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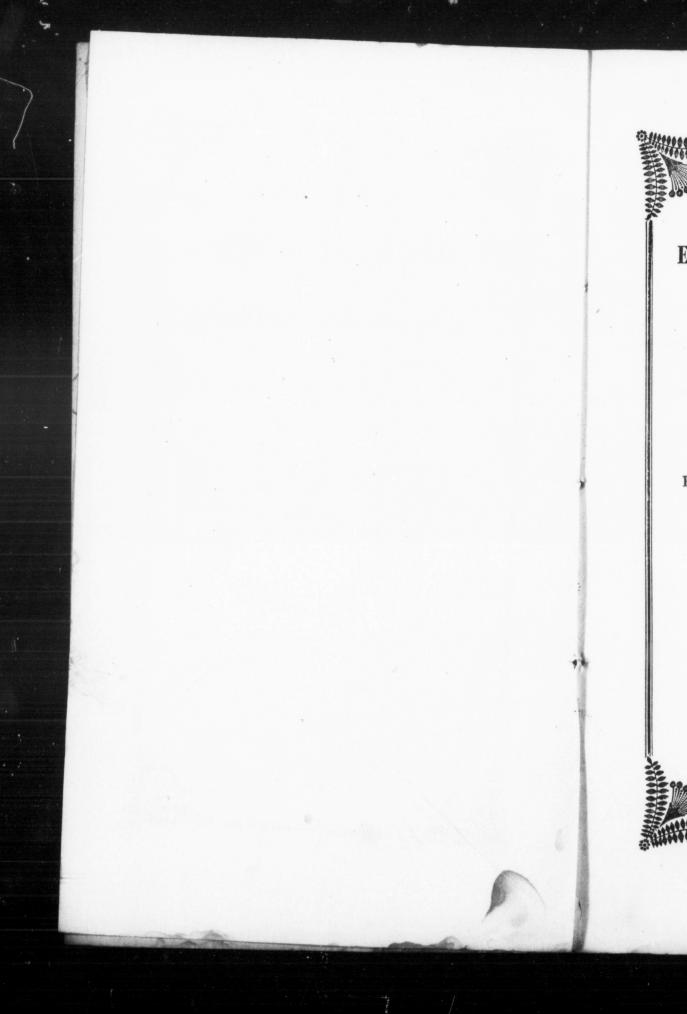
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January 1837.

THE proceedings of this Branch of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge during the past year, although not so extensive as in some former years, have been attended with results of a more cheering character than in that which immediately preceded it. The amount of subscriptions has not decreased; and when the extreme pressure of the times is considered-a pressure from which no class of society is exempt—the Committee feel that they have no reason to complain, but on the contrary much to be thankful. It is true that there has been a slight decrease in the number of books issued from the Repository during the year; but this is easily accounted for by the present low state of the stock on hand. In compliance with an order sent to the Secretary of the Parent Society early in June, Books to the value of £144 10s. 7d. Stg. were shipped in the Iona, which sailed early in September. vessel was unfortunately wrecked at St. Esprit, Cape Breton, on The Books were however insured, and the 20th of last October. the Committee lost no time in conveying to their Agent in London, information of the shipwreck, with instructions to recover under Although no loss has therefore been susthe policy of insurance. taained, yet considerable temporary inconvenience has been occasioned by the non-arrival of the books, and to this event must be traced the cause of the decrease in the number issued during the past year, there having been during that period, a great deficiency

in the number of those which are most on demand, and more particularly of Common Prayer Books for distribution, which latter form no inconsiderable item in the number annually circulated. It was stated at the last annual meeting, that the sum then due to the Parent Society, was £289 19s. 5d. stg. As no remittance has been since made, this sum still continues due, and the deficiency in the number of books on hand, will necessitate the sending for a fresh supply, which must of course greatly augment the debt. It is however gratifying to state, that there is an increased demand for bound books, and it is to be hoped that this demand will prove, for the remainder of the year, a source of increasing revenue. balance now in the hands of the Treasurer, amounts to £338 18s. 1d, a sum which is insufficient to liquidate the debt now due to the Society for Books. Only a small portion of the sum in which the Treasurer of the National School was indebted to the Committee has been paid, a balance of £204 17s. 5d. cy. remaining still due, of the speedy payment of which the present state of the school funds afford no prospect. The outstanding debts are chiefly such as can easily be collected, and may be classed as follows:-

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The National and Sunday Schools are indebted for Books, the sum of £126 12s. 9d.; and there is a further sum of £17 17s. 8d. due to the Committee, which it has no doubt of being able to collect.

Having now furnished a plain statement of their financial concerns, the Committee proceed to give a brief account of their labours in the two branches under their care, namely: The distribution of the Sacred Scriptures and Religious Books generally, and the education of the children of the poor.

As respects the first of these, the Committee have already stated, that in consequence of the deficiency in the number of books in the Repository and the non-arrival of the expected supply last fall, the circulation has been more limited than in former years. Notwithstanding which, the sum arising from the sale of books up to the 31st of last December, is £101 10s., which exceeds the amount collected from the same source during the pre-

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ceding year. The usual distribution of books under a grant from the Committee, has been made to the poor and sick by the Resident Clergy, who, for that purpose, have received books to the amount of £16 4s. 4d. In addition to which, a special grant has been made to the Revd. Mr. Knight, to the amount of £4 18s. 4d.; and the following Clergymen have been supplied with book's by the Bishops of Quehec and Montreal :- The Revd. Mr. Anderson, to the amount of £12 6s. 1d. The Revd. Mr. Alexander, that of The Revd. Mr. Reid, that of £2; and the Revd. Mr. £1 19s. Arnold, that of £1 Os. 7d. Of these, the books sent to the Revd. Messrs. Alexander, Anderson and Knight, were partly for sale and partly for distribution; the other grants were exclusively for distribution. The Bishops of Quebec and Montreal have also supplied the following Catechists with books, to the value of £5 14s. 01d.: -Messrs. Ward, Benson, Heath, Bane and Turner. The Books thus circulated by the two Bishops are included in the amount already stated as due by them to the Committee. The National Schools and the Sunday Schools connected with the Church of England, have also received such Books as they required during the year. The following is a statement of the entire circulation during the past year ;--

Bibles:		. 123
Testaments,		
Prayer Books,		
Bound Books,		
Tracts,		

Total, 2344

Of the Schools—the other branch of their labours—the Committee have but little to notice in the way of change during the past year. The numerical strength is nearly the same as in the preceding one. The number admitted since the last report is 158—that on the books 230, and the average daily attendance, 160. Since the establishment of the Schools in 1819, the number of children who received instruction in them, amounts to 6240.

The annual public examination took place on the 23rd of December last, in presence of His Excellency Lord Gosford, and a numerous attendance of ladies and gentlemen. The Boys were examined in Writing, Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geometry, Mensuration and Geography; and the Girls in the branches proper to that department. The proficiency manifested

by the Scholars was extremely satisfactory to those present, and highly creditable to Mr. Morris and Mrs. Purcell, who are respec-

tively in charge of these Institutions.

The attendance at the National Sunday Schools affords no room for complaint, considering the number of similar institutions established in other parts of the city. The average number upon the books is 157. To the young ladies and gentlemen who so generously devote their time and talents to the instruction of those poor children, great praise is due.

The Library attached to the Sunday School contains 370 volumes of a moral and interesting nature. Of these, 24 volumes of the Saturday and Penny Magazines, with a few other valuable

books, have been added during the past year.

The financial concerns of the Schools appear under a gloomy They had not for two years received the customary grant of £100 from the Legislature, and were consequently under the necessity of borrowing to a large amount from the Committee, to whom they were indebted last year in the sum of £234 17s. 5d., They have since that period been fortunate in receiving Legislative aid to the amount of £200. The relief thus afforded will be but temporary in its effects, since of that sum there remains in the hands of the Treasurer only £58, the remainder having been appropriated to the payment of the arrears due to the Master and Mistress, and to the liquidation in part of the large debt due to the Committee. The sum received in part payment of the latter debt has been of small amount, and a balance of £204 17s. 5d is still due to the Committee, while the sum just mentioned as being in the hands of the Treasurer will not be sufficient to pay the next half years salary of the Master and Mistress. fore the institutions be deprived of Legislative aid during the present year, they will have to contend with renewed difficulties, and the large sum in which they are now indebted to the Committee will, instead of being diminished, probably receive augmentation.

The Committee, before dismissing this subject, would earnestly invite the friends of the Institution to pay occasional visits to the This plan would prove a stimulus to those in charge, and also serve to convince the children of the lively interest taken in their welfare, by those whom Providence has placed in stations

If the preceding statement of the proceedings of the Committee during the past year justifies the hope that under the Divine Blessing they may have been in some degree instrumental in sowing the good s done. Ou rapid incr of every f little exert ledge of th increase o by diffusin then, be e vouchsafe

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under the the Anni Knowled any use nifying t by makin it can be the good seed, it also tends to point out how much remains to be done. Our present means are inadequate to keep pace with the rapid increase of our population. It becomes therefore the duty of every friend of the Society to co-operate in this good work; a little exertion on the part of the Members, by extending the knowledge of the objects and claims of the Society, would tend much to increase our revenues, and thus increase our power of doing good by diffusing the knowledge of Divine Truth. Let this labour, then, be entered upon "heartily as unto the Lord," and may he vouchsafe his blessing.

W. McTAVISH, Sec'y.

Quebec, 26th January, 1837.

The following Letter, written by the Lord Bishop of Mont-Real to Mr. McTavish, Secretary of the Committee, was read at the Annual Meeting, and is printed along with the Report, agreeably to a Resolution adopted by the Meeting:—

PETITE NATION,

Ottawa River, 19th Jany. 1837.

MY DEAR SIR,

It is matter of regret to me that I should be under the necessity of being absent from Quebec upon occasion of the Anniversary Meeting of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, and I beg to leave it discretional with you to make any use that you like of this letter, at the Meeting, (either by signifying that you have received such an intimation of my regret, or by making communication of the letter itself,) if it appears to you it can be productive of any good effect.

It is to be lamented that a more lively and general interest is not felt in this country in a Society to which the Colonies are so deeply indebted, and which has done so much for the cause of the Gospel in different quarters of the world: a Society which has been at once a Bible Society, a Tract Society, a Missionary Society, and an Education Society :- the first which took the field in these departments of Christian labour, and the parent, as is confessed by opponents, of all the rest :- a Society which commenced its labours a century and a half ago, and in its early stages, sent Missionaries to the East, who in faithful devotednes have never since been surpassed :-- a Society whose consistency with the true principles of the Church of England may be best judged by the fact, that it not only makes it a foremost object to circulate the Liturgy, Articles and Homilies of that Church, but also upon its list of publications, the Biography of her early Martyrs and Champions, in which their sentiments in life and death appear, and selections from the writings of other eminent divines of her Communion, who are admitted on all hands to have been burning and shining lights in the Church of God.

It is also, in my estimation, no small recommendation of this Society that its publications are classified under heads which provide for a variety of distinct objects, all of high importance to the interests of Religion. Weapons are not wanting in the hands of enemies; and a sufficient activity is seen in the use of them. The truth of the Gospel of Salvation is attacked by some; the principles of Protestantism are assailed by others; and there are others still who seek to undermine the vital doctrines of Revelation, while they acknowledge its authority. Publications are in circulation on all sides, of which the object is to overthrow truth and to propagate error; and excellent antidotes to this mischief, in its different forms, are supplied from the Repositories of the Society.

There are fashions in Religion; and it is a kind of fashion to decry this Society. Its publications are said to be deficient in spirituality. If the Homilies are spiritual, if Bishops Hall and Jewell, and a host of other luminaries, whose writings are intermixed in the mass of publications issued by this Society, were spitual, then there is some spirituality belonging to it. I should not wish to be responsible for every sentence of every work circulated by this Society:—there is not, there cannot be, any Society giving currency to the writings of uninspired men, where I or any man ought to take such a responsibility. And it may be very true that

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must ac my excu some of the publications of this Society, composed at a time when the Faith of the Church was not in its fullest fervour and brightness, may be dull and deficient in exhibiting the grander doctrines of the Gospel. But we must be careful at the same time, not to set down to this account, a distaste for the words of truth and soberness, which proceeds in fact from having accustomed the pa-

late to the use of unwholesome stimulants in Religion.

As far as I have seen of the objections made to the Society, I cannot avoid saying that I think that they savour of a spirit of cavilling. I have seen some detached sentences produced as conveying unsound views in Religion, to which I think I would undertake to produce detached sentences precisely parallel in very many parts of the New Testament. I apprehend, however, that the majority of persons who entertain prepossessions against this Society, have received their impressions upon the subject at second-hand; and I am much inclined to think that there are true and conscientious Christians now kept aloof more or less from the Society, who if they had a closer and more extensive acquaintance with its publications, with all the recent additions of lesser tracts, would be happy both to support it, and avail themselves of the means of benefiting their fellow-creatures, which it can put into their hands.

I write this letter on my journey, under circumstances which must account for its deficiencies, and will, I hope, be admitted as

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I remain, dear Sir,
Sincerely your?s,

G. J. MONTREAL.

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C. S. BOURNE, Treasurer.

Quebec, 26th Jany. 1837.

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