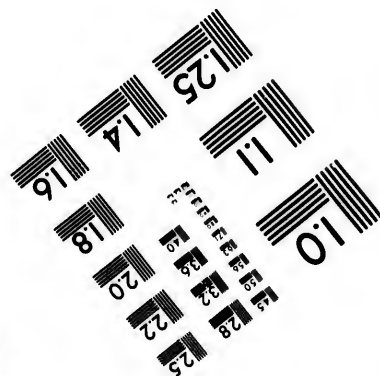
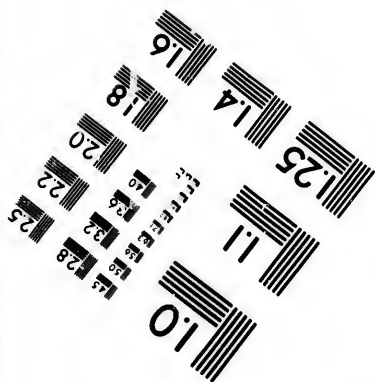
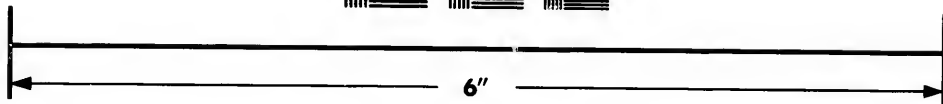
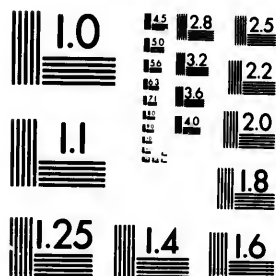


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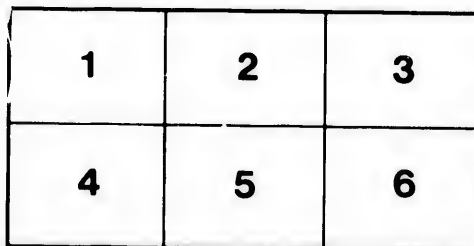
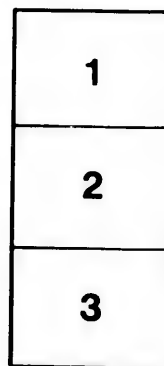
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## HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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ON the 19th of November, 1787, twenty-one<sup>1</sup> clergymen and laymen, "with such others as they [should] elect," were incorporated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as "THE SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL AMONG THE INDIANS AND OTHERS IN NORTH AMERICA," in order that they might "be the better enabled to carry into effect" that design. Under powers described in the Act,<sup>2</sup> the Society, limited to fifty members, who were to "have perpetual succession," was organized, and its missionary work was begun.

While it thus had an honorable place among the early undertakings in the newly established nation, it was, however, continuing operations long before pursued. With the maintenance of the institutions of the Church of England, the spread of Christianity among the Indians here was also sought by "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," chartered by William III., June 16, 1701. Yet even this organization had predecessors in the good work. Charles II., in 1661, had incorporated a "Company

<sup>1</sup> "Richard Cranch, of Braintree, Esq., Rev. John Clark, of Boston, Francis Dana, of Cambridge, Esq., Rev. Joseph Eckley, and John Eliot, of Boston, Rev. Nathaniel Emmons, of Franklin, Rev. Levi Frisbie, of Ipswich, Moses Gill, of Princetown, and William Hyslop, of Brookline, Esq's, Rev. Timothy Hilliard, of Cambridge, Jonathan Mason, of Boston, Esq., Rev. Phillips Payson, of Chelsea, Rev. Eliphalet Porter, and Increase Sumner, Esq., of Roxbury, Ebenezer Storer, Esq., Rev. Peter Thacher, and Oliver Wendell, Esq., of Boston, Rev. Joseph Willard and Edward Wigglesworth, and Samuel Williams, Doctor of Laws, of Cambridge, and the Rev. Ebenezer Wight, of Boston." (Dr. Eckley's Discourse, Appendix, p. 25, 1806.)

<sup>2</sup> Reprinted on pp. 13-16 following.

for the Propagation of the Gospel amongst the Heathen Natives of New England, and the Parts adjacent in America," of which the distinguished Hon. Robert Boyle was the first Governor. But "this Design," says Dr. Humphreys,<sup>1</sup> was thought to be "too narrow, . . . and could by no means answer the Wants of all the Foreign Plantations, and all the Heathen Nations adjacent." Its work was taken up by the larger Society formed after the great Revolution, somewhat as that had, after the Restoration, in a measure succeeded to another even earlier, in which we find the beginning of a mode of corporate operations still carried on by the American Society. It was amid the stir in thought and deed at the rise of the English Commonwealth that the pioneer originated, grew, and acted, the representative of Puritan devotion and missionary spirit. On the 27th of July, 1649, "the Commons of England assembled in Parliament," enacted that from thenceforth there should be a Corporation<sup>2</sup> of sixteen persons in England, who should have "perpetual succession," and be called "The President and Society for propagation of the Gospel in New England." They were authorized to hold property, and to pay money to "the Commissioners of the United Colonies" of New England, or to such as these should appoint, the money to be disposed of "in such maner as shall best and principally conduce to the preaching and propagating of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the Natives, and also for maintaining of schools and Nurseries of Learning, and for the better education of the Children of the Natives." Even this pioneer Corporation was not first in the work; for before societies, and prompting their efforts, were scattered missionaries, of whose labors we still read, even in the quaint titles of the Reports from time to time issued, such as "New England's First Fruits" (1643), "The Day Breaking if not the Sun Rising of the Gospell with the Indians" there (1647), the "Clear Sunshine" (1648), and "Strength out of Weakness" (1652). Of the success of corporate work we

<sup>1</sup> Humphreys, David (D.D.), An HISTORICAL ACCOUNT of the Incorporated Society for the *Propagation of the Gospel* in Foreign Parts. Sm. 4<sup>o</sup>, pp. xxxi + 356, London, 1730 (p. 6), and 8<sup>o</sup>, pp. 135, New York, 1853 (p. 10).

<sup>2</sup> These extracts are from the Act as printed in black letter (folio, pp. 7), under the seal of the Commonwealth, "Die Veneris, 27 Julii, 1649," London.

learn from history, and see it, if we cannot read of it, on the printed pages of the first American Bible or the even rarer pages of primers. From physic for the body to medicine for the soul, from aid to the primary school in the wilderness to the support of the college, varied the help of the old Puritan missionary society.

Thus by preachers through the early years of colonization here, and then by help from English corporations, the work of Christianizing the Indians was pursued; thus through a succession of great changes—the Civil War, the Restoration, and the Revolution—in England, Puritanism and Episcopacy conducted it, until another change, of even greater importance to this country,—our own Revolution,—left the field open for American effort.

While the existing Society here continues the work for the Indians, and may fairly be considered the American successor in a prolonged effort, it is hardly a descendant or an heir, but a native acting on its own ground in a way honored by time and past devotion. In the year of its incorporation several gentlemen of or near Boston were commissioned by a Scottish Society to take charge of funds to aid in "Christianizing the Indians in this country." (Brief History,<sup>1</sup> 1804.) These Commissioners thought that they might act, not alone as agents, "but also as principals." The spirit of Independence had been born, and it appeared was growing; they no longer were subjects in a Province, but citizens in a Nation. Consequently they revived a design, proposed in 1762, to establish a "Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge," but that was not then carried out because it was not sanctioned by George III.; and the Society for Propagating the Gospel was the result, so successful that in the present year it attains its centennial.

On reviewing its operations we find, by the Report in 1803, that sixteen years after its establishment, twelve Benefactors had given it \$17,514.51, besides \$1,561.01 collected by Brief; that its total

<sup>1</sup> Printed with Rev. Dr. Lathrop's Discourse, 1804, where it is stated (note, p. 33) that "a brief account of the Society drawn up by their order [was] published in 1797, by their Secretary, the late Rev. Dr. Thatcher." (4<sup>o</sup>, pp. 7, Boston, 1798, *reprinted* on pp. 17-23.) Additions made to this account, and contained in the "Brief History," are also *reprinted* pp. 23-26.

funds were \$23,417.35, and its income \$1,145.83; that for "many years" it received an annual grant from the Legislature; and also that it had paid, in whole or in part, four missionaries among Indians, eighteen in the District of Maine, and two on the Isles of Shoals. We further observe that its accounts were then kept in a way to which we may be preparing to return, for they were expressed in "nominal dollars" and in "real dollars."

By far the largest contributor to the endowment was the Hon. John Alford, by his executor, Richard Cary, both of Charlestown. A letter of the latter, dated at that place May 27, 1789, and addressed to the Members of this Society, describes the bequest, and at the same time forms probably the earliest and rarest of the two-score or more pamphlets relating to the Society's affairs. The money was delivered in the form of eleven specie bonds, six continental certificates, six notes of Massachusetts, and other certificates "estimated at a less value." Colonel Alford, it is stated, "was desirous the Aborigines should be both civilized and Christianized; that the Gospel should be sent into the dark, benighted parts of the land;" and for faithfully seconding his designs, his Executor received the cordial thanks, and was elected to membership, of the Society. (This important letter is reprinted on pp. 27-32.)

By the twenty-fifth year of its age its funds, and consequently its operations, had but slightly increased. Ten missionaries were at that time employed. In 1836, the year before the semi-centennial, the funds had grown to \$34,300, and the income to \$1,874, in which amounts there was not for a while much variation. At this period, it may be added, about half of the funds were invested in bank stocks, and about half in notes and mortgages. In 1840, when, by the Report, the Society was already styled "ancient and venerable," seven missionaries and a teacher of the poor in Cincinnati were employed, the former chiefly in regions of Massachusetts and at the West that were "destitute of the stated means of religion." That the Society sowed good seed, and knew where to do it, is shown by the fact that in this year its ministrations were exercised in places since known to Bostonians, as well as to others, for associations with solid worth; for it then had missionaries in Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy. Of the former place it seems to have

then been thought necessary to tell the position, "in the north part of the State of Illinois."

During its first half-century the Society had distributed a large number of religious books and tracts. Until 1836 it had supported, or helped to support, missionaries or preachers in the frontier settlements in Maine; but as the population there increased, aid was much less needed, while at the same time similar wants arose "in the extreme Western States," and thither the operations of the Society were transferred. For many years help was given at the Isles of Shoals, where the inhabitants could not alone maintain institutions of religion. As early as 1808 a missionary was sent to the northwestern parts of Vermont and New York, and to the State of Ohio. The Society seems to have been constantly trying to gain information about the various Indian tribes, and to have ministered to many of them. Before 1803, and later (in and after 1817), it helped those at Martha's Vineyard and Marshpee (Harvard College taking a special charge here in 1809 and subsequently), and maintained a mission and school, as it did for a long while at New Stockbridge, near Oneida. In 1810 help had recently been given to the Narragansetts and Wyandots, and was continued; in 1817, and later, to the Senecas and Munsees; in 1823, to the Passamaquoddies, and Indians on Nantucket; and in 1825, to the Penobscots.

By 1843, says the Report for that year, it was deemed "necessary to discontinue missions to the Indians of the Narraganset and other tribes, once flourishing but [then] rapidly disappearing in New England," and to use the Indian Fund elsewhere. The partial support of a native preacher and of a Boarding School among the Cherokees was consequently undertaken. A mission "to destitute places on the frontiers of Massachusetts and Vermont," and that to the Isles of Shoals, were then the only ones "sustained within New England;" while attention was, as "for many years," "especially directed to the West." In 1845 the property of the Society, including the Alford Fund of \$9000, was, by the Report, \$45,952.98, of which \$26,250 was in bonds and mortgages, \$15,314 in bank stock, and \$4,180 in forty-four shares of stock of the Western Railroad, — a new form of investment that then appeared. "The income for the year past was \$2,152.60, which [was] greater than

the average of the last seven years." Financial prosperity, indeed, seems to have continued for a considerable period (1836-55), the funds then steadily increasing from \$34,300 to \$52,852.21. Railroad companies had meanwhile grown to offer such facilities for investment, that of the latter amount nearly one quarter (\$11,587.84) was held in their stocks.

For a considerable period also the Society's help was given in the directions already mentioned. Among the Indians operations during 1847 were necessarily limited in Massachusetts to the few left at Marshpee and Herring Pond; and efforts were turned to the West and Northwest, aid being furnished to the Ojibways, the Oneidas at Green Bay, and to two scholars in Albion Seminary. At this time there were in all nine missionaries and one teacher employed. In 1851 similar aid was given to the remnants of the Oneidas and the Onondagas in New York, to those at Herring Pond and Gay Head in Massachusetts, to some of St. Regis, and two scholars in seminaries.

At the Sixty-seventh Annual Meeting (1855) a very full and important Report was presented, and was subsequently printed (8°, pp. iv + 135, 1856). It contains a long account of the Alford Fund, especially of the conditions attached, and of the current and past operations, and is not surpassed in value by any other publication by the Society. This, and the two Reports following, made in 1861 (issued 1862) and in 1869, are so recent, and contain such extended details, that no abridgment need be here attempted.

Already the history of corporations in this country is showing that age, even of a century, not only does not impair usefulness, but can add strength and give promise of a future with increased means and extended operations. By the report of the Select Committee, and the account of the Treasurer of the Society for the past year, evidence is given not only to prove this general statement, but to attest to the special fact of the still active life and fresh hopes of what we may now well call, in its hundredth year, "the ancient and venerable" Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America.

*Discourses* before the Society were preached from 1804 to 1836, both years included, except in 1831. After 1836 "public anniversaries were discontinued," and were not renewed until 1847.

The discourses by the following clergymen *were printed*: —

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"*A Brief Account of the Present State, Income,*" etc., of the Society, "By Order," was made by the Rev. Dr. Thacher, Secretary, and printed, 4<sup>o</sup>, pp. 3, *January, 1795*.

*Reports* of the Select Committee were printed in separate pamphlets for 1815 and 1816, for 1818, for 1819, for 1822, for 1824, for 1826, for 1831, for 1832, for 1833, and for 1840. They were also printed with the Discourses in 1817, 1820, 1821, 1823, 1825, 1827, 1829, and 1830. Nothing appears to have been published for some years (1834-39) by the Society, and then (1840) another Report of the Select Committee, which was followed by similar pamphlets from 1843 to 1848, both years included, and others in 1850, 1851, 1856, 1862, and 1869. *Lists of Members* are given with the Discourses in 1804, 1805, 1807, 1808, 1810, 1813, 1814, 1817, 1820, 1829, and of those then living in 1832 and 1833; there is a very full list added to the Reports in 1840, 1844-46, 1850, 1856, 1862, and 1869. Names of the *Missionaries*, 1790-1855, and their



fields of labor, are given with the Report of 1855. *Historical Sketches* of the Society were added in its publications January, 1804, and 1856, besides Dr. Thacher's Sketch, 1798 (see pp. 17-23).

*The Act of Incorporation* of 1787 is printed with the sermon for 1806 and 1829 and in Reports for 1843 and 1845.

*Conditions* of the *Alford bequest* are given in the Report of 1856, pp. 5-9. A copy of the rare "*Brief*" for collecting money (1788) is given in the Report at the Seventy-third Annual Meeting, 1861. *Rules and Regulations* of the Society are printed with the Sermon of 1805, published 1806, and a substituted article on the Election of Members appears with Dr. Barnard's Sermon of Nov. 6, 1806. A further resolution about forfeiture of membership, adopted November, 1846, is printed with the Reports for 1848 and 1850.

The Publications of the Society, as above, number 39 pamphlets and over 1500 pages.

JAMES F. HUNNEWELL.

BOSTON, Nov. 21, 1887

## AN ACT

*To incorporate certain Persons, by the Name of the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians, and others, in North America.*<sup>1</sup>  
[As printed by the Society, 1806.]

WHEREAS divers persons have petitioned this Court for an act of incorporation, whereby they may be the better enabled to carry into effect their design of propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America, and it is reasonable that the prayer of the said petition should be granted: Therefore, to promote and encourage the same,

I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That* Richard Cranch, of Braintree, Esq.; Rev. John Clark, of Boston; Francis Dana, of Cambridge, Esq.; Rev. Joseph Eckley and John Eliot, of Boston; Rev. Nathaniel Emmons, of Franklin; Rev. Levi Frisbie, of Ipswich; Moses Gill, of Princetown, and William Hyslop, of Brookline, Esq's.; Rev. Timothy Hilliard, of Cambridge; Jonathan Mason, of Boston, Esq.; Rev. Phillips Payson, of Chelsea; Rev. Eliphalet Porter, and Increase Sumner, Esq., of Roxbury; Ebenezer Storer, Esq., Rev. Peter Thacher, and Oliver Wendell, Esq., of Boston; Rev. Joseph Willard, and Edward Wigglesworth, and Samuel Williams, Doctor of Laws, of Cambridge; and the Rev. Ebenezer Wight, of Boston, be, with such others as they shall elect, and they hereby are incorporated, and made a body politic, for the purpose aforesaid, by the name of *The Society for Propa-*

<sup>1</sup> In the original Act, on file in the office of the Secretary of State, the names of the corporators appear in different order and without residences, but an addition is made at the end of the Act, placing the names, residences, etc., as here printed. Otherwise the original and this type agree, except "[further]" here inserted in IV., and a slight change noted in VII. — J. F. H.

*gating the Gospel among the Indians, and others, in North America ;* and the Society aforesaid, shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, which it shall be lawful for them to change, break, alter, and make new, at pleasure, and may purchase and hold in succession lands, tenements, and real estate of any kind, the annual income and profits whereof not to exceed the value of *two thousand pounds*. And the said Society is hereby enabled to take and receive subscriptions of charitably disposed persons, and may take any personal estate in succession ; and all donations to the Society, either by subscription, legacy, or otherwise, excepting such as may be differently appropriated by the donors, shall make a part of, or be put into the capital stock of the Society, which shall be put out on interest, on good security, or otherwise improved to the best advantage, and the income or profits applied to the purposes of propagating the gospel among the said Indians, in such manner as they shall judge most conducive to answer the design of their institution ; and also among other people, who through poverty or other circumstances, are destitute of the means of religious instruction : And the said Society is hereby empowered to give such instructions, orders, and encouragements to their officers, and those they shall employ, as they shall judge necessary ; and the persons employed as teachers in any capacity shall be men of the Protestant religion, of reputed piety, loyalty, prudence, knowledge and literature, and of other Christian and necessary qualifications suited to their respective stations.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Society shall meet at some convenient place in the town of Boston, on the first Thursday of December next, and then choose a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as they shall judge proper, and may make by-laws and orders, for the regulation of the said Society ; provided such by-laws and orders be not repugnant to the laws of the land, and act upon all matters which they apprehend needful, to promote the end of their institution : And the officers so chosen shall continue in their office until the Thursday next succeeding the last Wednesday of May next following the time of their appointment.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be a general meeting of the members of the said Society, at Boston, aforesaid, or in any other place within this Commonwealth, (unless some extraordinary occurrence prevent the same) on the Thursday aforesaid in May, and first Thursday of November, yearly, forever, and oftener if needful, when and where the said Society shall think fit ; and any seven of the members (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary always to be one), being convened at the said times and places, are hereby declared to be a quorum of the said general meeting ; and the said Society at their general meeting in May in every year (and in case of any extraordinary occurrence preventing their meeting, then at their next general meeting after) shall out of their own body, by a majority of the members present, elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as they shall find needful, to continue in office until the May meeting next following their appointment, or until others be chosen to succeed them ; and all the officers aforesaid, before they shall be qualified to act, shall be under oath, for the faithful performance of their respective trusts ; and the said Society, at their first, or any other *stated* meeting (and at no other) may elect into their body, such persons as they shall judge qualified, to assist them in their good design ; provided the whole number of the said Society, shall at no time exceed fifty members ; and may appoint committees, to prosecute the orders of any general meeting, audit the Treasurer's accounts, and prepare matters for the Society to act upon ; and such committees shall exhibit an account of their proceedings, at the general meetings of said Society.

IV. *And be it [further] enacted*, That the Society aforesaid, by the name aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby declared to be capable to prosecute, pursue, and defend, in all courts and places, and before all proper judges whatsoever, all actions, causes, processes and pleas, of what kind or nature soever, in the fullest and amplest manner ; and if it shall happen that the said Society shall become seized of lands, or tenements by mortgage as security for the payment of any debts, or by levying executions on lands for discharge of debts, due to the said Society, it shall be lawful for the said

Society, by deed under the hand and seal of their President, for the time being, to sell and convey the lands acquired in either of the two mentioned ways; provided that no such sale shall be made, or concluded on, but at some general stated meeting.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Society, be, and hereby is empowered, upon the death of their President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or other officer, to choose others at any *stated* general meeting, to succeed them; and may also remove any of their officers, when they shall judge expedient, and appoint others to succeed them therein. *Provided always*, That no member shall be removed, or officers displaced, unless at one of the stated general meetings as aforesaid.

And to the end, that the members of the said Society, and all contributors to the said design, may know the state of the Society's stock, and the dispositions of the profits thereof, and of all the donations made to the said Society:

VI. *Be it further enacted*, That a particular account of such stock and disposition, shall be exhibited by the Treasurer, at every stated general meeting; which account, the Secretary, or a committee of the said Society, (having examined the same) shall certify to be true; and fair entries shall be made in proper books, to be provided for that purpose, of all donations made to the said Society, and of all the estate, both real and personal, belonging to the Society, and of the incomes thereof, and also of all transactions, either by themselves, their officers, or committees, for, or on account of the said Society; and the said books shall be brought to the stated general meetings of the Society, and be there open for the perusal and examination of the members.

VII. *And it is further enacted*, That *Moses Gill*, Esq. be, and he hereby is authorized, by public notification, in *Adams and Nourse's*<sup>1</sup> Independent Chronicle, to call the first meeting of the said Society, at such time and place, in the town of *Boston*, as he shall judge proper.

[This act passed *November 19, 1787.*]

<sup>1</sup> "Nourse & Adams's" in the original.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF THE

*Institution, Design, &c. of the Society for propagating the Gospel among the INDIANS and others in North America.*



IN the year 1762, a number of gentlemen associated with the design of establishing a society similar to that of which we are now about to give an account. They collected a large fund, and obtained a charter of incorporation from the government here, and began warmly and zealously to prosecute their pious and benevolent object. But, when the act of their incorporation was sent to England for allowance, the Archbishop of Canterbury,<sup>1</sup> jealous lest this should interfere with the society established in Great Britain, or perhaps unwilling that persons not well affected to episcopacy should obtain new influence and power by this means, obtained from the King a negative on the incorporating bill. It fell of course, and the zeal of its supporters in a great measure fell with it; for no more was heard concerning it till after the Revolution which made us an independent people.

In the year 1787, a commission from the society in Scotland, for propagating christian knowledge, was received by a number of gentlemen in Boston and its vicinity, to superintend the funds of the society which were devoted to christianizing the aboriginal natives of America. Ashamed that more sollicitude for this object should be discovered by foreigners than by themselves, these gentlemen revived the former plan, and associated for the purpose of forming a society similar to that in Scotland. They petitioned the

<sup>1</sup> Jasper Mauduit's letter to Mr. Bowdoin, dated April 7, 1763.

General Assembly for a charter, which was granted them, with the adequate powers, at the close of the same year, 1787.

Their next object was to raise such funds as should be necessary for the purposes which they had in view. Two methods occurred, as proper to be taken. One was, to obtain a Brief from the Assembly for a collection in all the churches of the state. This was cheerfully granted; but it was by no means so productive as might have been [3] expected, the whole amount of it being only 1561 dollars and one cent. The other was a private subscription among the members of the society and other benevolent and pious persons. This was adopted with more success; so that now the funds of the society, appropriated to their general purposes, yield an annual income of 338 dollars and 74 cents.

The late Hon. JOHN ALFORD, Esq. of Charlestown, in his last will, devised a large sum of money to be devoted to the purpose of spreading the knowledge of the gospel among the heathen. His executor, the late RICHARD CARY, Esq. had never, till the incorporation of this society, found any body of men to whom he might entrust this sum, with a prospect of its being applied agreeably to the intentions of the donor. To them, however, he transferred it, and the annual income arising from it is 414 dollars and 36 cents.

In the disposal of this money, the society have consulted the best interests of the Indians, to whom it is solely appropriated. They assist in the support of the Rev. Mr. Mayhew of Martha's Vineyard, Mr. Hawley of Marshpee, and Mr. Sargeant of New-Stockbridge, all of whom are missionaries to the Indians. On Martha's Vineyard they support a number of small schools for Indian children. The society have also furnished to the schools which are supported by other means at Marshpee, Oneida, and New-Stockbridge, books, paper, and every necessary. Believing that to civilize these people is one great and necessary step towards christianizing them, the society have supplied the Indian inhabitants of New-Stockbridge with many implements of husbandry, such as ploughs, chains, and hoes. They have assisted them in building school-houses and a house for their minister; and they have defrayed the expense of printing the assembly's catechism, which had been translated into the language of these Indians. The society have also been careful to

distribute books upon pious and practical subjects, in such numbers as they thought expedient and useful. In this way, since the first establishment of the institution, the Indians have received 38 bibles, 84 testaments, 150 spelling-books, 85 primers, 48 Watts' psalms and hymns, 18 psalters, and 79 other books, amounting in the whole to 544.

Notwithstanding the discouragements which have attended almost all the attempts to christianize the Indians, the society feel it to be their duty still to continue them. Their funds will not admit of sending missionaries into distant parts of the continent, or to seek out those nations of Indians who are wholly unconnected with the white inhabitants. Their attempts are confined to those tribes interspersed among the white inhabitants, or in their neighborhood. The wish of the society is to propagate and cherish the spirit of Christianity in the minds of these people, and, as their means and opportunity will admit, gradually to disseminate christian knowledge among more distant tribes.

That part of the funds of the society which is not appropriated solely to the Indians [4] has been expended by them in purchasing school-books, and books of piety and devotion, which have been distributed among the poor inhabitants in the eastern parts of this commonwealth. This distribution has been followed with the best effects. Children have had the means of instruction, and persons in more advanced life have had the serious impressions, early made upon their minds, revived and strengthened, which they would otherwise have been in great danger of losing in places where they cannot enjoy the advantage of attending upon the public institutions and ordinances of Christianity. In prosecution of these salutary purposes, the society have given away, since the year 1787, 310 bibles, 768 testaments, 969 spelling-books, 634 psalters, 1566 primers, 94 of Watt's psalms and hymns, 78 of Doddridge's Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul, and 4024 other books, mostly pamphlets, but many large and valuable treatises, making in the whole (if we include what were given to the Indians) 8987. Some of these books have been given to the society, in consequence of their publicly requesting the aid of pious and charitable persons in effecting the purposes of their incorporation.

It will be observed that "Doddridge's Rise and Progress of



Religion in the Soul" is mentioned in the above catalogue of books given away by the society, and the publick will have an idea of the nature of the practical books distributed when it is said that they bear a very near resemblance to this excellent treatise. Books of controversy, never, in a single instance, have entered the societys' catalogue; for their object is not to establish modes and forms, nor to propagate any private or party systems; their object is, to promote the interests of true religion, and bring men to know and obey "the truth as it is in Jesus."

It has been suggested, that these books have, in some places, been partially and improperly distributed. None of these complaints have been authenticated to the society, and they hope that there is no foundation for them. They made it a rule, so long as it was found useful and practicable, to furnish their missionaries with books to be distributed, according to their judgment, in the several places where they preached and baptized. When they had no missionaries, or when these gentlemen found it difficult to carry the books with them in journies of some hundreds of miles, the society sent them to gentlemen of honour, character and abilities, in different places, requesting them to take the trouble of furnishing their poor neighbours according to their best judgment. — If, in any one instance (and in more than one, the society has no grounds for suspicion), this has not been done, they can only express their regret, and declare, that they always meant to employ persons of integrity and virtue only, in this pleasing office.

Missionaries were mentioned, in the last paragraph, as employed by the society. These missionaries were sent to the vacant towns and plantations in the eastern parts of this commonwealth, and the society have been enabled to send them by means of grants made to them by the General Assembly of this commonwealth. In consequence of a [5] petition from the society, presented in the year 1791, the treasurer was directed to pay them five hundred dollars a year, for three years. An account of the manner in which this money had been expended was printed and laid before the General Court, January, 1795, with a petition, that the grant should be continued: this was so far complied with as that the treasurer was directed to advance five hundred dollars more to the society. This they have expended in the following manner, viz.: —

The sum remaining of the former grant was		70	Dolls.
Received of the treasurer in 1796		500	
		<hr/>	570
Paid in 1796.	To Rev. Mr. Coffin,	100	
	Rev. Mr. Johnson,	100	
	Rev. Mr. Strickland, for a		
	mission of 3 months,	150	
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in 1797.	To Mr. Coffin,	100	
	Rev Mr. Eaton,	100	
		<hr/>	550
Remains of the grants,			20

The persons whom the society have employed as missionaries were either personally known to them, or were recommended by persons in whom they could place confidence. They have reason to believe that their services were useful; they know that they were acceptable. The people attended upon their ministrations with great readiness and apparent satisfaction. They baptized great numbers of children and many adults. In several places they have gathered churches, and in more have established and confirmed habits of regard to the duties and offices of religion which were formed before. Their discourses and their conversation have tended to check the progress of error and vice, and to confirm the wavering. Full and grateful testimonials have been received by the society from many places on these subjects; and earnest requests presented to them, that they would continue their attentions of this kind. Should the grants be continued by the General Assembly, (which they hope), these requests will be complied with.

The allowance made to the missionaries of fifty dollars a month will not be deemed extravagant, when it is said, that they are always ordained ministers, who have a charge at home, and a pulpit which they must supply. This, it is expected, they will do from their allowance; and they are charged also never to be burdensome to the people among whom they minister, but to prove to them that a disinterested regard to their good alone has induced their visit.

[6] But, the views of the society, with respect to the manner in which their missions should be conducted, will appear more plainly from the following copy of the instructions which are regularly given to all their missionaries, viz.

" To A. B. Missionary, &c.

" Rev. Sir.

" You will please to attend, during your mission, to the following instructions, adopted by the society for propagating the gospel among the Indians and others in North America, and given to all their missionaries.

" First. You will improve every opportunity of giving private and public religious instructions to the objects of your mission. You will not suffer a day to pass, during the continuance of it, without attempts of this kind.

" Secondly. You will be careful to spend as little time as possible in places where the people enjoy the ordinances of religion. Those who are without these privileges, the poor and the destitute, are the objects of your mission.

" Thirdly. You will not accept of any reward from those to whom you minister, excepting necessary support. Let the gospel be preached freely.

" Fourthly. You will not, during your mission, attempt the purchase of lands, or any other secular business, lest the people should suppose that you are governed by interested motives in coming among them.

" Fifthly. You will keep a daily journal, from the time of your leaving home, of your proceedings, particularly a list of the baptisms which you may administer, and an exact account of the manner in which you distribute the books entrusted to your care. The society wish you the preference and blessing of Heaven ; and in their name I subscribe myself

Your, &c.

E. F. Secretary.

C. D. President.

It has been the custom of the society to advance one half of their allowance to the missionaries on their setting out, but not to pay the other till they have exhibited the journal required by the above instructions.

Conscious that they have no other motive than a wish to do good, the society submit the above account of the manner in which they have discharged their trust, to the General Assembly and to

their fellow citizens. They may have erred in their judgments, but they know that their intentions have been pure. They ask the aid of the government, and of the pious and munificent, to enable them to prosecute the objects of their institution; and request the prayers of all good men, that the blessing of Heaven may crown their endeavours with success. *By order.*

*Boston, January, 1798.*

PETER THACHER, Sec'y.



[Page 7 contains Lists of Officers and Members. The above copied, and proof read from 4° in the Congregational Library by J. F. H.]

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### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL.

[In an Appendix to the Discourse by the Rev. John Lathrop, D.D., January 19, 1804, published by the Society, much of the Rev. Dr. Thacher's "Sketch" is repeated, and the following passages are added.]

"THE Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America, having thought it expedient to have annually a sermon delivered before them, deem it proper, that their first anniversary discourse should be accompanied with some account of their institution."

[The founding, and obtaining \$1561. by a *brief*, are described according to Dr. Thacher's "Sketch."] "A private subscription among the members of the Society, and other pious and benevolent persons, proved more productive. It is with pleasure we mention as among the first and most generous contributors to the funds of the Society, the names of the Honorable JOHN ALFORD, JAMES BOWDOIN, Esq.

[\$1156,67] afterward Governor of the Commonwealth, MOSES GILL, Esq. [\$333,34] afterward Lieutenant-Governor, WILLIAM HYSLOP, Esq. [\$2754,67] the Honorable SAMUEL DEXTER, Esq. [\$156,80] the Honorable THOMAS RUSSELL, Esq. [\$677,50] the Honorable JONATHAN MASON [\$345,35] the Honorable WILLIAM PHILLIPS [\$1000.] EBENEZER STORER, Esq. [\$75.] and lately the Reverend ELIAKIM WYLLYS [\$200.]. In these ways the funds of the Society have increased, so that in May, 1803, they amounted to Dolls. 23,417, 36 Cts — Yielding an annual income of 1,145,83.”

“This income is exclusive of the annual grants made to the Society by the Legislature, no part of which has been added to the principal, but expended as income.”

“The largest benefactor to the Society was the Honorable JOHN ALFORD, Esq. of Charlestown.” [See Cary’s “Letter” and Thacher’s “Sketch.”] From his executor was received “the sum of Dolls. 10,675 18 cts. Yielding at present an annual income of 497 46.”

“The income of a part of the funds of the Society is appropriated to ameliorate the civil, moral, and religious condition of the Indians.” [Long quotations from the “Sketch” follow.] “In prosecution of these salutary purposes, the Society, since the year 1787, have purchased and distributed (except a few remaining on hand for the same purpose) 607 Bibles, 1151 Testaments, 1649 Spelling-Books, 801 Pfalters, 2310 Primmers, 140 Watts’s Pfalms and Hymns, 768 of Doddridge’s Rise and Progress of Religion in the soul, and 9898 other books, mostly pamphlets, but many large and valuable treatises, making in the whole (if we include what were given to the Indians) 17,324. Some of these books have been given to the Society, in consequence of their publicly requesting the aid of pious and charitable persons in effecting the purposes of their incorporation.”

“The other part of the unappropriated income of the Society, together with the annual grants of the Legislature, have been expended in supporting Missionaries in those parts of the District of Maine, including the Isles of Shoals, whose inhabitants have not the ability to procure and maintain the regular ordinances of religion. They contribute *one hundred dollars* a year to the salary of a stated Instructor on the Isles of Shoals, and annually employ two or three Missionaries for several months in the summer and autumn, to visit the destitute

parts of Maine, to preach to the people, to administer the Christian ordinances, to catechise their children, and to distribute among them Bibles, Testaments, religious tracts and school-books. From the journals of the Missionaries, and the corroborating testimony of individuals living in that part of the Commonwealth, the effects of these efforts to promote the best happiness of these destitute people, have been such as to answer every reasonable expectation, and abundantly to encourage their continuance and increase."

"The field of usefulness in this quarter is already very extensive, and enlarging as the population extends into the wilderness. The means of the Society fall far short of the demands of these hardy, enterprising, and deserving fellow-citizens and fellow immortals."

"The Society have it in contemplation, should their funds admit, to aid in the establishment and support of schools, in those towns where there are but few inhabitants, and those few not in circumstances to support a teacher. It will be their aim to select as instructors of such schools, men of piety, experience, and other requisite qualifications, to lead in religious services on the Lord's day; that so parents and children may derive benefit from their labours. One of the Society's Missionaries is spending the present winter, in this manner, by way of experiment. The plan of instituting such schools has been proposed to the inhabitants of some of the towns, and embraced by them with eagerness and gratitude."

"In these ways the Society have expended, and propose in future, to employ their funds." [The latter part of Dr. Thacher's "Sketch," with the charge given to Missionaries, concludes the "Brief History," 1804. The following Account is then given.]

*Account of Funded and Union Bank Stock, State Notes, Bonds, Cash, &c. belonging to the  
Society, May 18, 1803.*

	<i>Nominal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Income.</i>	<i>Nominal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Income.</i>
	Dolls.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
Six per Cent. General Stock,	3500	2807 15	168 43	JOHN ALFORD, 3500	2807 15	168 43
Deferred Stock,	1200	1150 56	69 3	Do.	1200 1150 56	69 3
Three per Cent. Do.		4000	120	Do.	4000	120
Union Bank Stock,		3000	240	Do.	1000	80
Massachusetts State Notes,		1018 32	50 91			
Bills of New Emiffion,		13				
Bonds and Notes, Good				Do.	1000	60
Do. Bad				Do.	717 47	
Cash,		753 15				
		12,742 18	648 37	J. ALFORD	10,675 18	497 46
			Errors Excepted General Stock		12,742 18	648 37
			Total Securities and Income		23,417 36	1145 83
			EBENEZER STORER, Treasurer.			



CHARLESTOWN, *May 27, 1789.*

To the MEMBERS of the SOCIETY for propagating the  
GOSPEL among the INDIANS, and others, in North-  
America.

INCORPORATED by an ACT of *this* COMMONWEALTH.



GENTLEMEN,

IT gives me a particular satisfaction, in having it in my power to afford some assistance in carrying this excellent design into execution, from the estate of the late Hon. JOHN ALFORD, Esquire, deceased — who, in his life-time, had this matter much at heart — as one of his [2] executors, by putting into your hands a considerable interest, part of the charity appropriated out of his estate to publick and private uses.

Col. ALFORD, when living, was often speaking and writing in favour of such a plan; he was desirous the Aborigines should be both civilized and christianized; that the Gospel should be sent into the dark, benighted parts of the land, and was always ready to contribute to this benevolent design, that such as set in darkness may come to the knowledge of the truth.

His abilities, his publick and private character, as a Christian and as a citizen, gained him the honour, esteem, and confidence of his country.

The interest lodged in my hands, out of his estate, made me desirous some attempt should be made; accordingly in July, 1786, I requested the Rev. Mr. Daniel Little, of Wells, a worthy minister,



and highly recommended, to go to the Indian tribe at Penobscot river, to instruct the said Indians in the knowledge of the Christian Religion, and their children in useful human literature. Having the countenance of his Excellency Governour BOWDOIN, I wrote them, and the inhabitants, as follows.

“BRETHREN,

“The Rev. Mr. Little comes as a Missionary among you, to promote your best good, by instructing you, and [3] your children. The difficulties he may go through, the cheerfulness with which he engages in this work, for your welfare, I wish may encourage you to receive him as your kind father and friend.”

*To my CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, and ENGLISH INHABITANTS, at PENOBSCOT.*

“I desire you will be so kind as to assist the Rev. Mr. Little in obtaining a knowledge of the general state of the Indians; he is a person much esteemed among us, and cheerfully undertakes this service to promote your welfare. When his time cannot be employed to the benefit of the Indians, he may be employed as a Missionary among you with acceptance and advantage. I hope his coming will be attended with a divine blessing.

I am, affectionately,

Your friend and servant,

RICHARD CARY.”

Medford, July 1, 1786.

Mr. Little advised me of his arrival at Penobscot-Bay, Aug. 7, by a letter, of which the following is extracted — at the same time mentions the arrival of the Roman Catholick Missionary from New-York.

[4] “Immediately after the Commissioners had quieted the Indians about their landed claims, I moved up to a small village of seven families, near the borders of Indian Old-Town, where I opened an English school, to which I invited the presence and attention of the Indians, as they were passing up the river from the treaty; having, upon my first arrival in the river, communicated to their chief Sachem

the benevolent design of my mission. The arrival of the French Priest at this juncture, and his officiating in his way among the Indians, prevented my access to them on religious subjects, as a publick teacher. I then invited him to my lodgings, and reasoned with him upon the advantages of a free English school, for the benefit of the Indians, abstracted from religious considerations, in hopes to avail myself of his influence. In about a fortnight after, he collected the Indians together near the uppermost branches of the river; they dispersed soon after the treaty, to attend their wares and traps, and reported to me the result of their council, viz. That a small part of them were desirous to have their children taught the language and manners of the English, but all of them were apprehensive that their religion would be in danger; wished to know why their children could not be taught to read and write by a master of their own religious persuasion.

“After finding the first object of my mission clouded by unforeseen occurrences and events, I spent the rest of [5] my time among the inhabitants down the river and bay of Penobscot, where my services were acceptable and I hope useful.”

Mr. Little was on his mission about three months, and I believe did everything in his power to answer the good purposes he went upon. He sent me a plan of Penobscot river, with the Indian boundaries.

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*Settled August 28, 1786.*

The monies delivered into the hands of your Treasurer, with a schedule annexed, are eleven specie bonds, amounting to eleven hundred and fifty-two pounds, lawful money; three continental certificates for 2300 dollars, dated October, 1777; two continental certificates, dated February, 1779, for 800 dollars; one continental certificate, dated February, 1779, for 300 dollars; six consolidated notes of this state, for £.418-15-0 lawful money; a number of other certificates of a later date, estimated at a less value; J. Hardy's certificates for 920 dollars. Several years interest is due on some of the certificates, notes, and the bonds, which I have settled in the best

manner in my power, considering the situation of publick affairs, and the changing scenes we have passed through.

Another donation given, which the executors thought of public utility, was fifty pounds sterling towards raising [6] a fund for the support of poor dissenting ministers widows and children, after their decease, who are at times reduced to difficult circumstances.

Three hundred and forty pounds, lawful money, has been bestowed in private charities to unfortunate persons, known to be rich, and recommended by very respectable characters.

The institution of a new professorship, at Harvard College, of Natural Religion, Moral Philosophy, and Civil Polity, called by the name of ALFORD'S PROFESSOR, will, I doubt not, prove very beneficial to the publick; sums of money for the support of it, have been lodged, at different times, in the hands of their Treasurers, and by a late settlement with Mr. Treasurer Storer, amounts, in specie, to £.1552-4-2 lawful money. The interest arising is £.93 per annum, which will soon be sufficient to answer the benevolent design. Under our excellent Constitution and national form of government, no wise man will be wanting in using his best endeavours for its support.

Lectures on publick virtue, by the Professor, to those under his care, inculcating the great advantage, as well as necessity of good laws, and having them duly executed, for the support of government and order, cannot but prove beneficial to the rising generation, and better qualify them for publick service.

[7] A considerable interest, from this estate, has been sent, at different times, to the Treasurers of the College in New-Jersey (equal to what was given to the College in this vicinity) to be applied in a way the Governours and Directors of Nassau-Hall should think would be most serviceable to that society.

The worthy Founder of these charities, by his last will, appears to have been influenced by the noblest principles of action, that of promoting the glory of his Almighty Creator, the spiritual and temporal welfare of his fellow-creatures. His mind was known many years before his death, that he intended to leave a considerable part of his estate to pious and charitable uses. Having honoured me with his power to act, I have often heard him speak with concern of the state

of the Indians, how gentlemen in England were at great expence in having the Gospel propagated among them, while we, in this country, were inattentive to this important concern.

With pleafure I deliver up this intereft to your management and direktion, being convinced, from your wifdom and judgment, nothing will be wanting, on your part, to carry this benevolent plan into execution. My advanced age and infirmities make it neceffary.

Great difficulties have attended fettling this eftate; the company's affairs were unfettled, and their books in great diforder. The agents, that had the care of the eftate in [8] the Jerfeys, were remifs in their fettlements; feveral valuable trafts of land remained unfold. Other concerns called me twice to New-Jerfey and Philadelphia; once in the winter feafon; my going was thought to be advantageous for the concern. I wifh my abilities had been equal to the important truft reposed in me.

The publick being fo much interefted in the difpofal of Col. Alford's eftate, is an apology for my being fo particular. Accounts of money received and paid away, with other matters relating to it, have been lodged in the Probate Office in Cambridge, to which I beg leave to refer any one who defires information, or an application to me will fave that trouble.

I thank you, Gentlemen, for the honour done me in voting me into your respectable fociety. Be affured, I fhall cheerfully give every affifance in my power to promote the intereft of this benevolent undertaking, and am, with refpektful regards,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obliged humble fervant,

RICHARD CARY.



*To the Honourable OLIVER WENDELL, Efquire,  
and the Members of the Society for propagating the  
Gospel among the Indians in the United States of  
North-America.*



*AT a meeting of the SOCIETY for propagating the GOSPEL among the INDIANS, and others, in NORTH-AMERICA, May 28, 1789.*

**V**OTED, That the Assistant Secretary, the Rev. Mr. ELIOT, and the Rev. Mr. HILYARD, be a committee to wait upon RICHARD CARY, Esq. and, in the name of this Society, to express their very great satisfaction in the idea, that the benevolent and truly Christian designs of the late Colonel ALFORD have been so faithfully seconded by his Executor; to return him the sincere thanks of the Society for his very liberal donation this day made to them, to enable them to effect the benevolent purposes of their institution; to assure him, that it shall be faithfully applied to the purposes for which it is given, and to express the wishes and prayers of the Society, that the blessing of those who are ready to perish may come upon him.

*A true extract from the Minutes.*

*Attest.*

PETER THACHER, *Assistant Sec'y.*



## OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

1787-1887.

## Presidents.

Honorable OLIVER WENDELL . . . . .	1787-93
“ THOMAS RUSSELL . . . . .	1793-96
“ MOSES GILL . . . . .	1796-1800
His Excellency JAMES SULLIVAN . . . . .	1800-6
Honorable WILLIAM PHILLIPS . . . . .	1806-27
“ JONATHAN PHILLIPS . . . . .	1827-37
“ Chief Justice, LEMUEL SHAW . . . . .	1837-61
“ “ “ GEORGE T. BIGELOW . . . . .	1861-77
Reverend S. K. LOTHROP, D.D. . . . .	1878-85
“ RUFUS ELLIS, D.D. . . . .	1885-86
Honorable E. R. HOAR . . . . .	1886-87
Reverend A. P. PEABODY, D.D. . . . .	1887

## Secretaries.

Reverend EDWARD WIGGLESWORTH, D.D. . . . .	1787-90
“ PETER THACHER, D.D. . . . .	1790-1802
“ JEDEDIAH MORSE, D.D. . . . .	1802-10
“ ABIEL HOLMES, D.D. . . . .	1810-29
“ ALDEN BRADFORD, LL.D. . . . .	1829-43
“ FRANCIS PARKMAN, D.D. . . . .	1843-52
“ S. K. LOTHROP, D.D. . . . .	1852-76
“ RUFUS ELLIS, D.D. . . . .	1877-84
“ ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, D.D. . . . .	1885-

## Treasurers.

Honorable JONATHAN MASON . . . . .	1787-90
EBENEZER STORER, Esq. . . . .	1790-1806
SAMUEL H. WALLEY, Esq. . . . .	1806-28
Honorable ASAHEL STEARNS. . . . .	1828-38
"    JAMES SAVAGE, LL.D. . . . .	1838-41
GEORGE BOND, Esq. . . . .	1841-42
Honorable PETER O. THACHER . . . . .	1842-43
"    JAMES SAVAGE, LL.D. . . . .	1843-50
"    STEPHEN FAIRBANKS . . . . .	1850-63
THORNTON K. LOTHROP, Esq. . . . .	1863-83
Honorable SAMUEL C. COBB . . . . .	1884

## MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

1787-1887.

1787. Named in the Act of Incorporation (printed on pp. 5 and 13).

1788. Elected.

Hon. James Bowdoin, LL.D.,	Hon. William Phillips,	} Boston.
"    Thomas Russell,	"    Thomas Dawes,	
Rev. Jeremy Belknap.		
Thomas Lee, Esq., Cambridge.	Richard Cary, Esq., Charlestown.	
Hon. Thomas Dexter, Dedham.	Hon. Cotton Tufts, M.D., Weymouth.	

1792.

Hon. James Sullivan, LL.D.,	Nathan Appleton, Esq.,	} Boston.
"    William Phillips,	Rev. Samuel West, D.D.,	
Rev. Simeon Howard, D.D.,	"    John Lathrop, D.D.,	
"    Jedediah Morse, D.D., Charles-	"    Daniel Little, Wells, Me.	
town.	Hon. John Lowell, LL.D., Roxbury.	
Mr. William Woodbridge, Medford.	David S. Greenough,	"

1794.

Hon. Benjamin Lincoln, Hingham.	Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., Cambridge.
Alden Bradford, LL.D., Boston.	

1798.

James White, Esq., Boston.	Dea. Samuel Salisbury, Boston.
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1800.

David Hyslop, Esq., Brookline.      Rev. Elijah Parish, D.D., Newbury.  
 Hon. Dudley A. Tyng, LL.D., Boston.

1803.

Rev. David Tappan, D.D., Cambridge.      Eliphalet Pearson, LL.D., Cambridge.

1804.

Rev. Thomas Barnard, D.D., Salem.      Rev. Joseph McKeen, D.D., Brunswick, Me.

“ William E. Channing, D.D.,      Samuel Parkman, Esq.,  
 Samuel Eliot, Esq.,      Hon. John Davis, LL.D., } Boston.  
 Daniel D. Rogers, Esq.,

1805.

Benjamin Bussey, Esq., Roxbury.      Hon. John Treadwell, Salem.

Samuel H. Walley, Esq., “      Rev. James Kendall, D.D., Plymouth.

Rev. Joshua Bates, D.D., Dedham.      Hon. Thomas Dawes, Jr., Boston.

Edward A. Holyoke, M.D., LL.D., Salem.      “ Jonathan Phillips, “

1808.

Josiah Salisbury, Esq., Boston.

1811.

Rev. J. T. Kirkland, D.D., LL.D., Cambridge.      Rev. Henry Ware, D.D., Cambridge.

“ Thomas Prentiss, D.D., Medfield.      “ William Greenough, Newton.  
 “ John Pierce, D.D., Brookline.

1814.

Edward Tuckerman, Jr., Esq.,      Elisha Ticknor, Esq., } Boston.  
 Rev. Charles Lowell, D.D.,      Rev. Joshua Huntington, }

“ Samuel Gile, Milton.      “ John Foster, D.D., Brighton.  
 Caleb Gannett, Esq., Cambridge.      “ Joseph M'Kean, LL.D., Cambridge.  
 Levi Hedge, LL.D., “

1818.

Rev. Francis Parkman, D.D.,      Hon. John Phillips, } Boston.  
 “ Joseph Tuckerman, D.D.,      “ Pliny Cutler, }

Hon. Asahel Stearns, LL.D., Cambridge.      Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D.D., Andover.

1822.

Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, D.D., Dorchester.      Rev. John Codman, D.D., Dorchester.

Hon. Judge Parker, LL.D.,      Hon. Dan'l Webster, LL.D., } Boston.  
 Edward Phillips, Esq.,

Hon. William Reed, Marblehead.



1825.  
 Hon. Richard Sullivan, John C. Warren, M.D., } Boston.  
 " Samuel Hubbard, LL.D., Rev. B. B. Wisner, D.D., }  
 James R. Chaplin, M.D., Cam- " Henry Ware, Jr., D.D., Cam-  
 bridge. bridge.
1832.  
 Hon. Peter O. Thacher, Thomas W. Ward, Esq., } Boston.  
 Rev. William Jenks, D.D., }  
 Hon. Josiah Quincy, LL.D., Cam- Rev. James Walker, D.D., Charles-  
 bridge. town.  
 William Hilliard, Esq., Cambridge.
1833.  
 Hon. James Savage, LL.D., Boston. Hon. Judge Story, LL.D., Cambridge.  
 George Bond, Esq., " Rev. John G. Palfrey, D.D., LL.D.,  
 Rev. George Putnam, D.D., Roxbury. Cambridge.
1834.  
 Hon. Judge Shaw, LL.D., Rev. Ezra S. Gannett, D.D., } Boston.  
 Rev. Convers Francis, D.D., }
1835.  
 Hon. Charles Jackson, LL.D., Boston. Rev. H. A. Miles, D.D., Lowell.  
 Rev. Charles Briggs, "
1837.  
 Rev. Joseph Field, D.D., Weston. Rev. George Ripley, Boston.  
 " Alexander Young, D.D., Bos- Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, LL.D.,  
 ton. Salem.
1838.  
 Hon. Daniel A. White, LL.D., Salem ; Hon. Samuel A. Eliot, Boston.
1839.  
 Hon. Samuel Hoar, LL.D., Concord. Rev. Ephraim Peabody, D.D., Bos-  
 Rev. Samuel Barrett, D.D., Boston. ton.
1840.  
 Rev. A. P. Peabody, D.D., Cam- Rev. G. W. Briggs, D.D., Plym-  
 bridge. outh.
1841.  
 Benjamin Guild, Esq., Boston.
1843.  
 Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop, D.D., and Hon. Charles G. Loring, Boston.
- May, 1844.  
 Hon. Abbott Lawrence, LL.D., Rev. C. A. Bartol, D.D., } Boston.  
 Rev. Chandler Robbins, D.D., }  
 " James W. Thompson, D.D., Jamaica Plain.

November, 1844.

Rev. Geo. E. Ellis, D.D., Charlestown ; Hon. Stephen C. Phillips, Salem.

May, 1846.

George B. Emerson, Esq., Boston. Rev. C. W. Upham, Salem.

November, 1846.

Rev. Edward B. Hall, D.D., Providence. Rev. Alonzo Hill, D.D., Worcester.

May, 1847.

Hon. Stephen Fairbanks, Boston. Rev. Alvan Lamson, D.D., Dedham.

November, 1847.

Hon. Peleg Sprague, LL.D., Boston. Rev. George R. Noyes, D.D., Cambridge.  
Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D., “

June 1, 1848.

Rev. Christopher Thayer, Boston.

Nov. 2, 1848.

Rev. William I. Buddington, Charles. Edward Wigglesworth, Esq., Boston.

May 30, 1850.

Hon. George S. Hillard, Samuel Greele, Esq., } Boston.  
“ Albert Fearing, }

Rev. William P. Lunt, D.D., Quincy.

May 29, 1851.

Daniel Denny, Esq., Boston. Robert Waterston, Esq., Boston.

Nov. 6, 1851.

Rev. Calvin Lincoln, Hingham. Nathaniel H. Emmons, Esq., Boston.

Nov. 4, 1852.

Hon. Thomas Kinnicutt, Worcester. Hon. Benjamin Seaver, Boston.

Rev. William Barry, Lowell. William T. Andrews, Esq., “

May 31, 1855.

Henry B. Rogers, Esq., Boston. Rev. John H. Morison, D.D., Milton.  
Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge, “

Nov. 1, 1855.

Rev. Rufus Ellis, Boston.

May 29, 1856.

J. Huntington Wolcott, Esq., Boston. N. Thayer, Esq., Boston.  
Prof. Edwards A. Park, Andover.

May 27, 1858.

Hon. E. Rockwood Hoar, Concord. Rev. Dexter Clapp, Salem.

Rev. George N. Blagden, D.D., B. A. Gould, Esq., } Boston.  
Hon. William Minot,

- Nov. 4, 1858.  
Hon. Emory Washburn, LL.D., Rev. E. E. Hale, Boston.  
Cambridge.
- May 26, 1859.  
Hon. George T. Bigelow, LL.D., Samuel E. Guild, Esq., } Boston.  
Rev. R. H. Neale, D.D.,
- May 31, 1860.  
Hon. B. F. Thomas, LL.D., William Perkins, Esq., } Boston.  
T. K. Lothrop, Esq.,  
Hon. Lorenzo Sabine, Framingham.
- Nov. 6, 1862.  
Hon. Jacob H. Loud, Plymouth. Rev. William Newell, Cambridge.  
" Stephen Salesbury, Worcester. " William O. Mosely, Boston.
- May 28, 1863.  
Thomas Aspinwall, Esq., Boston. Hon. Charles Allen, Worcester.
- May 26, 1864.  
Rev. James H. Means, Dorchester.
- Nov. 2, 1865.  
Rev. Oliver Stearns, D.D., Cambridge.
- Nov. 7, 1867.  
Rev. James De Normandie, Portsmouth, N.H.
- May 27, 1869.  
Hon. Jacob S. Sleeper, Boston. Rev. E. H. Sears, Weston.  
Rev. H. W. Foote, "

[The names, titles, and residences already given are reprinted (with errors) from the *Report* of the Select Committee, *May 30, 1869*, pp. 69-74. The following are from the *Records*, where residences, and nearly all titles except "Rev." are omitted. — J. F. H.]

- Nov. 2, 1871.  
George B. Chase. Rev. Alexander McKenzie.
- May 28, 1874.  
George S. Hale. Rev. George L. Chaney.  
George O. Shattuck. " John D. Wells.  
O. W. Peabody.
- May 27, 1880.  
Roger Wolcott. Rev. Henry F. Jenks.  
James P. Melledge. " Edward C. Guild.

Nov. 4, 1880.

James F. Hunnewell.  
James L. Little, Jr.  
Henry Parkman.

June 1, 1882.

Samuel Johnson.  
G. Washington Warren.  
Arthur T. Lyman.

May 31, 1883.

S. C. Armstrong.  
J. F. B. Marshall.

Nov. 5, 1885.

Arthur Lincoln.

May 27, 1886.

Charles Theodore Russell.  
P. Emory Aldrich.  
Rev. Phillips Brooks.  
Edward L. Pierce.

May 26, 1887.

Rev. Grindall Reynolds.  
Caleb H. Warner.  
Hamilton A. Hill.

Rev. Pitt Dillingham.

“ J. G. Brooks.

“ J. M. Manning, D.D.

Rev. J. T. Duryea, D.D.

“ F. B. Hornbrooke.

“ Charles F. Dole.

Samuel C. Cobb.

Rev. Brooke Herford.

Rev. F. G. Peabody.

Charles W. Eliot.

Amos A. Lawrence.

William Endicott, Jr.

J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr.

Henry H. Edes.

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## MISSIONARIES OF THE SOCIETY,

1790-1855.

*From the Report published by the Society in 1856.*

“ Some of the missionaries in the following list were employed only for a portion of the year, from two to six months, and were paid fifty dollars a month. This was the case with most of the missionaries employed in various parts of the District of Maine previous to 1820. Others were engaged in missionary service the whole year, but were only in part supported by the funds of this Society. Some were employed only one year; others were annually re-appointed for a series of years; and with some of these

there appears to have been an occasional intermission, when for several years they were not appointed. It was found that a table containing these minute facts would be somewhat complicated. *The following list* merely gives the names of the persons who have at any time been employed by the Society as *missionaries*, or *school teachers*, or *agents*, with the *field of their labor*, and the *date of their first appointment*.

1790. Rev. Zechariah Mayhew, Martha's Vineyard ; Rev. John Sargeant, Stockbridge, N.Y. ; Rev. Gideon Hawley, Marshpee.
1791. Rev. Daniel Little, Rev. James Lyon, and Mr. Abiel Abbot, Maine.
1792. Rev. Samuel Maclintock, Rev. Peter Holt, and Rev. Levi Frisbie, Maine ; Rev. Samuel Kirkland, and Mr. Calkins, Oneida, N.Y.
1793. Rev. John Thompson, and Rev. Eli Forbes, Maine.
1794. Rev. Samuel Eaton, and Rev. Joseph Thaxter, Maine.
1795. Rev. Alden Bradford, and Mr. Elisha Sylvester, Maine.
1796. Rev. Alfred Johnson, Rev. John Strickland, Rev. Paul Coffin, and Rev. Mr. Bradford, Maine.
1798. Rev. Alexander Maclain, Maine.
1799. Rev. Samuel Read, Maine ; Rev. Jacob Emerson, Isle of Shoals.
1800. Esther Tackett, Vineyard.
1802. Rev. Seth Payson, Maine ; Rev. Mr. Stevens, Isle of Shoals ; Mr. Nathaniel Ely, Longmeadow.
1803. Rev. Benjamin Chadwick, and Rev. Edmund Eastman, Maine.
1804. Rev. Peter Nourse, Maine ; Rev. Daniel Oliver, Maine and Massachusetts.
1805. Rev. Asa Piper, Rev. Mr. Jewett, and Rev. Elisha Parish, Maine.
1806. Rev. Daniel Lovejoy, Isle of Shoals ; Rev. Mr. Packard, and Rev. Mr. Hidden, Maine.
1807. Rev. John Scott, Rev. John Allyne, Rev. Jonathan Burr, Rev. Marshfield Steele, and Rev. Jonathan Powers, Maine ; Rev. Enoch Whipple, Isle of Shoals.
1808. Rev. Asa Lyman, Rev. Daniel Emerson, Rev. Timothy Davis, Rev. Nathaniel Webster, Rev. Hezekiah May, and Rev. Thaddeus Osgood, Maine ; Rev. Elisha Clapp, Marshpee ; Rev. Curtiss Coe, Rhode Island.
1809. Rev. David Williston, Rev. Perez Chapin, Mr. A. Phelps, Rev. Daniel Grovenor, Rev. Philander Shaw, and Rev. David Smith, Maine ; Rev. Samuel Sargeant, Vermont.

1810. Rev. Samuel Sewall, Rev. Nathaniel Porter, and Rev. Moses Eliot, Maine ; Rev. John Tenny, Rhode Island.
1811. Rev. Ephraim Abbot, and Rev. Silas Warren, Maine.
1812. Rev. Robert Cochran, Maine ; Rev. Phineas Fish, Marshpee.
1813. Rev. Jeremiah Niles, Rhode Island ; Rev. Joseph Badger, Cape Cod.
1814. Messrs. Schemeshorn and Mills, Western Indians ; Rev. John Dutton, Maine.
1815. Rev. John Sawyer, Rev. David M. Mitchel, and Rev. Stetson Raymond, Maine.
1816. Rev. William Miltemore, and Rev. Henry True, Maine.
1817. Rev. Nathan Douglas, Rev. Freeman Parker, and Rev. Jonathan Fisher, Maine ; Rev. Timothy Alden, Western Indians.
1818. Rev. Thomas Adams, Rev. Jonathan Calif, and Rev. Mighill Blood, Maine ; M<sup>r</sup>. Frederic Baylies, Vineyard.
1819. Rev. Elijah Kellogg, Maine.
1820. Rev. Jonathan Bigelow, Maine.
1821. Rev. Mr. Noyes, for education, at Needham, of Indian women of St. Francis tribe, Canada.
1822. Rev. Joseph Lake, Nantucket Indians.
1823. Rev. Carlton Hurd, Rev. James Weston, and Rev. Caleb F. Page, Maine.
1825. Rev. John Sargeant, 2d, Stockbridge, N.Y.
1826. Rev. Josiah Peet, Maine.
1827. Rev. George W. Fargo, Maine.
1829. Rev. T. F. Rogers, Vermont ; Rev. Samuel Brimblecome, Rev. Sylvester Clapp, and Rev. William Farmer, Maine.
1830. Rev. W. W. Niles, Maine.
1831. Rev. Jonathar Huse, Maine.
1834. Rev. Henry A. Miles, Maine.
1835. Rev. G. W. Wills, Maine.
1837. Rev. O. Smith, Isle of Shoals.
1839. Rev. Alpheus Harding, Western States.
1840. Rev. Mr. Huntoon, and Rev. Mr. Perkins, Ohio.
1842. Rev. A. Hall, Isle of Shoals.
1843. Rev. John Huss, Cherokee Indians, and the Dwight School, Cherokee Mission ; Rev. William G. Eliot, Missouri ; Rev. William P. Huntington, Rev. George Morse, and Rev. Joseph Harrington, Illinois.
1844. Rev. Abraham Plumer, Isle of Shoals [to 1887].
1845. Rev. Mordacai De Lange, St. Louis ; Rev. William H. Lord, Wisconsin ; the Wesleyan Seminary, Michigan [to 1861].

1846. Rev. A. H. Conant [to 1857], and Rev. G. W. Woodward, Illinois; Rev. Eleazer Williams, Oneida Indians, Green Bay; Rev. J. P. Bardwell, Ojibway Indians.
1847. Rev. Henry Emmons, Vernon, N. Y.
1848. Rev. P. J. May, Onondaga Indians; Rev. E. I. Gerry, Maine; Rev. T. C. Adams, Michigan; Rev. L. D. Blodget, Isle of Shoals.
1849. Twinsburg Seminary, Ohio [to 1882].
1851. Rev. O. D. Eastman, Isle of Shoals.
1852. Rev. William A. Fuller, Illinois; Rev. C. Bray, Gay-Head Indians.
1853. Rev. Thomas D. Howard, Maine [to 1859]; Rev. Rufus E. King, St. Regis Indians, New York [to 1856]; Rev. William Barry, Massachusetts; Rev. Edward Edmunds, Western States; Rev. John Mason [to 1855], and Mr. L. S. Thaxter, Isle of Shoals; Rev. Mr. Krebsbs, Colpoy's Bay, Canada [to 1860].
1854. Rev. Joel Adams, Matinicus [to 1859], and William D. Haley, Illinois [to 1856]; the Lawrence University, Wisconsin [to 1878].

[The following are compiled from the Records of the Society. The dates enclosed in parentheses below, and also added above, are the terminations of aid by the Society.—J. F. H.]

1855. Indians at Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard (see 1852), Baptist Mission [to 1885]; repairs of parsonage, Isle of Shoals; Rev. Hiram Wilson, St. Catharines, Canada [to 1865].
1856. Onondaga and Oneida (see 1846) Indians [to 1884]; Rev. I. R. McFarland, Peoria, Ill. [to 1857]; Rev. George R. Beebe, Isle of Shoals [to 1869].
1857. Rev. A. Sickles, to educate his sons, New Oneida, C. W. [to 1860, and 1863]; Rev. I. G. Foreman, Alton, Ill. [to 1861, also 1865-66]; Rev. W. G. Eliot, St. Louis, Mo. [to 1858]; Rev. Joshua Eaton, Isle of Shoals, etc. [to 1868]; Rev. I. M. Lecky, Scandinavian Mission (Wisconsin [to 1864], Minnesota [to 1887]).
1859. Mr. Jordan, interpreter, Methodist Mission, St. Regis, N. Y.; Mr. Cornelius and Mr. Johnson, native preachers, Oneida, N. Y. [to 1862].
1860. Mr. J. A. Mason, Illinois (also 1868, 1872); Rev. John A. Plummer, Matinicus [to 1872].

1861. Canada Indian Missionary Society [to 1873]; Josiah Henson, Canada West [to 1882].
1862. Bar Harbor Mission, Maine [to 1869, resumed 1875-78].
1863. John B. (?), services in behalf of Indians at Washington.
1864. Seneca Indians, N. Y., Maris B. Pierce [to 1886]; L. F. Plummer, Little Deer Isle, Maine [to 1868].
1865. Jasper L. Douthit, Southern Illinois; J. S. Lincoln, Richmond.
1867. Rev. Mr. Mason, Illinois [to 1874].
1868. Wilberforce University, Ohio [to 1874]; African Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society [to 1874].
1869. Mr. D. W. Stevens, Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard [to 1882]; Howard Free School for Colored Persons.
1871. National Theological Institute for Colored, Washington, D. C. [to 1873]; William Hewes, Isle of Shoals.
1872. Indians in Southern Missouri and Kansas, Mrs. H. C. Watts [to 1874].
1873. Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. [to 1887]; E. N. Peirce, Long Island, Maine [to 1877].
1875. Woodville Farm School, Georgia [to 1878]; Lincoln Institute for Colored Persons, Missouri [to 1881]; Thomas L. Elliot, Portland, Oregon [to 1887]; Claflin University, South Carolina [to 1887].
1876. Harriet D. Watts, Florida [to 1878]; E. H. Danforth, Colorado [to 1877]; Miss S. J. Bell, South Carolina [to 1877].
1879. Drury College, Missouri [to 1882].
1881. J. D. Robertson (?).
1883. T. L. Riggs, Dakota [to 1886].



AT the last semi-annual meeting of the Society, in November, notice was given that at the next meeting a motion would be made to repeal all By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations heretofore adopted by this Society and then in force, except so far as adopted and ratified at said meeting; and for this purpose the following vote is now offered:—

*Voted*, That all By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations heretofore adopted by this Society and now in force be and hereby are repealed, except so far as adopted and ratified at this meeting; and that the following By-Laws be and hereby are adopted and ratified as the By-Laws of this Society.

This vote was passed at the Annual Meeting, May 26, 1887.

## BY-LAWS.

*Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Society, May 26, 1887.*

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### I.

BESIDE the choice of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary required by Charter to be made on the Thursday succeeding the last Wednesday in May, annually, there shall be chosen, at such time, a Vice-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; a Select Committee, to consist of five persons, together with the President; and a Committee of three to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Any extraordinary occurrence, however, preventing the choice on the said day, they may be chosen at the next stated meeting; and each shall hold his office until some other person shall have been chosen in his place.

### II.

#### OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside in all meetings of the Society and of the Select Committee, to regulate the debates, to state and put all questions regularly made, and to call for reports from committees or others.

2. In case of the absence of the President at any of the meetings, the Vice-President, if present, shall preside; and in case of the absence of both, any member present may be nominated and chosen for that purpose.

## III.

## OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE.

1. The Select Committee shall, from time to time, consider of, prepare, and report such matters and things to the stated meetings as they shall judge necessary to be laid before the Society; and in general such plans and measures as they shall conceive best calculated for accomplishing the benevolent designs of the institution. This shall not, however, preclude any member from laying before, or proposing to, the Society any matter or thing which he may think beneficial.

2. The Select Committee shall give instructions to the missionaries who may be employed,—the same being conformable to the rules of the Society, or not repugnant thereto,—examine their journals, and make inquiry into the success of their missions and all matters that concern the same, and make report from time to time to the Society.

3. The Select Committee shall direct the Secretary in such correspondence as they shall judge necessary.

4. The Select Committee shall examine all accounts exhibited against the Society; and the certificate of the Secretary shall be a sufficient authority to the Treasurer for payment agreeably to the appropriations and votes of the Society.

5. The Select Committee shall hold a meeting within thirty days before each stated meeting of the Society. The Secretary shall appoint and notify the time and place of such meeting at least twenty-four hours previous thereto.

## IV.

## OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall have the charge of the statute and letter books, the Seal of the Society, and of all letters, which letters shall be kept by him on regular file; and he shall attend, if possible, all meetings of the Society and of the Select Committee, and at

each meeting of the Society read the orders and entries of the preceding meeting, take notes of the orders and transactions of the present meeting, and enter the same in the books to which they respectively relate; and shall, in like manner, note the doings of the Select Committee.

2. The Secretary shall, from time to time, lay before the Society such communications as he shall have received, and such correspondences as he shall have carried on under the direction of the Society or the Select Committee.

3. The Secretary shall record, in a book to be kept for that purpose, or in some distinct part of his record book, all appropriations of money made by the Society; all donations, by whom, and, when specially appropriated, to what uses; all real and personal estate acquired by the Society, by purchase or otherwise, and all sales of real estate made by the Society; and such record shall be laid before the Society at each meeting.

4. In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary shall possess the same powers, and be charged with the same duties as the Secretary.

#### V.

#### OF THE TREASURER AND VICE-TREASURER.

1. The Treasurer shall receive officially all moneys, or sums of money, due or payable, and all bequests and donations that may be made to the Society, and invest and care for the same to the best advantage of the Society, and in such manner as he shall judge conducive to its benefit, except in cases where the mode of investment or care therefor shall be especially pointed out by the donor or by the Society, or by advice of the Select Committee during any recess of the Society.

2. The Treasurer shall pay such sums of money out of the Treasury as he shall have orders for, pursuant to the regulations and directions of the Society, and not otherwise.

3. The Treasurer shall, in a book to be kept for that purpose, enter all the estate of the Society, both real and personal, specifying what is appropriated and what is not, and for what uses, if appropriated by the Society, or any donor.

4. Previous to every stated meeting, the Treasurer's accounts shall be audited by the Committee for examining the Treasurer's accounts, and in said Committee not more than one of the Select Committee shall be included.

5. In case of the death, resignation, absence from the State, or removal of the Treasurer, the Vice-Treasurer shall, during such absence or until the election of a new Treasurer, have and exercise all the powers of that office.

## VI.

### OF MEETINGS.

1. Previous to each stated meeting of the Society, the Secretary shall give public notice, in one or more of the Boston newspapers, at least three days before such meeting, and by printed or written notification thereof sent to each member of the Society to such address as he shall believe is correct, indicating the hour and place.

2. Occasional meetings shall be called whenever the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall direct the same, or at the request of the Select Committee, or when a request is signified in writing by any three of the members to the President or Secretary; and such occasional meetings shall be notified in the manner above provided. The Secretary shall also seasonably notify the meetings of the Select Committee.

3. The Secretary shall seasonably, before each stated meeting, remind the Committee for auditing the Treasurer's accounts of the business of their commission.

## VII.

### OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

1. Candidates for election as members of this Society shall be nominated for that purpose at some stated meeting of the Society previous to the election. Every member of the Society shall have the right of nominating, at his discretion, by entering, in a book to

be kept by the Secretary for that purpose, the name and place of residence of the candidate, with his addition, noting the time of the nomination and accompanying it with his own signature ; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to announce all existing nominations before the dissolution of each stated meeting, said nominations to be announced at such time in the meeting as the President and Secretary in their judgment shall consider best calculated to give general notice thereof.

2. Elections of members shall be made at a stated meeting (and at no other), from the persons on the nomination list, by ballot, or written votes, on which the name of the person voted for shall be expressed without regard to the order in which the nominations may be made. The votes of three fourths of the members present shall be necessary to constitute a choice.

3. Nominations of more than three years' standing shall be erased from the nomination book, but may be renewed.

## VIII.

### OF ABSENCES FROM MEETINGS.

1. Any member who shall be absent from four successive stated meetings of the Society without being excused therefor by the Society shall be considered as thereby resigning his place as a member.

2. This By-Law shall be printed upon, and form a part of, every notice of a stated meeting.

## IX.

### OF MISSIONARIES.

1. Missionaries may be appointed by the Society at any stated meeting, or by the Select Committee.

2. It shall be a standing instruction to the missionaries to transmit to the President or Secretary, quarterly if practicable, a journal of their proceedings, which shall be laid before the Select Com-

mittee, and by them be communicated to the Society, in order that a true knowledge may be had of the state, circumstances, and prospects of their respective missions.

3. Missionaries may be suspended for neglect of duty or any gross immorality, by order of the President, with advice of the Select Committee, during the recess of the Society; and at the next meeting of the Society such suspension may be taken off or continued as the Society shall think fit, and for like causes the Society may dismiss them.

#### X.

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any stated meeting of the Society, by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting.

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