

Squires for a period of three months on trial, he having had some experience in evangelistic work. The Rev. Mr. Hall was deputed to accompany him; to introduce him to the congregation. He entered upon his labours with every prospect of success.

In October last our worthy Vice-President again visited Random and reported the mission in a very satisfactory condition—Mr. Squire's services being very acceptable. The people were unanimous in their wishes for him to remain.

Your Committee believing Mr. Squires to be the right man for the place, have re-engaged his services for a further term of nine months. Since the death of Mr. Hanington the support of the school-teacher has devolved upon this Society.

A petition from the congregation of Twillingate, presided over by Mr. Wilson, the Society's agent there, came before the Committee, stating their wish to be organized as a Congregational church. The request having been submitted to the church, the Rev. Mr. Hall, in September, went round and complied with their desire, by ordaining Mr. Wilson as their pastor and installing three deacons. This mission promises to be a very important one, and, in course of time, entirely self-supporting. The church is composed of earnest Christian workers—pastor and people being united in their efforts to promote spiritually and temporally the work in which they are engaged. Hitherto they have had their services in the Temperance Hall, but a building has been purchased with the intention of converting it into a commodious and comfortable place of worship. There is land attached, affording ample space for a cemetery, school-houses and a parsonage, for which £150 have to be paid in instalments.

From information received from time to time by the Committee from Mr. Thompson, from the Bay de North Mission, it is gratifying to know that the work there is going on prosperously, all opposition in many places having altogether ceased, so that our devoted missionary has now the field before him; and he is unsparing in his efforts to ameliorate the social condition of the people, at the same time, working most zealously and self-denyingly for the spiritual good of those who come within his reach and influence. Many important settlements of Fortune Bay are anxiously asking for preachers and teachers. Your Committee regret that their means are so limited that they are unable to do more. During the autumn, the place was visited by Miss Good, who reports that the school is making good progress—being well conducted and largely attended—her presence and sympathy greatly encouraging and cheering the school teacher, Miss Radford, who is earnest and persevering in her efforts among the young.

Some of the inhabitants of Mose-Ambrose, Fortune Bay, having petitioned your Committee, asking for a school teacher; and, being willing to advance the interests of education, as far as their means will allow, have selected one from the training school in connection with this church. She entered upon her duties in December last, for one year from that time, the people there guaranteeing £18, your Committee being responsible for £10 in addition.

It is gratifying and encouraging to the Committee to have the cordial and hearty co-operation of the ladies, in their noble work—they having formed themselves into an auxiliary to raise funds to assist in building a residence for the teacher, under the same roof as the school-house now in course of erection at Rendell Harbour, and for the purpose of education generally,—the sum of £29 6s. 10d. has been already contributed. The Committee beg to tender them their best thanks.

The members of the Juvenile Missionary Association have not abated their zeal and interest in the Society's work, having again contributed by their united efforts a considerable amount to the funds. The Committee appreciate the continued valuable aid of the young people of the Sabbath school year after year, and warmly thank them for their assistance, for without it the operations of the Society would be considerably curtailed.

In closing this short report, the Committee acknowledge the growing importance of the mission work, and plead with those who are interested for redoubled effort in the coming year. There are thousands of souls in this island destitute of the bread of life; many places yet steeped in sin, ignorance and superstition; numbers calling out for the advantages of education. And on all sides we hear the cry, "Come over and help us!" May the Lord who loveth a cheerful giver touch the hearts of those to whom He Himself has given abundance of this world's goods, that they may pour into His treasury of their abundance; and may the sympathy and help of all be enlisted anew in this "work of faith and labour of love." And looking up to the Great Father of the universe we supplicate His continued help and blessing.

RICHARD NEYLE, Secretary.

St. John's, Feb. 27th, 1879.

The following resolutions were passed:

(1.) Moved by Mr. Beer, seconded by Mr. Robert Barnes, "That the report now read, with the statement of accounts, be adopted, printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee."

(2.) Moved by Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. R. Chancey, "That this meeting recognizes the goodness and blessing of God in the success which has attended the operations of this Society from year to year, and pledges itself to increased activity and earnestness in great work in the future."

(3.) Moved by Mr. Wm. Barnes, seconded by Mr. A. Parsons, "That the most cordial thanks of the meeting are given to the Ladies' Auxiliary for their valuable assistance and co-operation in obtaining funds."

(4.) Moved by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Capt.

Davis, "That this meeting appreciates the zeal and pertinacity displayed by the Juvenile Missionary Association in collecting for the Society, and hereby give them their unanimous thanks."

(5.) Moved by Mr. L. T. Chancey, seconded by Mr. Samuel Shaw, "That the hearty thanks of this meeting are tendered to the Colonial Missionary Society for their past help and encouragement, and in view of the spiritual destitution of many parts of the island would urge upon them the great necessity of increased assistance."

(6.) Moved by Mr. P. Knight, seconded by Mr. Haddon, "That the thanks of this meeting be given to the officers and Committee for the past year, and that the following be the officers and Committee for the present year. President, Rev. Thomas Hall; Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Seymour; Secretary, Mr. P. D. Knight; Committee, Messrs. Cruickshank, L. F. Chancey, J. Beer, Robert Barnes, J. Calver, J. H. Martin, E. Thomas, W. Barnes, R. Chancey, A. Parsons, T. Davis, J. Shepherd, I. Gale, A. Northfield, J. Haddon."

Newfoundland Congregational Home Missionary Society in account with the Treasurer.

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1878. To Paid, Missionary Harrington's account, £10; Missionary Squire, half year, £30; Missionary travelling expenses, £1 10s. 1d.; Missionary Thompson, Missionary Wilson, one year, each, £60; Missionary travelling expenses, £2; Miss Hiscock, teacher, Rendel Harbour, £15; Teacher at Mose-Ambrose, £5; Travelling expenses, £9 18s. 2d.; Publishing annual report, 1877, £4; Repairs, Rendel Harbour Church, £10 9s.; School-house and teacher's residence, at Rendel Harbour, £30; Reading desk for church at Bay de North, £1; Balance at Commercial Bank, £82 17s. 5d. Total, £321 8s. 9d.

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1878. By balance of last account at Commercial Bank, £46 2s. 10d.; Collection at annual meeting, £6 13s. 9d.; Proceeds of children's concerts, per Miss Chancey, £19 4s. 6d.; Private concert, 5s.; Proceeds missionary boat (sold), £12 10s.; Collected at monthly missionary prayer meetings, £10 17s. 9d.; Mrs. William Murray's missionary box, £1; Miss Louisa Barnes' missionary box, 18s.; Master Earle's missionary box, 12s. 3d.; Mrs. Cruickshank's Sunday school class box, 11s. 1d.; Miss Good's Sunday school class box, 7s. 10d.; Miss Radford's Sunday school class box, 6s. 8d.; Miss Winton's Sunday school class box, 5s. 8d.; Miss Chancey's Infant class, 5s. 6d. Subscriptions received from Rev. Thomas Hall, Mrs. Hall, each, £1 5s.; Hon. P. G. Tessier, £5; Mr. Howe, Mrs. Howe, each, £2; Mr. Neyle, Mrs. Neyle, each, £1 10s.; Mr. J. H. Martin, £5; Mr. J. N. Finlay, £3; Mr. J. Calver, £2 10s.; Mr. H. W. Seymour, Mr. A. Taylor, each, £2; Mr. J. Hutchings, Mr. James Hutchings, each, £1 1s.; Misses Good, Mr. P. G. Tessier, jr., Mr. J. McDonald, Mr. Joseph Beer, Mr. Robert Barnes, Mr. Edward Thomas, Mr. Prescott Bulley, Mr. L. T. Chancey, Mrs. L. T. Chancey, Capt. McDougall, each, £1; Mr. Samuel Shaw, 18s.; Mr. Richard Knight, Mr. W. J. Barnes, each, 15s.; Mrs. Chancey, Mr. Richard Barnes, Mr. Charles Barnes, Mr. James Tessier, Mr. A. Parsons, Mr. P. D. Knight, Mr. Robert Chancey, Mr. Isaac Collins, Mrs. Isaac Collins, Mrs. Jackman, each, 10s.; Mrs. Colton, 7s. 6d.; Mr. William A. Knight, Mr. Cruickshank, Mr. T. Gale, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Longwill, Capt. Davis, each 5s.; Master H. B. Winton, Master Alick McLaren, each, 2s. 6d.; Drafts on Colonial Missionary Society, (£93 15s. stg.), £112 10s.; Donations, E. U. Sabbath school, Motherwell, Glasgow, Scotland, £3 12s.; Mrs. Weston, Somerville, Mass., £1 5s.; Calvary Congregational Church, Montreal, £7 7s. 3d.; Middleboro, Mass., Congregational Church, £2 15s. Ladies' Auxiliary: Collected by Mrs. M. Chancey and Miss Earle, £10 19s. 4d.; Collected by Mrs. Cruickshank and Miss Barnes, £8 3s. 1d.; Clothing sold, £8 15s. 10d.; Proceeds of clothing made by children in training school, £1 8s. 7d.; Collected by juveniles at Christmas, 1878, £25 19s. 4d.; Less £10 stg., to support Daniel Spencer, Ward, India, £12. Total, £321 8s. 9d.

JAMES HOWE, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct: H. W. SEYMOUR, I. HALL. St. John's, Newfoundland, February 27th, 1879.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In presenting a brief report of the "Ladies' Auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society," the Committee desire to express their thanks to the ladies who have kindly assisted them in their endeavours to aid in this important work. Our Auxiliary has been only some five months in existence, and already the sum of £29 6s. 10d. has been raised, which amount has been given towards the erection of a school and teacher's residence at Kendall Harbor.

The Committee are thus encouraged to put forth still greater effort in this good cause.

The subscribers are called upon weekly, quarterly, yearly, as most convenient to them by the collectors.

We have also received valuable assistance from the Misses Good in clothing, pictures, and other things, some of which was the work of the children in their school. Most of these articles have been sold, and the proceeds given to increase our funds.

We now earnestly solicit the ladies of the congregation to co-operate with us in this work and continue their assistance. "Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

May we each be stimulated to do our utmost now, knowing that our working time will soon be over. And at last, may it be said of each one of us, "She hath done what she could."

M. A. CRUICKSHANK, Secretary.

COLLECTED BY MRS. R. CHANCEY AND MISS BARLE.

Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Collins, each, 10s.; Mrs. Hall, 12s.; Mrs. M. P. Chancey, Mrs. Finlay, each, 10s.; Mrs. Neyle, Mrs. Calver, each, £1; Miss Knight, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Charles Tessier, 3s.; Mrs. Davis, 6s.; Miss Good, 7s. 6d.; Miss Barnes, 12s.; Mrs. Longwill, 5s.; Mr. L. T. Chancey, 10s.; Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Cross, Miss Ellis, Mrs. James Cadwell, each, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Coffel, 5s.; Mrs. Chancey, Mrs. Parsons, each, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. A. Parsons, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Howe Mrs. Duckworth, Margaret and Eliza Hall, Mrs. Winton, each, 5s.; Captain Lyes, 3s.; Mrs. Nichols, 2s. 6d.; Miss Nichols, 2s.; Mrs. Ann Nichols, 6d.; Mrs. E. C. Chancey, 1s.; Mrs. Beer, Mrs. Wiseman, each, 3s.; Mrs. Shephent, 2s.; Mrs. Garland, 1s.; Mrs. Colton, 1s. 4d.; Miss Radford, 1s. 4d.

COLLECTED BY MRS. CRUICKSHANK AND MISS BARNES.

Mrs. MacLaren, 3s. 6d.; Mrs. Pippy, 5s.; Mrs. White, 9s.; Mrs. Langmead, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. Trudeau, 6d.; Mrs. Barnes, (Lay Bank) 1s. 6d.; Mrs. E. Colton, 5s.; G. Langmead, 3d.; Mrs. Smith, 12s.; Mrs. Ainsworth, 1s. 6d.; Miss S. Radford, 8s.; Mrs. Ramsey, 10s.; Mrs. A. Barnes, 1s.; Mrs. C. Barnes, 5s.; Mrs. Edward Barnes, 5s.; Mrs. Tessier, £1 5s. 4d.; Mrs. S. Colton, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Trotman, 5s.; Mrs. W. Murray, 10s.; Mrs. L. Barnes, Mrs. A. Seymour, each, 5s.; Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. W. Barnes, each, 10s.; Capt. McDougall, A Friend, each, 5s.; Mrs. Longwill, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Cruickshank, 5s.

CHRISTIAN "GIVING UP."

It is a pitiful thing to see a young disciple going about and asking everybody how much he must "give up" in order to be a Christian. Unfortunately, many of those who take it upon themselves to instruct him give him the same impression of Christian discipleship—that it consists chiefly of giving up things that one likes and finds pleasure in. But a man in solitary confinement might as well talk about what he must "give up" if he is pardoned out of prison, or a patient in consumption about what he must "give up" in order to get well. The prisoner must give up his fetters, and the invalid his pains and his weakness—these are the main things to be sacrificed. It is true that the one has the privilege of living without work, and the other the privilege of lying in bed all day; these are privileges that must be relinquished, no doubt. And so there are certain sacrifices to be made by him who enters upon the Christian life, but they are "not worthy to be compared" with the liberty and dignity and joy into which the Christian life introduces us; and to put the emphasis upon this negative side of the Christian experience, as so many are inclined to do, is a great mistake.—Sunday Afternoon.

WORK AND OVERWORK.

How many women fail to make this distinction; or, making it, fail to profit by it. How many pale faces, aching backs, sleepless nights, dyspeptic days grow out of this tendency among wives and mothers to overdo in some direction. It may be sewing, it may be cooking, it may be a laudable ambition to have the house in perfect order, or it may be the care and training of children which so absorbs strength and energy, but in each and every case the aim, if followed too intently, will result in pain and weariness.

Moderation, a wise moderation in all things, is the only rule of success. Don't, you poor over-tired woman who may read this, don't attempt so much. Be satisfied to leave something for to-morrow. Let the day bring you a resting time as well as a working time. Suppose the curtains don't get put up, or the hall carpet isn't put down until next week? Will it matter so very much after all? Once more we say, at the risk of being tedious, *be moderate*. Work is a necessity in one way or another to all of us. Overwork is of our own making, and, like all self-imposed burdens, is beyond our strength.

Very often it happens that we have too much to do, because we failed to do the work of the hour in its season. An unwise postponement brings us into difficulties. What should have been accomplished conflicts with what is now necessary of accomplishment, and the result is confusion. Besides, the consciousness of being behindhand fatigues one. The only way to avoid overwork is to be punctual, careful, and moderate.—Christian Intelligencer.

The notorious Widows has appeared in Dundee, Scotland, and caused a stir.