

enjoyed the patronage of former Governors of this colony—that its agency has been largely blessed of Almighty God in extending the benefits of religion along the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador,—and that it may be regarded as the association, through whose instrumentality the ministrations of our Church are to be dispersed to her numerous and widely scattered children within the limits of your Excellency's present Government.

In conclusion, the Officers and Committee of the Society assure your Excellency that their Prayers shall not be wanting for an abundant blessing on your administration of your high trust, as the Representative of our beloved Queen, that it may tend to the promotion of the best interests of the people of this ancient dependency of the British Crown.

On behalf of the Officers and Committee,

(Signed)

ED. NEWFOUNDLAND,

President.

To which His Excellency was pleased to reply as follows:

*My Lord Bishop, President, and the Officers
and Members of the Committee of the
Newfoundland Church Society.*

I have received with much satisfaction the address which you have been pleased to present me.—I beg to offer you the thanks of Lady Bannerman and myself for your kind congratulations on our arrival in this Colony.

I have perused the last report published by your Society, which contains its rules, and explains its objects, and I readily accept the office of Patron in accordance with the third standing rule.