

opportunity which will be afforded them, of hearing these things that make for their eternal peace. The Building will accommodate from 250 to 300 people. It is completed externally—the floors are nearly finished, and temporary seats erected; a garden also for the interment of the dead, has been neatly enclosed, and was consecrated by his Lordship the Bishop, during his visit to this place last summer. The amount of contributions on the spot in money, has been but little; they had it not to give, what they had, their time and labour, they have contributed cheerfully, and largely, as the progress already made abundantly proves, and they are anxious to continue their exertions, until they shall “bring forth the head stone with shoutings crying grace, grace, unto it.”

“The natural difficulties surmounted in our progress, thus far, have not I believe been surpassed, if equalled, in this Province. The materials could only be procured at a great distance from the spot; the sills were brought by land and water 16 miles, and lumber, nails, shingles, and every thing, but the frame and even some of that, after having been landed upon the beach, was conveyed to the intended site, upwards of a quarter of a mile, on the shoulders of the people. These things speak for themselves, and need only to be made known, to excite the sympathies of their fellow Churchmen.”

In adverting to the expenditure for Lay Readers, the Committee deem it proper to mention, that the Society have expressed an opinion, against the expediency of establishing Lay Readers with salaries, but at the same time have consented to continue the allowance that had been granted, before the expression of that opinion, and that they are still willing to assist, in defraying the actual expenses incurred by licensed Catechists, and Lay Readers, in visiting distant places, under the superintendence and direction of the neighbouring Clergymen.

The Committee have expended, on the applications of the Revd. T. C. Leaver, the Revd. R. J. Uniacke, and other Clergymen, in continuation of former grants, the following sums, viz:—£20 for a Lay Reader at Tracadie, being for the years 1842 and 1843. This place is distant 26 miles from the residence of any Clergyman.

£30 for a Lay Reader at Country Harbor, being likewise for the years 1842, and 1843.

£5 for a Lay Reader at the Western Shore of Chester.

£20 for a Lay Reader at Walton.

£10 for a Lay Reader at Ship Harbor, this grant includes £5, for his services for the past year.

On an application made by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, for a grant of £20, for a Lay Reader to visit New Germany, North-Field, and Pleasant River Road.—The Committee came to the resolution of not granting a salary, but have placed at the command of Mr. Cochran, a sum not exceeding £20, to defray the actual expenses incurred by such Lay Reader, in attending the places named by Mr. Cochran.

The sum of £10, has been appropriated by your Committee, in grants for Books from the depository of this Society, for gratuitous distribution, viz:—

£3, to the Rev. A. Gray, for Testaments and Cards for the use of the Day and Sunday Schools, established at Sackville.—£2, to the Rev. Mr. Maynard, for Prayer Books for the use of the poor people, at Ferguson's Cove and Harriet's Fields, and £5, to Rev. Mr. Bullock for Books for the use of the Sunday Schools in his Parish.—The number of Books which have been issued from the Depository, including the supplying of the one-fourth of the Remittances, from the different Local Committees, amounts in the whole, to 75 Bibles,—205 Testaments—603 Prayer Books—156 Miscellaneous Works—and 3450 Tracts.