

for the Propagation of the Gospel, took charge of them temporarily only, was simply want of funds. The object was thought to be so good and desirable, that the Committee undertook to do for a time what they could not undertake permanently, hoping that some help might appear from some quarter or other. I do believe the Schools to be worthy of your Society's support. They are very well superintended at both places.

"I am preparing to hand over the charge of the Secretaryship to the Rev. T. H. Burn, the Bishop's Domestic Chaplain, who has kindly consented to relieve me by the beginning of next year."

A letter was read from the Rev. T. H. Burn, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, dated Bishop's Palace, Calcutta, Jan 8, 1859:—

"I beg to enclose a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Calcutta Diocesan Committee, held yesterday, Jan. 7, in the Bishop's Palace. In accordance with these minutes, I have to request that you will lay before the Committee of the parent Society, the want of books in the various languages of Europe for sailors, numbers of whom are found in the hospitals, and are visited on board ship. I enclose a statement of the number of seamen visiting the port of Calcutta.

"There is still a great demand at the present time for books for the army. All the chaplains are most glad to have a supply to distribute and to lend to the soldiers, when they are stationary or in hospital.

"The Calcutta Depository is now removed from Bishop's College and placed in the compound at the Bishop's Palace."

It appeared that the number of seamen shipped through the Register Office of Merchant Seamen at Calcutta, from May 1, 1857, to April 30, 1858, amounted to 20,852. This does not include Her Majesty's Navy, nor the Naval Brigade.

The Board agreed to grant, on this application, Books and Tracts for sailors in India, £50.

For the use of soldiers, partly from "Clericus," £50.

A letter was read from the Rev. David Simpson, Secretary of the Madras Diocesan Committee, dated Madras, Dec. 21, 1858, sending four copies of the newly revised Tamil Common Prayer Book. He said:—

"One is well bound, the others are in the ordinary covers, as intended for the use of natives, to whom cheapness is a main consideration. The edition consists of 10,000 copies. The cost of the book is at 1½ rupees a copy. We have, however, resolved to sell it at eight annas. Your Society's grant of £150 has assisted us in doing this. A native will readily buy a book for eight annas (one shilling,) but is very loth to give more.

Mr. Simpson also forwarded copies of the Telugu Common Prayer Book, towards the expense of the publication of which the Society had contributed.

The volumes were laid before the Meeting.

The attention of the Meeting was called to that portion of the Society's report for February which relates to the question of the early Communion on the Saints' days, in the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

The following Report, which had been laid before the February Meeting, was proposed for the adoption of the Board:—

"The Society deems from the terms of the Trust, dated June 3, 1755, that in the appropriation of the dividends on £100, New South Sea Annuities, the welfare of the parishioners of St. Mary-le-Bow should be consulted.

"The Society approves of the application of the dividends to the purpose of an Evening Lecture, understanding from the statements before the Committee, that this is, under present circum-

stances, the most beneficial purpose within the scope of the Trust to which the funds can be applied.

"The Society is, however, desirous that the purpose of the Trust, specially mentioned, namely the administration of the Holy Communion in the morning on Saints' days, and other festivals happening on the week days, should not be lost sight of; and the Society reserves to itself to direct hereafter that the dividends shall again be applied to this object, or that they shall be appropriated to other pious uses within the intention of the Trust, if circumstances should render such an alteration practicable.

The following addition to this Report was recommended by the Standing Committee; they having further considered the subject since the last Meeting:—

"Provided, that when a Saint's day occurs in the course of the ensuing week, notice be given on the Sunday that if a sufficient number of parishioners signify their names on the preceding day as intending to be partakers of the Holy Communion, it will be celebrated thereon."

After some discussion it was moved by the Rev. Wm. Denton:—

"That the members of the Society remit the recommendation of the Standing Committee for its further consideration."

This was seconded by the Rev. H. J. Cummins, and carried.

A letter was read from the Rev. Wm. Scott, President of Sion College, dated Feb. 26, 1859, advertising to the Trust above alluded to, and expressing a hope that it may be considered with reference to the provisions of a scheme which is in the course of preparation by a Committee of Sion College, and which will include the subject of lectureships, gift-sermons, and special endowments of the kind stated in the Trust. Mr. Scott is the Chairman of the Committee.

The Secretaries stated that this letter had been brought under the notice of the standing Committee.

The Rev. W. F. Taylor, late Missionary at Tristan d'Acunha, now the Incumbent of Riversdale, Cape of Good Hope, in a letter dated Jan. 18, 1859, wrote as follows:—

"My parish here is very large, some seventy miles by forty in extent. There are a few poor Englishmen scattered over it in every direction. The principal place where they have gathered together is a new village, rapidly rising in importance, called Heidelberg. There are but very few there, and they of the very lowest class; but I hold service there from time to time, not without good results. I have just succeeded in getting a small room erected, which may serve as a school-room, and also for the present for Divine Service. It has now been roofed and thatched in, at an expense of upwards of £100, half of which is as yet unpaid; and it still requires a considerable sum to finish it. The poor people have done the best they could in the way of giving labour and materials; but they are very poor. Still they are important to be cared for, not only for the worth of individual souls, but also as forming the nucleus of a larger congregation in future years. May I ask the venerable Society, which has already kindly assisted my parish in various ways, to grant assistance in this particular case? The Bishop of Capetown will, I know, give his sanction to my application."

The Board granted £15.

The sum of £25 was voted towards the erection of a Church at Burton, in the Mission of Nangerville, Fredericton, on the application of the Rev. A. V. Wiggles, recommended by the Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

The following grants were made:—

For use in the diocese of Melbourne, at the request of the Bishop, four sets of Books for the performance of Divine Service.

A Bible and Prayer Book and Book for the Communion Table, bound in rough calf, for the performance of Divine Service in the church of Christ Church, Gannanogue, in the diocese of Toronto, on the application of the Rev. Dr. Patton, Cornwall, Canada West.

Books for a Sunday School, in the mission of Carleton, New Brunswick, on the application of the Rev. F. Coster, £5.

For a lending Library and distribution at Queensbury, in the diocese of Fredericton, on the application of the Rev. H. W. Tippet, £5.

For use in the Mission of Heart's-Content, Newfoundland, on the application of the Rev. H. Petley, recommended by the Bishop of Newfoundland, £10, to meet an outlay of equal amount.

A Bible and Prayer Book for the performance of Divine Service in the Church of St. Mary's Buccament, St. Vincent, on the application of the Rev. H. W. Laborde.

Towards schools in Nassau, Bahamas, on the application of the Rev. J. H. Fisher, Curate of St. Agnes, Bahamas, £6.

Foreign Prayer Books, and books for schools and general reading, for children in Constantinople and its neighbourhood, on the application of the Rev. G. C. Curtis, Pera, £10, to meet an outlay of £6.

For the use among prisoners at Guernsey, on the application of the Rev. T. C. Bréhaut, Chaplain of the prison, books and tracts, chiefly French, £5.

Towards a library attached to the Ragged Schools in Bear Yard and Horse Shoe Court, Strand, £3.

For a library for sailors and others at Sunderland, £3.

Both these grants were voted on application of R. Ingham, Esq., M.P.

Welsh Bibles and New Testaments for Welsh miners at Rio Grande, on the application of the Rev. E. F. Green, £3, to meet £2.

For sailors visiting the Port of Auckland, New Zealand, on the application of Captain G. Pierce, R.N., Sailors' Home, £2 10s., to meet an outlay of £1 10s.

For circulation in Military Hospitals and among soldiers, at the request of the Rev. H. Hutton, £3.

Thirty-six Prayer Books for the inmates of the School of Discipline, Chelsea, on the application of Mrs. Neave, recommended by the Rev. E. Auriol, £3.

For use in the Church of St. John's, Walsall, on the occasion of Special Evening Services, chiefly for miners, colliers, furnace-men, and forge-men, on the application of the Rev. J. Bailey; these services having been established at the request of members of the St. John's Working Men's Association, 500 copies of the Litany.

Bibles and Prayer Books for the Cripples' Home, on the application of Miss Blunt, £3.

Towards a library for the Leicester Infirmary, on the application of the Rev. W. Barber, Chaplain, £5, to meet an equal amount.

For Sailors frequenting the Port of Gloucester, English and Foreign Books, on the application of the Rev. R. Waters, Chaplain of the Mariners' Chapel, Gloucester, £6.

For the use of poor debtors in Whitecross Street Prison, on the application of the Rev. J. Carver and G. M. Hickey, Esq.

The Rev. J. W. Welsh, visitor of emigrants quitting Liverpool, furnished with a report for the quarter ending Feb. 12, 1859.

The following extracts will serve to show the