

prevalence of disease and suffering among the people of Africa, and to secure the aid of Medical Science generally, to the beneficent objects of African civilization, must be considered of immense importance.

There are also various other measures, some of them of comparatively less moment, which will come within the legitimate scope of this Institution, and which uniformly attend the progress of civilization. A few of these are distinctly mentioned in the prospectus of the Society,—the encouragement of practical Science in all its various branches,—useful information as to the best method of draining in a climate so hot and so humid, and of cultivating the soil—as to the productions which command a steady market, and the introduction of the most approved Agricultural implements, and seeds. The Society might also assist in promoting the formation of Roads and Canals. The manufacture of paper, and the use of the Printing Press, would be amongst the most powerful auxiliaries in the dispersion of ignorance and the destruction of Barbarism. Such are some of the leading objects which this excellent Society seeks to promote.

It has already co-operated with Mr. Buxton in inducing her Majesty's Government to undertake an expedition to the River Niger, with the view of obtaining the most accurate information as to the state of the countries bordering on its mighty waters. And although the Society takes no part in any plan of Colonization or of Trade, its objects being exclusively pacific and benevolent, yet it will endeavour by encouragement and by the diffusion of information, to aid in the civilization of Africa, leaving it to her Majesty's Government to form Treaties with the native Rulers of Africa, for the suppression of the Slave Trade, and to obtain from the Chiefs, should it be deemed expedient, the possession of some convenient districts for carrying on Trade with safety and success.

A public Meeting is to be held at Exeter Hall, London, on the 28th of this Month, for promoting the objects of this truly patriotic Institution, and the Society calls for the aid and co-operation of all who hold in just abhorrence the iniquitous traffic in human beings, which has so long and extensively prevailed, of all who deeply deplore the awful crimes which have so long afflicted and still continue to devastate Africa, of all who remember with deep sorrow and contrition, that share which Great Britain so long continued to have in producing these scenes of bloodshed and of guilt to enable it to carry on its arduous and beneficent designs.

MODERATORSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. We understand that the proposal to elect Dr. Hill, as Moderator, is likely to call forth considerable opposition. We are not at all surprised at this, as Dr. Hill, though a man of high respectability, and well versed in the laws and forms of our Church, belongs to the intrusionist party, and could not therefore be a fair representative of the sentiments of the majority of the Church, on this vitally important question. We do not know to what extent Dr. Hill may be inclined, to approve of the recent proceedings of the civil courts, but this we should think is obvious, that no individual who is not prepared to resist every attempt at interference in ecclesiastical matters, by any mere civil authority, and, if need be, to act over again the part of Alexander Henderson in 1638, ought to be placed in the chair which he so nobly filled, in times not altogether dissimilar to the present. Indeed, we should think that any one, who has conscientiously embraced views, at variance with the known sentiments of the great majority of the Church, would hesitate before allowing himself to be placed in a situation, where his peculiar feelings are so likely to be totally disregarded, and even his conduct exposed to the charge of partiality.—*Witness.*

Meetings for the Revival of Religion in Dunfermline.—A series of religious meetings commenced at Dunfermline on Monday the 10th instant, in Queen Anne Street Church, and continued for nine successive days. At the first meeting about 1200 attended, and the number increased every evening, till at last between two and three thousand were present, and another place of worship required to be opened. The same regular increase in interest and in attendance was experienced in the morning prayer meetings;

and on Sabbath morning, at eight o'clock, there would be about 1200 engaged in supplicating the Divine blessing. The whole nine days were a religious festival; and as the word of God was going forth, on scoffers were silenced, the careless were aroused, and led weeping and humbled to the cross of Christ; saints experienced once more the freshness of their first love, and a solemn awe pervaded the whole community. Religion was the all-absorbing topic for the time. It is a pleasing feature in this religious revival, that all parties, whether Established or Dissenting, were engaged in it. All their minor differences were laid aside, and they were found labouring together for the common salvation of their fellow-men. Much of the success, under God, must be ascribed to this cause. The ministers of the town met at each other's houses every evening, and spent an hour in religious exercises, preparatory to the public meeting. The same spirit of love pervaded the audiences, and no matter what was the instrument employed, the truth was received from each with the same pleasure and profit. In addition to the ministers in the town, the services were conducted by the following strangers:—the Rev. Messrs. Buret (Relief), Cupar, Dick (Independent), Duncan (Established), Cleish, Frazer (Independent), Edinburgh, Irvine (Established), Abercorn, Johnstone (Secession), Limekilns, McDowall (Secession), Alloa, Walker (Secession), Comrie.

YARMOUTH AND ARGYLE BIBLE SOCIETY.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the above Society, was held at the Baptist Meeting House in Yarmouth, on Wednesday the 15th ult.

The Chair was taken at half past seven o'clock, p.m. The Rev. Harris Harding. The meeting was opened with prayer by the President; after which he delivered a deeply interesting address.

The Report of the Committee was then read by the Secretary; whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Burton, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Dimock, *Resolved*, that the Report just read, be adopted by the Society, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Committee.

It was then unanimously *Resolved*, that the Constitution, as revised by the Committee appointed for that purpose last year, be received and adopted, and that in future the Society be governed by the rules and regulations therein contained.

The following gentlemen addressed the meeting: Rev. Mr. Gilpin, Rev. Mr. Dewolfe, Rev. Mr. Burton, Rev. Mr. Chesley, Rev. Mr. Dimock.

The meeting closed by singing the Doxology—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," &c.

There was a full attendance of the different denominations, who seemed united to promote the cause of the Bible Society. The evening was very pleasant and upon the whole it was an auspicious season to the Bible Society in this place. May the impression made continue and increase, until the myriads immersed in ignorance and superstition, receive this light of true knowledge, which will guide them to heaven.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President—The Rev. Mr. Harding.
Vice Presidents—Rev. Mr. Gilpin, Rev. Mr. Burton, Rev. Mr. Ross, Rev. Mr. Dewolfe, Rev. Mr. Lent, Rev. Mr. Dimock.

Committee—Messrs Zachariah Chipman, Edward Huestis, Joseph Raymond, Joseph Ellis, A. W. Huntington, S. Dunseith, T. Hilton, Capt. Caleb Cook.

Treasurer—Amos Baker, Esq.

Depository—Mr. A. Lawson.

A. V. DIMOCK, *Secretary.*

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ADDRESSES OF ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY ON HER MAJESTY'S NUPTIALS.

Halifax, Nova-Scotia,

St. George's Day, 1840.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the members of St. George's Charitable Society, embrace the opportunity which the celebration of the anniversary of our Tutelar Saint most appropriately affords us to address our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria upon the auspicious and happy occasion of her Marriage with his Royal Highness Prince Albert, and as Englishmen, and the descendants of Englishmen, justly proud of our Birthright and the British Constitution, we hail the joyful event with true and heartfelt pleasure, sincerely wishing that her Majesty and his Royal Highness long may live in the enjoyment of every blessing.

We beg leave to place our Address in your Excellency's hands, respectfully requesting that you will transmit the same to the proper Authorities, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, and in thus soliciting your Excellency to be the channel of communication of these expressions of Loyalty and attachment to our Beloved Sovereign, we feel that we should ill discharge our Duty to you, as Her Representative, did we not at the same time make known

the high opinion we entertain of your disinterested government of this happy Colony, feeling assured that you have ever been actuated by the single desire of promoting its best and truest interests.

(Signed) T. N. JEFFERY, President.

JOHN HOWE, V. P.

JOSEPH STARR, V. P.

To his Excellency Lieut-General Sir Colin Campbell, K. C. B. Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia, &c. &c.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, your Majesty's faithful subjects, composing the Charitable Society of St. George, residing at Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, gladly avail ourselves of our Anniversary Festival on this day, to lay before your Majesty, in all dutiful submission, our humble and sincere congratulations on your Royal Nuptials.

Warmly attached to the land of our forefathers, and inheriting their zeal and devoted loyalty to the throne, we participate in the universal joy diffused on this occasion through every part of your extended empire, and unite with heart and voice in the animated and rapturous expressions of delight, which this auspicious event has called forth.

We offer to your Majesty our earnest wishes, that it may be the source of true and lasting happiness to your Majesty and your royal and highly accomplished consort, and to the nation and its dependencies at large. That it may bind still more closely, a free and happy people in renewed love and veneration for that great and glorious constitution under which we live, and in heartfelt attachment and devotion to your Majesty's sacred person. May the Almighty shed on your union, his choicest blessings, and render it long and happy, honoured and renowned.—Under your fostering care, may religion and virtue increase, and honor and obedience to the laws, secure to us the freedom we enjoy. May domestic, quiet and universal peace, be the distinguishing character of your Majesty's rule, and your people reap the fruits in continued and solid prosperity. We hail the present joy as the harbinger of this happiness, and fervently pray, that future ages beholding it accomplished, may refer to your Majesty's glorious reign, as the brightest era in the annals of our country.

(Signed as above.)

The following is His Excellency's reply:

GENTLEMEN,

The congratulations contained in this dutiful and loyal address to the Queen, from St. George's Charitable Society of Nova-Scotia, on Her Majesty's Marriage with His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, I shall have great pleasure in transmitting to the proper authorities to be laid at the foot of the Throne, agreeably to your request.

I cannot but avail myself of this occasion of conveying to you my best and warmest acknowledgments for the opinion you are pleased to entertain, and have expressed in your Address to me, of the disinterested manner in which I have administered the Government of this Province, and endeavoured to forward its best interests; what enhances that opinion is, that it emanates from a body so highly respectable and independent, as the Society which I now have the honour to address.

CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE OF THE QUEEN.

By the Nova Scotia Philanthropic Society.

Friday last, being the day set apart by the above Society, for celebrating Her Majesty's Nuptials, the whole town, at an early hour, presented a scene of life and animation. Colours were displayed from the roofs and windows of houses and stores. At ten o'clock the Members of the Society, with each a bunch of May-flowers in the button-hole, and blue and white favors, met in the Province Building, where Addresses to the Queen and Prince Albert were read, and greeted with cheers. The Society were then formed into order of procession, around the grass plot on the south side of the building, and headed by the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, proceeded, with their Banners, to St. Paul's Church—The procession was joined by the Carpenters' Society and the Thistle Lodge of Freemasons—and preceded by the Band of the 8th Regiment.

The Church was literally crowded. Dr. Willis read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Cogswell preached a sermon, which, for appropriate language, and real eloquence, equalled any address we ever heard. We are happy to hear that this excellent discourse is to be published at length.

After the Church services were concluded, the Society reformed in procession, returned by George street, to Hollis street—proceeding south passed the

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