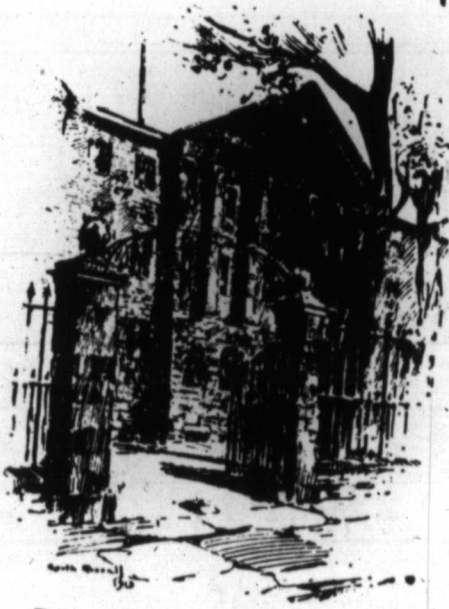


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OF THE

**HALIFAX DIOCESAN COMMITTEE,**

OF THE

**SOCIETY**

FOR

**SPREADING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE**

FOR

**1815.**

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## REPORT.

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THE HALIFAX DIOCESAN COMMITTEE of the Society for PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, have much satisfaction, in offering the following Report of Proceedings in the Year 1815.

A most satisfactory correspondence has been continued with the Parent Society, and every kind assistance and encouragement has been afforded by that venerable Body.

They have informed the Halifax Committee of arrangements lately made with their Booksellers, which will enable them to reduce even the low prices, at which their Books have hitherto been supplied.

They have also mentioned the admission into the Society of many Members of the Foreign Reformed Churches; especially at the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, and St Helena. For the particular benefit of those places, and of several settlements in this Diocese, the Society have pla-

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ced on their Catalogue, the best editions of the Bible, in the German, French and Dutch Languages.

With a view of placing the numerous Diocesan and District Committees on an uniform system, the Society have drawn up a series of papers, containing useful regulations and instructions, which have been duly forwarded to this place.

Books charged to this Committee, at the reduced prices of the Society, to the value of nearly one thousand pounds, have been received for circulation throughout the Diocese, and may easily be obtained by application to the Clergy, or at the Store of Mr. Thomas Heaviside—Catalogues with the price of every book, have been printed, and circulated through the Country.

Many of these Books have been forwarded to the several District Committees, and to many individual Members of the Society.

Large supplies have been sent to Fredericton, St John, St Andrews, Kingston, and Gage Town, in New Brunswick, and to Chester, Lunenburg, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Annapolis and Aylesford in this Province—Packages have also been forwarded to Guysborough, and Prince Edward Island.

Numerous Collections and Subscriptions have been made, for payment of the expences thus incurred, and the Committee feel it incumbent on them, to acknowledge, with gratitude, the kindest co-operation on the part of the District Committees.

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In New Brunswick they have been actuated by the most laudable zeal, in promoting the noble objects of the Society. The business of their District Committees is transacted in the best method; their members are daily increasing; and their Collections and Subscriptions are forwarded to Halifax with great punctuality.

They have indeed anticipated a recommendation, which the Committee respectfully offer to every Member, to have his subscription always paid *one year in advance*; and not to wait until it is called for, as it is not the usage of the Parent Society to ask for the payment of subscriptions.— The Committee are confident that the mention of this Rule, will secure attention to it from every Member in this Diocese.

The attention of the increasing Committee, in Prince Edward Island, to the objects of the Society, is also entitled to very grateful acknowledgement.

One hundred and sixty Members, whose names are added to this Report, have joined the Society, through the Halifax Committee, since its formation in July, 1814, exclusive of Members in Newfoundland, whose number is not yet ascertained.

From a statement of the accounts, it appears, that during the same period, the sum of £918:2:4 has been received by the Committee: and £787:10:8 has been remitted to the Parent Society. But as a large portion of this sum consisted of the Benefactions at entrance, and the yearly Subscriptions

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of Members, which Benefactions and Subscriptions belong to the Parent Society, there is a balance now due from the Halifax Committee, for Books, to the amount of more than £250; and the Books expected in the Spring, will probably amount to as large a sum, even at the reduced prices.

By desire of the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese, information has been communicated to the Committee, of the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Milne, at Halifax, as one of the Missionaries from the Society for Propagation of the Gospel, specially qualified to introduce the Madras System of Education into this Diocese.

The Committee, considering that the Education of Children in sound principles of Religion, has ever been a prominent object of the Parent Society, who have been very instrumental to the extensive adoption of this admirable system in England; and being very desirous to extend the peculiar advantages it possesses, throughout these Colonies, have resolved to recommend and encourage its adoption to the full extent of their means. In pursuance of this resolution, they have agreed to supply all Schools which may introduce it, with the necessary books, at the reduced prices of the Society; and gratuitously, where it may be required.

They have also resolved to attempt the establishment of a Parochial School, at Halifax, to be conducted entirely according to the Madras System, under their superintendance and protection, and have appointed a Committee to carry this measure into effect, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Milne.

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While the Committee offer their grateful acknowledgements to all the Members, for their zealous regard to the objects of the Society, they have only to add their respectful recommendation for continued perseverance, in their good endeavours. An ample supply of very interesting books, is now within their reach, for the best Religious and Moral Instruction of their children, their servants, and their poorer neighbours— They will readily consider it a duty to avail themselves of such important advantages, by providing for the instruction of their own families, and of all within their influence; and will assist the effect of such instruction, by personal superintendance and direction. The sphere of their useful exertions, may thus be gradually but powerfully extended, and numbers may be added to the Society, by their recommendation, by the influence of their example, and by the valuable effect of their attention and labor.

The Committee feel that their thanks are especially due, for the exertions in behalf of the Society, which have been made by a very large proportion of the Clergy in the Diocese; and confidently hope for a continuance of these valuable exertions, as they look for success, only, through the Blessing of Divine Providence, upon the permanent and untired continuance of the zeal and attention of the Members. The Committee respectfully recommend that an union with the Society should be made *Parochial*; whenever it may be possible; for experience has shewn that the objects of the Society are most successfully advanced, and always form a very happy bond of Parochial usefulness, union, and affection, whenever they are promoted by the general cooperation of the Rector, Church Wardens, Vestry, and



Parishioners. The Committee further recommend that several of the more expensive books in the Society's Catalogue, and more particularly, that several Copies of THE FAMILY BIBLE be kept in every Parish, to be lent to the poorer Parishioners.

The Committee very respectfully continue their invitation to those members of the Church, who have not yet joined the Society; and especially the Clergy, whose assistance and direction, they consider of primary importance. No one need to withhold his support from apprehension that its influence, will be unimportant; the continued efforts even of an individual will never be without good effect. An union with the Society will certainly increase his means of being useful, and will probably increase his desire also to improve those means.

The Committee have lively pleasure in stating that there is no want of adequate encouragement for the general co-operation which they solicit.

Even in the infancy of their endeavours, the Committee have had an earnest of their ultimate benefit, in the very encouraging success which has already attended them. And they are most satisfactorily persuaded that an union with the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, under the Blessing of God, affords great and very important facilities for encouraging and increasing the influence of steadfast Loyalty, sound Christian Morals, and pure and undefiled Religion.

They have the comfort to be assured that their endeavours, from the beginning, have received not only the sanction, but the most cordial approbation and support of the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese.

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ertions, similar to their humble efforts, have been warmly recommended by several Bishops in the Parent Kingdom, in their solemn charges to their Clergy.

Nor can they withhold an acknowledgement of the gratifying encouragement they have derived from the very flattering manner, in which their first endeavours have been noticed by the Parent Society, in the following passage of the Annual Report for 1814:

“ In the above list, it will be observed we comprise a Diocesan Committee for the Isle of Mann, and another (with several subordinate District Committees) for Halifax, in Nova-Scotia.

“ In connexion with the latter a still wider field is opened for contemplation; and more abundant cause administered for thankfulness and joy. It is remarkable, that at the moment, when the Society, on occasion of the appointment of the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, were first venturing to express the wishes, which they had long cherished, that a great Institution might arise in the East, embracing in friendly combination, the several grand designs carried on by this Society, in the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, a like Establishment was taking place in the West, under the special Patronage of the highest constituted authorities in Church and State there: and which it is confidently hoped, may be a model and example to others, whereby the pure reformed faith of the English Church may be further propagated, and increasingly confirmed in those Regions. The Primary Resolutions of this Institution, being the first hitherto established in Foreign Parts, in immediate connexion with this SOCIETY, are therefore inserted in the Appendix.”

The Committee are very confident that every Member will be duly sensible of the value of such testimony, from such a source; and conclude this, their second Report, with their earnest desire for a continuance of the prayers of all pious persons, that the Blessing of Heaven may attend the Society, and prosper all their labours\* for the GLORY OF GOD, and the PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE throughout the World.

Halifax, Nova-Scotia, January 1816.

Persons desirous of becoming Members of the Society, are requested to apply to the Secretary of any Committee, or to any Member of the Society. The terms are One Guinea as a Benefaction to the Parent Society upon admission; and a yearly Subscription to the same, of One Guinea, paid in advance.

\*The extent of one principal branch of these labours, may best be appreciated by attending to the following:

Statement of numbers of Bibles, New Testaments, Common Prayer Books, and other Books and Tracts, dispersed by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, from April 8, 1813, to April 21, 1814, contained in the latest account that has reached Halifax, of the Proceedings of the Society—

3,298 Packets, sent to Members, consisting of	
24,890 Bibles,	46,350 other bound books.
40,310 N. Testaments & Psalters,	480,357 small Tracts, half bound
52,106 Common Prayers.	&c.
Other Packets issued gratuitously, and placed to the account of Stores—	
351 Bibles,	600 other bound Books,
716 New Testaments & Psalters,	7825 small Tracts, half bound,
330 Common Prayers,	&c.

Also, Special account for Royal Navy.

524 Bibles.	2360 other bound Books.
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Besides which, other Books, Tracts and Single Papers, have been printed by order of the Society, and distributed gratuitously, within the same time, to the number of

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*Making a Grand Total of 812,333*

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