

Prayer Books for distribution. But in 1817 the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge undertook the task of providing books for the use of the church in New Brunswick, and formed local committees, with depositories, in many parts of the Province, which was then an archdeaconry. Thus the two great societies worked side by side, the S. P. G. helping to maintain the living agency, while the S. P. C. supplied the books, which are, as it were, the tools of the clergy.

Fifteen years after this, in 1832, a meeting of the clergy was held to discuss how to promote a more active union "amongst the members of the church, both lay and clerical, for the promotion of such objects as the church, wherever it exists, must find essential to its welfare and utility." After several such meetings, the clergy assembled at Fredericton, at the invitation of Archdeacon Coster, then Rector of Fredericton, on September 8th, 1836, to consider a plan proposed by the Bishop of Nova Scotia (Dr. John Inglis, son of the first bishop) for the formation of "a society in each archdeaconry to embrace all the objects of the societies in England for the Propagation of the Gospel and for Promoting Christian knowledge," the first effect of which would be to supersede the local committees of the latter society. Of the clergy then assembled, one only, Canon Walker, of Hampton, is still alive, working in the same parish, where he has been doing faithful work in his Lord's vineyard for fifty-two years.

Consequent upon this recommendation of the bishop, a society was formed under the name of "The Church Society of the Archdeaconry of New Brunswick," and a constitution was drawn up which was ratified and confirmed at the first meeting of the society, on February 9th, 1837. The objects were defined as follows :

1. Missionary visits to neglected places [and aid to new and poor missions — *added in 1847*].
2. Establishment of divinity scholarships *at Fredericton* [the last two words were expunged in 1867, to admit King's College, Windsor].
3. Aid to Sunday and other schools.