

mittee, and that they be authorized to introduce (with the sanction of the Bishop) a hymnal for the use of the members of the Church in this Island, in the hope that the several clergy will ultimately adopt it.

The Depository opened in this town for the sale of Bibles, Prayer Books, and such other religious publications as would be adapted for the members of our Church (in May, 1864) is still in existence. The number of Bibles sold since that period up to date is 13; Church Services, 19; Prayer Books, 211; Hymns, 149; Collects, 173; Catechisms, 229, making a total of 792 publications sold, while 169 remain on hand.

There were some suggestions which the Committee desire to offer as not unworthy of consideration. The name which the Society bears, "Diocesan Church," has long been felt not to be as appropriate as could be wished. It is very often not understood, and presents no distinctive idea further than that it is connected with the Church. A better name, and one deeply suggestive of its objects, would be "The Home Missionary Society," which indeed it is, in the truest sense of the word; and your Committee recommend the adoption of that or some other name more in accordance with the aim and objects of the Society.

The Church of Nova Scotia in applying to the Legislature of that Province for an Act incorporating their Synod, were compelled to exclude representatives from this Island, by reason of their legislative powers not extending beyond the limit of their Province; in other words, Nova Scotia could not legislate for Prince Edward Island. It is much to be regretted that by this circumstance the different parishes in this Island are thus prevented from taking part in their deliberations; and it is suggested that communications be opened with the Synod relative to the admission of representatives from such parishes here as please to avail themselves of the privilege. If considered necessary, a permissive Act could be obtained from our Legislature. And lastly, your Committee would earnestly claim for the objects of this Society the prayers