

While your Committee thus express their deep regret, for the absence of their Reverend Secretary, they at the same time entertain the hope, that God, in His good Providence, will soon restore him, in renewed health and strength, to the field of his labours and his usefulness.

Since the last report of the proceedings of the Society, several grants of money have been made by the Committee, in furtherance of the different objects contemplated by the Society, and though, what has been done, is of a silent and unpretending nature, yet it is a pleasing duty to report to those, who take an interest in the progress of the Society, the quiet and peaceful working of its principles, and that it trusts, it will be humbly instrumental by the blessing of God, in whose service it is engaged, in making some small portion of the wilderness to rejoice and blossom as the rose, by spreading the knowledge of that word, which maketh wise unto salvation, and by giving to those who have hitherto been destitute of them, the use of those ordinances, which in themselves, are so well adapted to the improvement and comfort of those who partake in them. In some places destitute of the more regular, and efficient ministrations, of the duly ordained servant of God, recourse has been had, to the humble but useful services of respectable Lay Readers, or Catechists, who have been licensed for such purpose.

In the appropriation of their Funds, the Committee have granted towards the erection of Churches, in places where much poverty prevails, the following sums, viz:—

On an application of the Revd. J. C. Cochran made by him in April last, the sum of £25 was voted, in aid of the erection of a Church at New Germany; in his letter applying for this grant, the Revd. Gentleman stated that "This Edifice, if God should bless their endeavours, so far as to permit its erection, would well deserve from its situation, the name of a 'Church in the wilderness.'"

An application was also made by the Revd. Mr. Elder in October last, for aid in the erection of a New Church at the Sydney Mines; in his application, he mentioned, that the people there had raised among themselves and their friends the sum of £166 19s, and that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel had promised them the further sum of £50 sterling, and should the funds of the Diocesan Society allow of their assisting them, it would be received with gratitude, and would contribute, he trusted, to the great object which they had in view, the advancement of the cause of "pure and undefiled Religion." The sum of £30, was granted on this application.

To a New Church at Marshall Town, in the Parish of Digby, the Committee have granted the sum of £25, on an application made for that purpose, by the Revd. Wm. Bulloch: The exterior of the building with its tower and steeple has been completed. It is situated four and a-half miles from the Parish Church of Digby, and Mr. Bulloch states, that in a circuit of five miles, there is a population exceeding a thousand persons, not including the Town of Digby; the sittings in this Church are to be free, and will accommodate from two to three hundred persons.

The sum of £25 has been voted to the Revd. T. C. White, on an earnest application made by him, for aid in the erection of a New Church in his Parish. The following statement forwarded by Mr. White, for the information of the Committee, is of a very interesting nature. "The Church is situated on the west side of Shelburne Harbour, 8 miles by land from the Parish Church, in the midst of a settlement six miles in extent, containing a population of 43 white families, the whole of which with two exceptions belong to the Church, besides 20 colored families, who, poor creatures, are in a most destitute condition, as well in temporal, as in spiritual things, and who will gladly avail themselves of the