

tions, \$1,512.05; legacies, \$2,324.38; donations to finish Church, \$789.96; sewing society, \$381.67; Sunday School, \$38.06; total, \$5,046.56.

MILTON AND RUSTICO.

The Archdeacon reports that during his absence the church services were satisfactorily performed by Rev. T. H. Reagh; and since his return the services have been regularly performed. A service has, by request, been extended to Milton River Station. The Bishop's visit is to be remembered. His Lordship confirmed in the parish 20 females and 8 males. Receipts: A handsome communion service from Miss Holroyd; a chancel stove, from Mrs. Disney; a tower and bell from the parishioners, valued at \$359.66; offertories and collection, \$325.56; S. P. G. missions, \$33.41; D. C. S. subscriptions, \$72.85.—Total, \$791.48.

ST. ELEANOR'S AND SUMMERSIDE.

Rev. Mr. Dyer's parish was visited early in the year by small pox, and Alberton and its suburbs were under quarantine. Afterwards measles became very prevalent, together with scarlet fever, diphtheria, and whooping cough. But he would have come through the battlefield without being wounded at all, were it not that one day, while out visiting, his horse ran away, and he was thrown out of the wagon and badly hurt. Falling on the rail of the bridge, he thinks, saved his life. Till this accident, he had been able to fill all his appointments; and he is happy to report that at Alberton, Cape Kildre, Montrose, Cascumpec Village, and Lot 6, the services have been well attended, and, apparently, appreciated. Celebrations, 17; marriages, 3; baptisms, 26; burials, 11; pastoral visits, 414.

CRAPAUD AND SPRINGFIELD.

Rev. Mr. Johnston reports that Church work here "pursues the even tenor of its way." The number of Bible classes has increased and the Sunday Schools continue to give satisfaction. Seventeen persons were confirmed—and more were ready to ratify their baptismal vows but stormy weather prevented. Burials, 9; marriages, 1; baptisms, 6. Receipts: For S. P. G. mission, \$21.56; D. C. S. subscriptions in 1878, \$58.60; in 1879, \$62.50; tea meetings at Crapaud, about \$455; Algona missions, \$7.46; Sunday Schools, \$3.53; subscriptions, \$215.50.—Total, \$809.25.

GEORGETOWN.

Rev. Dr. Wright reports that he had charge of Trinity Church in June, July, August and September. During his stay eighteen persons were prepared for Confirmation, and Confirmed. One of these was seventy-five years of age, another was blind.

James Eason, Esq. (Catechist), reports that in the absence of a Clergyman, Sunday services were regularly kept up morning and afternoon, with a very fair attendance. Special services were also held on Holydays and in Lent. The visits of Rev. Messrs. Richey and Hodgson, at Christmas and Easter are acknowledged. Sunday School is taught every Sunday, and is well attended. The Church has been repaired at a cost of \$194. The receipts amount to \$324.50.

NEW LONDON.

Rev. T. B. Reagh reports; Regular services have been held in New London and Irihtown during the last four months—morning and evening service in each church alternately. Week-day services have also been held in church. There has been a large attendance on all occasions. Nineteen persons were confirmed by the Bishop. The parsonage has been repaired and the graveyards have received attention. Total collections during four months, \$169.81; services and sermons, 66; baptisms, 17; burials, 4; celebrations, 5.

The following Resolution was moved by Charles Palmer, Esq., and seconded by Rev. T. Johnston:—

Resolved, That the Report now read be adopted, and the thanks of the meeting be given to the Collectors for their efforts in maintaining the funds of the Society.

Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson moved, seconded by Rev. A. Osborne:—

Resolved, That this meeting desires to acknowledge with gratitude to Almighty God, the blessing which He has vouchsafed to this Province during the past year; and to express its thankfulness to those Home Societies who have for so many years materially assisted our Church.

Rev. T. S. Richey move, seconded by the Archdeacon:—that this meeting

sympathises with the missionary operations of our Church, and is glad to hear of its success, and of its continued desire to extend its operations throughout the world.

Rev. T. B. Reagh moved, seconded by Rev. D. Fitzgerald:—

That the officers of the Society and members of the Executive Committee be the same as last year; that the name of William Pidgeon be added to the list; and that of Mr. Thos. Adam Millman be substituted for Thos. Millman; that Mr. Merson be appointed treasurer in place of Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson, resigned; and that Messrs. F. T. Newbery and H. J. Cundall, be auditors for the ensuing year.

EFFORTS TO GAIN THE EPISCOPATE IN AMERICA.

(CONTINUED.)

The first Rebellion in 1715 put an end to the next attempt. No public allusion to the subject occurred till 1740, when Dr. Secker, Bishop of Oxford, in a sermon before the S. P. G., pleaded for a Bishop for America. In 1750 Bishop Sherlock, of London, presented to the King in Council considerations relating to ecclesiastical government in America. A plan was drawn up by Bishop Butler, of Durham. It carefully considered the prejudices against Bishops in the Colonies. There was to be no coercive power over the laity, no interference with the Governors or magistrates in their powers or privileges. Bishops were to be supported by the voluntary offerings of the Church of England. No Bishop was to reside in New England or Pennsylvania, where the government was in the hands of Dissenters. Opposition to Bishops was now wide-spread. The opponents in America were: 1. Those who understood the difference between the spiritual and accidental features of the Bishop's position, but feared they would promote the growth of the Church. 2. The ignorant, who identified Bishops with tyranny. "Those apostate monarchs who chastise us with scorpions." 3. Those who understood the true position of a Bishop, but who doubted the honesty of the introducers, or the practicability of the measure. The plan failed. The King set out for Hanover, and could not give it his attention. The Dissenters took advantage of these measures to inflame the popular mind against Bishops. They had a Society in England in constant correspondence with the Society in America.

In 1764 the S. P. G. reports 80 Missionary Stations and 72 Missionaries in the limits of the present United States. Thirty of these were in New England. The Missionaries outside of Virginia and Maryland were paid by the S. P. G. The Society was charged with the attempt to Episcopate centres, "because they sent Missionaries to places where there were already godly and peaceful ministers, and not to heathen districts." Dr. Hawks says that he cannot find any instances where the Society introduced itself before men were asked for. The Rev. East Apherpe, of Cambridge, defended the Society. He was answered by Dr. Mayhew, Congregationalist, in a very violent pamphlet. Among many others, Archbishop Secker replied to this in a pamphlet of rare ability. Dr. Mayhew responded in two replies, and these were reviewed by Apherpe. Here this terminated. Rev. Messrs. Cannon and Johnson, in America, pleaded the Church's cause. Their reasons for desiring the Episcopate were as follows:—1. While all religious bodies can propagate their ministry, the Church alone cannot. 2. No Confirmations can be held. 3. There can be no proper superintendence of the clergy. 4. The difficulties in obtaining orders. The expense of the two voyages is £100. The time consumed is a year. The risk incurred is considerable, one-fifth of those crossing the ocean for Ordination perishing. These were weighty reasons, and deserved prompt recognition. Still, the Church was doomed to more disappointment. In 1767, John Newhall, Bishop of Llandaff, preached before the S. P. G. Certain expressions as to heathenism were supposed to refer to New England. Whereupon Dr. Chas. Chauncy, of Boston, took up the cudgel for the Dissenters, and replied in letters to a friend. As the remedy proposed was Bishop, the controversy was an exciting one. Mr. William Livingstone, a lawyer of New York, published a letter to the Bishop of Llandaff. The controversy was closed by Dr. Inglis, of New York, afterwards Bishop of Nova Scotia.

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