

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29b

April 29.

Rev. A. Hamilton to Rev. Charles Cornelius Griffin. Re-affirming decision of Society.

September 5.

Bishop Inglis to Rev. A. Hamilton (Notes). Visit to Newfoundland postponed; sailing for Gulf of St. Lawrence to-morrow; Churches at Dartmouth and Sackville consecrated; Mr. Alley's embarrassments; schools in unsettled state; Mrs. Cochran's death; and smaller matters.

October 30.

To Sir Howard Douglas. Report of his visit to New Brunswick, at every parish of which he was, except Woodstock and Bathurst, which were not prepared for him. Is generally well satisfied with the condition of the Church in the province. He consecrated 19 churches and at 24 confirmations confirmed 1720 persons. The schools are generally well attended and well appointed, some exhibit excellent specimens of the Madras System; there is great shortage of clergymen; he ventures to think the timely application of the Crown Lands may forward this desirable object.

October 30.

To Sir Howard Douglas (Private). Several small sources of revenue have been spared to the church in New Brunswick. Grindstone Island and several ferries have been so allotted. Suggests the advantages of extending such sources. Care must be taken to avoid collision with local magistrates who may be dissenters, and who have it in their power to diminish the value of public services allotted to the Church.

The details of friction between the Presbyterians and the Church school at Miramichi are given, the former refusing aid to the school-master, because the Shorter Catechism is not taught in the school. The Bishop has directed that the Church Catechism shall not be taught to children, whose parents object, and that such children shall be sent to their own pastors for religious instruction, at stated times. If this measure of conciliation is ineffectual, the Bishop asks the Governor's interference, suggesting the appointment of sufficient magistrates to give the Church a majority on the Bench.

October 31.

To Rev. A. Hamilton (Notes). Enquiry whether Society for conversion of Negroes cannot keep up Negro schools in Bermuda, at least for present. Interference requested respecting the Prince Edward Island Marriage Act. Application suggested to land proprietors of Prince Edward Island for assistance to Church. Mr. Adin's case. His satisfaction with St. Eleanor's. Church at Charlottetown to be property of Church or new one built. Mr. Wix going to Liverpool. Archdeacon Spencer's valuable service during his visit. Some minor matters.

November 30.

To Rev. A. Hamilton. Return from completion of summer visits. 44 Churches and 35 burial grounds consecrated. 61 confirmations. 4367 persons confirmed. Every clergyman in Bermuda, Nova Scotia. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island visited. Some minor matters.

October 4.

Earl Bathurst to Sir James Kempt (Confidential). Calling attention to state of Ecclesiastical affairs in Diocese of Nova Scotia. Although the clergy are professedly maintained by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, yet as the funds of the Society are drawn in large part from the public Treasury, it would seem that the people of England, and not the Society, are charged with the support of an ecclesiastical Establishment. This was natural in the