

the winter months. A letter to the secretary, dated January, 1876, will show how Mr. Saer regards his work, and with what feeling he addresses himself to it.

To Richard Neyle, Esq.

My dear Sir,—With much pleasure I present you a brief report of my missionary tour to the West, but to enter into details would only render me guilty of tautology, as I have already related many incidents which claimed my observation. However, with heartfelt gratitude, I state that the simple and unadulterated Gospel has been preached to some thousands. In some places it has evidently proved the “power of God unto salvation”; at times the “Melting Story of the Cross” seemed to break up the great deep in human hearts, manifesting itself in bitter sighs and tears.

In other localities there has been a “shaking among the dry bones,” and a consequent cry, “What must I do to be saved?” The old Pauline motto we have adopted when expedient, viz., from house to house visitation. The sick we have joyously aided with all the comfort and sympathy at command. The Word of eternal truth we have read and expounded, and the afflicted have been borne upward upon the arms of faith and prayer, and, when necessary, administering to their temporal as well as their spiritual necessities, remembering our great example, “He went about doing good.”

Thousands of tracts have been distributed in places where they were sadly needed, and in settlements where the voice of the preacher is still unheard, the silent messenger continues eloquently to make known the plan of salvation. Would to God that there was more soul-saving literature scattered throughout our land.

Many children who were heretofore unknown to lip the Saviour's name are now taught to sing His praise. But the lamentable cry that echoes from cove to cove and harbour to harbour, like the throes of a volcano, is this:—“We have no education; our boys and girls are unable to read; our children are uneducated.”

The island is doubtless better supplied with clergymen, Catholic and Protestant, than with ordinary elementary schools. This assuredly is the intolerable load under which the poor fisherman is so terribly crushed.

In reference to future prospects, we return to our loved employ with Joshua's decision. “We will serve the Lord,” by preaching, exhortation, and prayer. Our banners are unfurled; our motto is engraven on them in unmistakable characters, *our Friends and our Foes for Christ*.

We make no comment on the past, our motives are known to Him whose love to man we proclaim, and while our deeds are registered on high, we have the consciousness that our “labour is not in vain in the Lord.” We make no calculations for the future, but to be equipped with Divine strength as onward to the hottest place in battle we urge, believing that the hardest heart, be it as cold as yonder iceberg, can be melted by the “Sun of Righteousness,” into loving obedience to the command of a Crucified Redeemer.

And now with devout gratitude I record my thankfulness to the “God of all grace” for all the providential dealings, while I leave all past, present, and future, until that day when the tribes of Adam will assemble, when the books will be opened and the actions read.

Soliciting your prayers, I am, my dear Sir, yours faithfully in Gospel bonds,

JOHN BENJAMIN SAER.

The committee feel assured that they have in Mr. Saer the right man for the work. It may be well to state that he has not received one penny out of the funds of the society during the year. Yet the Lord has supplied his wants. He has laid it upon the hearts of His people to remember his devoted trusting servant.

Though not under the auspices of your committee, nor receiving any assistance from our funds, we deem it a pleasant duty to refer to the noble missionary work of the Mises Good, in the “St. John Training School. We regard this as a most important auxiliary. A number of young people are receiving a liberal education and a thorough training to qualify them to take charge of elementary schools in the outposts of this

country. The public school is an acknowledged blessing in the city, and it is impossible to estimate the value of the services rendered to the cause of education in the island by the self-denying and devoted ladies, who, at their own expense, and by their own exertions, have opened and conducted the institution. They deserve at least our gratitude, our thanks, and sympathy, and that we can truly assure them they have, and may always calculate upon. The juvenile missionary collectors deserve special notice. This year their efforts have been crowned with an unwonted success. Over £41 have been added to the funds by their exertions. It augurs well for the future of the society to find the young so devoted to its interest. May they never “grow weary in well doing,” remembering that in due time “they shall reap if they faint not.”

Your committee in conclusion would express the hope that their successors in office may be favoured with much encouragement during the ensuing year. They would urge the friends of this society and the committee of the parent society to come to the help of the Lord in this island. The harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few.

RICHARD NEYLE, Secretary.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

Dr.			
1875-6.—Paid Rev. Mr. Harrington			
12 months' salary to 1st Nov., 1875	£60	0	0
Six months' do. in advance, say to			
1st May, 1876	30	0	0
Donation towards School at Burgoyne			
Cove	10	0	0
Repairs of Mission Boat	5	0	0
			£105 0 0
Paid Rev. Mr. Hall—Travelling Expenses for self and Mr. Saer to the			
Westward	3	0	0
Do. for self to Random Sound	1	0	0
Printing Reports in Magazines	4	0	0
			8 0 0
Paid for Port Wine and Jar per Mr. Saer for			
Church Purposes	0	10	3
Balance at the Commercial Bank	58	12	10
			£172 3 1

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1875-6.—By Balance of last Account at Com-			
mmercial Bank	£74	5	7
Half Amount Collected by Children			
at Christmas, 1874	£12	7	0
Part Proceeds of Children's Concert			
received from Miss Chancey	6	18	8
Monthly Juvenile Offerings	3	14	7
Monthly Missionary Prayer Meetings	2	8	0
Mrs. Cruickshank's Class-box	0	2	1
Miss Winton's	0	9	0
Miss Radford's	0	6	0
Miss Chancey's	0	6	7
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Collected by the following Juveniles, at Christmas, 1875:—			
Martha Whitten	1	0	6
Lydia Whitten	1	0	0
Isabella Thomas	0	18	5
Mary Nichols	0	6	6
Annie Harvey	0	14	5
Maud and Lizzie Neyle	0	10	6
Jessie Le Drew	0	10	6
Annie Cruickshank	1	6	7
Lavinia Butler	1	4	6
Emma Weymouth	1	12	6
Fanny Winton	1	0	0
Louisa Winton	1	0	0
Elizabeth Chancey	1	1	3