

# Monthly Messenger.

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(To the Editor of the MONTHLY MESSENGER).

DEAR SIR,—I congratulate you on the first appearance of your MONTHLY MESSENGER in its new dress. I have requested ten copies for the future, seven of which will be at your service for distribution to those who may not be able to subscribe.

Yours truly, etc.,  
H. W. SEYMOUR.

St. John's, February 22, 1876.

[We will be very pleased if a few others follow the example of our correspondent.—E. M. A.]

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above society was held in the lecture-room of Queen's-road Chapel, on Feb. 23 last. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. T. Hall. The attendance was good, and the whole proceedings were characterised by much enthusiasm. The chair was filled by the president, the Hon. P. G. Tessier, who, in an appropriate address, introduced the business of the meeting. The various resolutions were ably spoken to by the gentlemen named.

1st resolution, moved by Mr. L. T. Chancey, seconded by Mr. A. Cruickshank: "That the reports now read be adopted, printed, and circulated."

2nd resolution, moved by Mr. Robt. Winton, seconded by Mr. W. H. Seymour: "That the meeting is profoundly thankful to the Father of mercies for His continued guidance and blessing during the past year, and resolves to trust Him more implicitly, and pray more fervently for greater success in the future."

3rd resolution, moved by Mr. H. Furneaux, seconded by Mr. Robt. Chancey: "That the best thanks of the meeting be given to the juvenile collectors for their valuable aid this year."

4th resolution, moved by Mr. J. Beer, seconded by Mr. E. Thomas: "That the following be the officers and committee for the ensuing year—President, Hon. P. G. Tessier; vice-president, Rev. Thos. Hall; treasurer, James Howe, Esq.; secretary, Richard Neyle, Esq.; committee, Messrs. W. H. Seymour, R. Chancey, T. Gale, F. N. Finlay, L. T. Chancey, E. Thomas, J. H. Martin, R. Winton, J. Collins, G. Langmead, H. Barnes, J. Calvar, Robert Barnes, and A. Cruickshank."

5th resolution, moved by Mr. James Howe, seconded by Mr. Richard Neyle: "That the best thanks of the meeting are due, and are hereby given to the president, the Hon. P. G. Tessier, for his devotion to the work of the society during the past year, and for his services this evening."

## SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your committee regret to state that they cannot

report much progress in the work of the society during the past year. They made most urgent appeals to the Congregational Missionary Society for assistance, and had the assurance that such would be granted when suitable agents were secured. Your committee had engaged the services of a young man, whom they were led to believe by those who had known him for years would be very suitable for the work in this country, but the committee of the Parent Society, on having a personal interview with him, deemed him quite unfit to be appointed at present. Your committee bow to the superior wisdom of the London committee, but feel keenly the disappointment; and owing to the peculiar circumstances of our situation, he must look to the Congregational Missionary Society to select missionaries. They sincerely hope that before long they will be cheered by the arrival of at least two additional men.

The devoted brethren already in the field continue at their posts, and in the midst of much discouragement and difficulty, pursue their important work.

The Rev. Mr. Harrington is as indefatigable as ever, we have had a most cheering account of his work from himself in committee during the fall of last year, and the vice-president visited officially this station in the month of August. He examined the children of the Mission School, and conducted several services in the Chapel School, and had ample opportunity of forming an opinion of the value of Mr. Harrington's services in that locality.

He expressed the greatest satisfaction and pleasure with what he saw and heard. Your committee have deemed it prudent to encourage Mr. Harrington by a small grant to open another elementary school in a neglected settlement on his station. A suitable building has been secured, and the services of a teacher obtained, and a number of heretofore neglected children are now under instruction; beside, a Sunday-school has been commenced in the same place, affording means of instruction to those who cannot avail themselves of the day-school.

At the request of the committee the Rev. Mr. Saer was publicly recognised, and solemnly dedicated by the church to the work of the Lord in the month of May last, and shortly after proceeded, in company with the pastor, to Fortune Bay, where he has been actively engaged since. He has endured hardness as a good soldier, and fully sustained the hopes of the committee respecting his fitness for missionary work in this island. He paid a short visit to the capital in the month of December. During his sojourn he rendered valuable assistance to the pastor, and his labours were blessed to many. He returned to his station early in January. He purposes, in addition to his ordinary work, to organise and conduct day and Sabbath-schools during