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### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NEWFOUNDLAND CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The seventeenth annual meeting was held in the Lecture-room of Queen's-road Chapel on the 14th Feb. In the absence of the president through indisposition, the chair was taken by the vice-president. There was a good attendance; the various speakers evinced thorough earnestness in dealing with their respective resolutions. In submitting his account, the treasurer made a most telling speech, urging on all the duty of increased liberality, and pointing out various ways by which the interests of the society could be promoted. We earnestly hope that his important suggestions will not be without effect.

The meeting was strongly of opinion that the society must progress. It is evident that the society must assist in the cause of sanctification, as well as in sending the Gospel to the neglected. It appears that from year to year many of the supporters of the society have subscribed for this object, though their subscriptions have not been sent through the committee. It is desirable that in future whatever is done to assist the mission work in which the church is engaged should be done by the committee. The meeting therefore pledged itself to hand all moneys for education, or building, or other objects connected with the work, to the treasurers, and the committee will endeavour to discharge their duty faithfully. We hope that this will be borne in mind. The pursuit of any other course is, and must continue to be, most unsatisfactory. Whatever those outside may be pleased to do, the members of the society should recognise the committee to be the legitimate channel through which to send their subscriptions.

1st Resolution, moved by Mr. Robt. Winton, seconded by Mr. Robt. Chancey: "That the reports now read be adopted, printed, and circulated."

2nd Resolution, moved by Mr. L. T. Chancey, seconded by Mr. Robt. Barnes: "That this meeting recognises the guidance and the goodness of God in the affairs of the society during the past year, and would hereby pledge itself to more earnest prayer and faithful work to carry out the object of the society during the ensuing year."

3rd Resolution, moved by Mr. A. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank: "That the best thanks of the meeting be conveyed to the Colonial Missionary Society for their encouragement, and that they be requested to grant further assistance to this Colony."

4th Resolution, moved by Mr. Furneaux, seconded by Mr. J. Haddon: "That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the juvenile collectors for their valuable assistance."

5th Resolution, moved by Mr. McKillop, seconded

by Mr. Wm. J. Barnes: "That the following be the officers and committee for the ensuing year—President, Hon. P. G. Tessier; vice president, Rev. Thos. Hall; treasurer, James Howe, Esq.; secretary, Richard Neyle, Esq.; committee, Messrs. W. H. Seymour, R. Chancey, T. Gale, L. T. Chancey, J. N. Finlay, E. Thomas, R. Barnes, J. H. Martin, J. Beer, R. Winton, J. Calver, A. Cruickshank, Wm. J. Barnes, A. Parsons, H. Furneaux, A. McKillop."

### SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In submitting the Seventh Annual Report of the Home Missionary Society, your committee are thankful to record a measure of success during the past year. The means at their disposal is small, and they have therefore been unable to extend their operations as rapidly as desirable, but they are certain that more has been done with their income than is done by the same amount in any other mission in the world.

The Rev. Mr. Hall visited the mission in Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, in the month of July. He reported to the committee on his return, that your devoted missionary, the Rev. Mr. Harrington, prosecuted his noble work with unabated zeal. He has two congregations, one at Rendell Harbour, and the other at Burgoyne Cove. His labours are incessant, and have resulted in much spiritual good. The two day-schools established by his exertions, and maintained by voluntary contributions, are making remarkable progress. In the school, Rendell Harbour, there are forty, and in that in Burgoyne Cove, thirty pupils. Here are seventy children under instruction during the week, and a much greater number on the Lord's Day. It is impossible to estimate the good that these schools alone have done, and will do for the people in that long-neglected locality.

Your committee are very anxious to be able to encourage the work of education. They were only able to set apart the small sum of ten pounds to assist the schools in Smith's Sound. Your committee had a very encouraging report from Mr. Harrington in the month of October last, and from every means of information, they learn that the mission under his direction is making good progress, and is worthy of the continued support of the Society.

The labours of our earnest and self-denying young missionary, Suer, have resulted in the formation of a church at Bay de North, in Fortune Bay. A number have united in Christian fellowship, and have been recognised by the church in St. John's. We learn also that during the year several have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth, and some have passed into the unseen world, but leaving behind testimonies to cheer their friends, and encourage your Society.