foot. The calculations in these things always is, "we shall get something for it in Halifax."

Especially, in estimating what Church people give in this City, it is generally forgotten, that no Church is built East, West, North, or South, without an appeal to the Citizens of Halifax. The writer knows this by his own experience, which has been to some extent, and he here records his thankful conviction, that most "liberal things" have always been done by Halifax on such occasions. All the Clergy in the land will say *Amen* to this.

Now, let it be known and read by all our censorious friends, far and wide, who have been thus "casting stones" in this direction, that within one year last past, (besides all other contributions for similar purposes,) the Parish of St. Paul's has raised for the Church, no less a sum than SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED POUNDS! "Honor to whom it is due," say we. Assuredly none that have thus given, from religious motives, to these religious objects, will find that they are the poorer at the year's end, as regards the things of this world; while they will enjoy a far richer pleasure in the conscientiousness of a duty performed, than they could have felt, with that duty neglected, and their money still in their hands.

We understand that the Church will now be painted at once, the funds for this purpose having been collected by the kind efforts of the Ladies, to whom, as well as to the Wardens and Messrs. Boggs and Hare, votes of thanks are unanimously passed by the Parishioners.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

(Continued from the last Number.)

"I trust that the Committee will not suppose, in consequence of my not having yet drawn any part of the Society's liberal grant for Labrador, that there is any diminution of interest or exertion on any part for that forlorn and almost forgotten country. Such is not the case; but the difficulty of communication makes the work of building exceedingly slow. Not more than twice or thrice in the year (all in the summer) is there any communication between St. John's and that coast; and on those occasions it is not at all easy to obtain conveyance for building materials, and all have to be conveyed there. The two excellent missionaries, the Rev. Mr. Disney, and the Rev. Mr. Gifford, are both in England this winter; but both, I hope and believe, prepared to return with increased means and not diminished zeal to their honourable but very arduous service.

"My church ship, after seven years in this trying climate, (having been before twelve years trading,) requires, as she deserves, great reparations, which are in progress, and will cause a heavy outlay.

"My chief want, my most earnest prayer to God, is ever for more men, more Missionaries; I confess myself to be one of those who wish, who cry for 'more men from England.' I have abundant employment, and hard enough for six more clergymen; but, alas! there seems more reason to expect a diminution than an increase.

"The cathedral is always well attended; the other church (St. Thomas's) has been much enlarged; and there is a cry for a third church in another part of the town, which would probably have been commenced this summer if the sealing voyage had been prosperous. It is, unhappily, the most disastrous ever remembered; not so much in want of success, as in the fearful loss of vessels and lives in consequence of two heavy gales of wind. It is believed forty or fifty ships have been lost, and several crews, the flower of our population. Hoping to be more than excused for trespassing at such length upon your attention, and begging earnestly the prayers of the Society, with their other bounty: and most sincerely blessing and thanking them for their past, or rather former, kindness and liberality, (for it does not pass, but remains and brings forth fruit).

"I am, your faithful and affectionate brother and servant,

"EDWARD NEWFOUNDLAND."

"Rev. T. B. Murray, M.A."

The Standing Committee gave notice of their intention to move at the next General Meeting that £2000 be then voted towards a Collegiate Institution in Newfoundland.

The Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, in a letter dated The Red River, Rupert's Land, March 17, 1852, wrote as follows:

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your welcome letter of October 22nd. The Society has once more laid me under deep obligation by its grant of £100 towards the Church of St. James, on the Assiniboine. It is an unspeakable relief to my mind, as the cost of the erection devolves so much on myself.

"We have not been idle during the present winter. About 2500 boards and planks have been cut in the pines by those connected with the Indian settlement. They are now being hauled by oxen over the ice and snow, a distance of upwards of forty miles. A portion of the wood of a different description has been prepared on the Assiniboine, in an opposite direction, and will be floated down that river on rafts with the first open water. The stone for the foundation is to be brought from a small quarry about 12 miles off; but the snow is at present so deep that the men cannot start with their oxen for it. All this has to be personally superintended and arranged by Mr. Taylor or myself. We have no contractor, as at home, no general wood-yard to look to, no stone-masons to apply to; we must enter into contracts with the men individually, and are often liable to disappointment from their inability to carry them out when the time comes. This will give the Society an idea of the difficulties of the country. From this, too, an estimate may be formed of the gratitude with which I hail the grant of the Society, and of the joy which I shall feel, should God permit me, to witness the completion of the Church.

"Let me not forget to thank the Society at the same time for the books for the celebration of Divine Service. They shall be reserved for the new church, and used, I hope, for the first time on the day of its consecration. May we ask an interest in your applications while the work advances; and may it not be the only church in this wilderness cherished by your prayers, and assisted by your liberality. May many be hereafter erected to the praise and glory of God."

July, 1852.

The Lord Bishop of St. Asaph in the Chair.

The Lord Bishop of Antigua was present.

The Standing Committee, in pursuance of notice duly given, proposed that the sum of £2000 be voted towards a third See in the present Diocese of Cape Town.

The sum of £2000 was voted accordingly.

The Standing Committee then moved, in pursuance of notice, that the sum of £2000 be voted towards a Collegiate Institution in Newfoundland.

The sum of £2000 was granted.

The issue of Bibles, New Testaments, Common Prayer Books, and Books and Tracts, between the Audit of April, 1851, and April, 1852, was stated to have been as follows:—

Bibles	143,482
New Testaments	73,982
Common Prayer Books	329,444
Bound Books	1,095,925
Tracts, &c.	2,450,381
	4,093,214

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Colombo, dated Gampola, Ceylon, May 6, 1852. The following are extracts:—

"The good spirit manifested in the erection of the little church at this place deserves a special record, as being the fruit chiefly of Sinhalese exertion. The resident magistrate, a Sinhalese gentleman of high family, has been not less earnest and judicious than prompt in the execution of the good work. At Christmas the foundation was only just laid, and Easter has hardly passed when I am called to consecrate the completed structure. This has just been done, and I gladly anticipated on the occasion the small grant promised to them on the part of your Society by myself on a former occasion. I have still to add to our debt of thankfulness, by the request for a 4th set of books for the performance of Divine Service.

"The consecration was very pleasing. The little church was quite full. Almost all the Europeans settled on the coffee plantations within ten or twelve miles, and many of the humble native Christians, were present. I was assisted by the Rev. W. H. Simons, the Chaplain of the District.

"The church of Gampola is a small but solid brick building, with tiled roof. With its chancel and porch, bell-turret, and pointed windows, on a green and woody knoll, amid such beautiful mountain scenery, and in the midst of a Moorish and heathen population of about 1500, it seems, if not to consecrate the broad and expanding valley which it adorns, at least to show that the Cross and its blessed truths are within the reach of all, and that the spiritually blind and halt and poor have the Gospel preached to them."

"After the completion of the service, in which the offertory, with the aid of your kind grant, enabled the committee to discharge all expenses incurred for the sittings, &c., I received from a native Christian of humble rank, the sealed grant and deed of gift, legally transferred to me, of a burial-ground for the church, which he was anxious to present to me on that day. Nor was the solemnity without a still more pleasing accom-