

In 1835, the Colonial Committee expended £672 within the bounds of the Presbytery of Nova Scotia. In 1856, £517. In 1857, the very large sum of £1525 was expended by the Colonial Committee in outfit and salaries for missionaries for Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. In 1858, £1250. In 1859, about the same amount, or in five years, the great sum of £5314. Surely it is high time that we were doing something to relieve our generous friends at home of this serious burden—for generous almost beyond measure it is, and we are ashamed that we ourselves have done so little. The Report calls attention to the fact that the Diocesan Society in this Province raises more than £1800 annually, and that unless we do something, and do it soon, and with some vigor, we must expect to be left to our own resources. We must give some evidence that we are progressing, or the parent church will cease, and very properly cease, to lend us its aid.

This Missionary Society combined with the Lay Association in connection with Pictou Presbytery, affords us some encouragement to hope that the dawn of a brighter day is breaking upon us, and that as a Church we will become every day more alive to our duties, and more conscious of, and confident in our inherent strength.

The published subscriptions of the society, for last year, amount to the very respectable sum of £136 11s. 10d. Many of the individual subscriptions are very handsome. One of £8, eight of £5 each; nine of £3 each; seven of £2 each, and twelve of £1.

We trust that our wealthy Halifax friends have only made a prosperous beginning, and that next year's Report may present the gratifying result of increased means, and increasing interest.

We shall embrace an early opportunity of laying before our readers some details of the Pictou Lay Association, and of directing the attention of our Church generally to the duty and necessity of increased effort in behalf of ourselves.

THIRTIETH REPORT OF THE ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (HALIFAX) FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

We have received a copy of the above Report and are glad to find that this old and excellent Society exhibits every appearance of vigor, without any indications whatever of the decrepitude incident to old age. As Macaulay said of the University of Glasgow, it feels nothing of age but its dignity. The amount of good effected by such philanthropic Societies as this, no one can tell. The sick, the aged, the infirm, the unfortunate, even the vicious experience their benefit, and relief is often supplied, of which no one in the world knows oftentimes, but the giver and the recipient. They are a blessing to

the Church, and a blessing to the community in which they exist, and ought to form an appendage to every congregation.

The amount received and expended by St. Andrew's Ladies' Society last year was £21 10s. 4d.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTATION APPOINTED FOR THE LAST MEETING OF PICTOU PRESBYTERY TO VISIT CAPE BRETON.

Your deputation, consisting of the Messrs. Herdman of Pictou, J. Sinclair, and John McKay, Esq., proceeded on their journey on the 13th of March, and by the blessing of God, arrived in safety on the 16th, at Baddeck, their destination. Here we were waited upon by C. Campbell, Esq., who invited us to his house, and kindly entertained us during our stay there. Intimation having been previously made, the Rev. Mr. Herdman preached on Sunday twice, at Little and at Big Baddeck, and Mr. Sinclair twice at the latter place in both languages. The congregations at each diet averaged about one hundred persons, which considering all circumstances was highly gratifying. It may here be observed that your missionaries, before concluding each service, always explained the object of their mission, and intimated the various places at which they purposed to preach during the week.

On Tuesday we proceeded to St. Ann's, where we preached two sermons to about 50 persons. Here we were gratified by the spontaneous call of a deputation from among the people, assuring us of the attachment of a large number of the inhabitants of St. Ann's to the Church of their fathers, and that the absence of sufficient intimation alone accounted for the smallness of the congregation on that day.

On the day following, we proceeded to Bouldredrie Island, where a few miles from the Ferry, we preached to about thirty hearers in the open air, who heard of our arrival only the previous evening. After services in both languages, we proceeded five miles further on, where we preached next day to about sixty hearers. Thereafter we proceeded five miles towards the ferry where we officiated next day and administered the ordinance of baptism to eleven children. In the course of the day, we returned to Baddeck, on our way to the Middle River, whither we arrived next day; and on Sabbath the 25th preached in the house of Alex. McKae, Esq., to about one hundred and fifty persons, as usual in both languages. Also an evening service was conducted for the benefit of those in the immediate neighborhood, who came forward of their own accord and desired it. On Tuesday, in the Upper Settlement, we preached to about one hundred and fifty persons, and on the evening of that day, conducted a baptismal service at the house of J. McLennan, Esq., in the presence of not a few hearers.