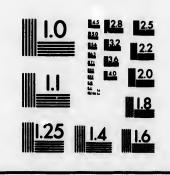
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REPORT, &c.

February 9, 1938, (the second Friday in February) being the day appointed by the Thirteenth Article of the Constitution, for the Anniversary Meeting of the "Church Society of the Archdeaconry of New Brunswick," on the preceding day, viz. Thursday, February 8, the Clergy and Lay Deputies assembled in General Committee, after Divine Service, in Christs' Church, Fredericton.

PRESENT.

The Ven. the Archdeacon, The Rev. Alexander C. Somerville, " H. Nelson Arnold, The Rev. James Somerville, L. L. D. William W. Walker, Jerome Alley, D. D " S. D. Lee Street, Skeffington Thompson, L.L.D. " John Black, ,, Elias Scovil, " John Dunn, Samuel R. Clarke, Henry J. Jarvis, Christopher Milner, " John M. Stirling. Abraham Wood, Frederick Coster,

DEPUTATIONS

From the following Parishes were presented.

Fredericton, William J. Bedell, Esquire. George Clements, Esquire. Douglas, Thomas Wyer, and Alfred L. Street, Esquires. St. Andrews, St. Stephen's, Joseph N. Clark, and Robert Watson, Esquires. William Simpson, Esquire. Kingston, Springfield, William Cromwell, Esquire. Westfield, Captain Coffin, R. N., and James B. Lyon, Esquires. William M'Leod, Esquire. Greenwich, William End, and Richard Carman, Esquires. Bathurst, Maugerville, Thomas O. Miles, Esquire. Robert Thompson, M. D., and John E. Messinitz, Esqrs. Captain Beer, R. N., and John C. Vail, Esquires. St. George's, Sussex, Isaac B. S. Raymond, Esquire. Norton, Richard Ketchum, and John Bedell, Junior, Esquires. Woodstock, Sackville, Hon. A. Edwin Botsford. Campo Bello, Captain Owen, R. N. Shediac, Daniel Hanington, Esquire.

The Accounts of Henry George Clopper, Esquire, the Treasurer for the past year, were produced and read. [See Appendix B.]

Read Reports from the following Local Committees, viz:

Saint Andrews.—Stating that the Local Committee was formed June 23d, 1837, when Resolutions were passed, expressing the highest approbation of the plan and objects of the Society, and hope that it will meet the support it so eminently merits from every friend to the religious and moral advancement of this Province; and recommending Missionary visits to that neighbourhood.

Grand Lake.—Requesting a supply of Testaments, Prayer Books, and small bound Books, for gratuitous distribution.

Saint George's.—Requesting a supply of Books for the Sunday School at Pennfield, and aid towards paying a debt which has been contracted in repairing and enlarging the Parish Church at Saint George's.

Sussex.—Requesting aid in erecting a Chapel at Studville

in that Parish.

Bathurst.—Requesting aid in erecting a Church in the Parish of New Bandon.

Norton.—Requesting aid in the enlargement of the Parish

Church at Norton.

Fredericton.—Recommending that two thirds of the whole sum collected by this Committee be reserved to provide for Missionary visits—aid to the building of a Chapel in the settlement of New Maryland—and a small supply of Books for Schools in Fredericton and its vicinity.

Resolved, on motion, that a sum of not exceeding £200 be placed at the disposal of the Executive Committee for "Missionary visits to neglected places," and that it be an instruction to the Committee to comply with the recommendations of the several Local Committees.

Resolved, on motion, that a sum of not exceeding £50 be placed at the disposal of the Executive Committee for "aid to Sunday and other Schools in which Church principles are taught," and that it be an instruction to the Committee to comply with the recommendations of the several Local Committees

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principles of the Established Church," and that it be an instruction to the Committee to comply with the recommendations of the several Local Committees.

Resolved, on motion, that a sum of not exceeding £80 be placed at the disposal of the Executive Committee, for "aid to the building and enlarging of Churches and Chapels," and that it be an instruction to the Committee to comply with the recommendations of the several Local Committees.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

Friday, 9th February, 1838.

After prayers, the Archdeacon addressed the Meeting. [See Appendix A.]

Read the following Schedule of Appropriations recommended by the Local Committees.

1. For "Missionary visits to neglected places."

Saint Andrew's.—Amount of subscriptions limited to this object, £5 2s. 6d. Campo Bello—15s. Grand Manan—£2 16s. 0d. Places recommended—District from Waweig to Digdeguash, Campo Bello and West Isles.

Woodstock.—Amount of subscriptions limited to this object, £9 17s. 6d. Place recommended—the Parish of Andover.
Fredericton.—Amount of subscriptions limited to this object, £95 18s. 2d.

2. For "aid to Sunday and other Schools in which Church principles are taught."

Saint Andrew's.—Amount of subscriptions limited to this object, £10 18s. 0d. Campo Bello—£5 15s. 6d. Grant' Manan—£2 14s. 6d. Schools recommended—in St. Andrew's, St. Patrick's, and Campo Bello.

Woodstock.—Subscriptions limited, 15s. Schools recommended—in the Parish of Woodstock.

Fredericton.—Subscriptions limited, £15, to be given (in the shape of Books) to Schools in Fredericton and its vicinity.

3. For "Books and Tracts in strict conformity with the principles of the Established Church."

Fredericton—Subscriptions limited to this object, £2.

Westfield.—Subscriptions limited, £7 3s. 0d. A Parochial Lending Library recommended.

Greenwich.—Subscriptions limited, £1 17s. 9d.—The same recommendation.

Waterborough.—Subscriptions limited, £13 11s. 9d. Books for Parochial distribution recommended.

Woodstock.—Subscriptions limited £5—The same recommendation.

Grand Manan.—Subscriptions limited, £2 12s. 6d.—The same recommendation.

4. For "aid to the building and enlarging of Churches and Chapels."

Sussex.—Subscriptions limited to this object, 5s. Place recommended—Chapel at Studville.

Bathurst.—Subscriptions limited, £13. Place recommended—Church at New Bandon.

Woodstock.—Subscriptions limited, £3. Place recommended—Chapel at Jacksontown, in the Parish of Wakefield.

Norton.—Subscriptions limited, 15s. Placerecommended—Parish Church at Norton.

Fredericton.—Subscriptions limited £15. Place recommended—Chapel at New Maryland.

The Report of the appropriations of the General Committee having been read, the same were confirmed, and the following Resolutions passed:—

That an application be made to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, on behalf of this Society, to aid in the maintenance of one or more visiting Missionaries; and that they be made acquainted with the exertions of this So-

ciety, to provide for the wants of neglected places.

That each Local Committee of the Society be requested to furnish a list of such Sunday Schools as are now, or may be within the next three months, set on foot within their respective districts, and which they may deem worthy of assistance from the Society; and that on or about the 1st of June next, the Executive Committee do consider such returns of this kind, as may be by that time in their hands, and divide among them the sum appropriated to this object—allotting to each School its share of the amount, either in money or books, as the Local Committee may desire.

That the Archdeacon, Dr. Somerville, Mr. Berton, and Mr. Dibblee, be a Committee to purchase books to the prescribed amount; and that the Executive Committee do dispose of them with due attention to the recommendations of the Lo-

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That an advertisement twice inserted in the Royal Gazette, (the last time ten days before the Meeting) be deemed

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That the subscriptions to the society be considered as be-

coming due at each anniversary Meeting.

That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to accept the office of Patron of the Society.

That Her Majesty's Attorney General, and Solicitor General, and William F. W. Owen, Esquire, Captain R. N., be nominated Vice Presidents of the Society.

That Henry G. Clopper, Esquire, be re-elected Treasurer. That the Rev. Frederick Coster, be re-elected Secretary. That the Rev. John M. Stirling, be re-elected Assistant

Secretary.

That the following Gentlemen be elected Members of the Executive Committee:—

George F. S. Berton, Esquire, Fredericton, George Clements, Douglas, " John T. Coffin, Westfield, " Samuel Carman, Saint Mary's, Richard Ketchum, Woodstock, 11 Samuel Scovil, Waterborough, " Ebenezer Smith, Hampton, " John C. Vail, Sussex, Justus S. Wetmore, ,, Kingston, Charles P. Wetmore, " Fredericton, ,, Thomas Wyer, Saint Andrews, Benjamin Wolhaupter, Fredericton,

That the unanimous thanks of this Meeting be given to the Venerable the Archdeacon, for the Address delivered this day to the Society, and that he be requested to allow the same

to be printed in the Report.

That the thanks of the Meeting be also given to the Rev. Dr. Somerville, for the Sermon preached yesterday before the General Committee; and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed.

(Signed) F. COSTER, Secretary.

Fredericton, February 10, 1838.

Tuesday, March 6, 1838.

The Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Society of the Archdeaconry of New

Brunswick, appointed to be held on Monday, the 5th instant, being adjourned to this day, at one o'clock the members of the Committee assembled in Christ's Church, Fredericton, for the purpose of transacting the business committed to it by the General Meeting.

PRESENT.

The Venerable the Archdeacon,
Rev. Dr. Somerville,
Rev. John M. Stirling,
H. G. Clopper, Esquire,
Charles P. Wetmore, C

Resolved, on motion, 1. That the sum of £200, reserved at the last Annual Meeting to provide for Missionary visits, be loaned at interest for six months, on good personal security; and that the Treasurer, Mr. Berton, and Mr. Wetmore, be a Committee to carry this Resolution into effect.

2. That the Committee appointed to purchase Books, be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount prescribed

for that purpose, viz. £50.

3. That the same Committee be requested and authorized to purchase Books suitable for Sunday Schools, to the amount of £50, in order that the Society may be in a condition to act upon the Resolution of the late General Meeting with regard to Schools; and that the Treasurer do pay their draught for that amount, when the purchase shall have been made.

4. That the sum of £80, allotted by the General Meeting for aid to the building and enlargement of Churches and Chapels,

be appropriated as follows, viz:—

To the Local Committee of the Parish of Sussex, to assist in completing the new Chapel at Studville, the sum of £10 0 0

To the Local Committee of Bathurst and New Bandon, to assist in building a Church in the Parish of New Bandon, the same to be paid, when it shall be duly certified that a building has been erected, on land held in fee simple by or for the use of the Church, and the external walls completed, the sum of

To the Local Committee of the Parish of Woodstock, to assist in erecting a Church at Jacksontown, the same to be paid, when it shall be duly certified 20 0 0

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To the Local Committee of the Parish of Norton, to assist in enlarging and rendering more commodious the Church in the said Parish, the sum of

To the Local Committee of the Parish of Fredericton, to assist in erecting a Chapel at New Maryland, the same to be paid when it shall be duly certified that a building has been erected, on land held in fee simple by or for the use of the Church, and the external walls completed, the sum of

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5. That the Archdeacon be requested to address a Letter to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to the following effect:-

That the Church Society have set apart the sum of £200 currency, in aid of the maintenance of one or more Missionaries, to visit the various settlements in New Brunswick, for the spiritual exigencies of which no provision has yet been made; and, in the event of the fruits of this appropriation proving satisfactory to the Members of the Church, they hope they shall be enabled to do at least as much in every future year.

They deem it impossible that this service should be effectually performed, without an increase of the present ecclesiastical Establishment; as none of the Clergy now engaged in Parochial duties can be withdrawn from their respective Parishes,

without serious injury to their charge.

They therefore most respectfully beg the Society to furnish, if possible, one or more additional Clergymen to this Province, who shall not be attached to any particular Parish or mission, but be always at the disposal of the Bishop of the Diocese, or the Archdeacon, either for visiting neglected places themselves, or for undertaking the duty of such Clergymen on the present establishment, as may volunteer for this service, and be engaged for it by this Society, with the consent and approbation of the Bishop.

Their strong sense of the extreme importance of this duty being successfully performed, and of the improbability of any individual being found willing to devote himself entirely to an itinerant life, or able to keep up the necessary exertion long

without frequent intermissions, induces them to suggest this mode of proceeding, whereby they hope, with the Society's benevolent assistance in providing the salary of those Clergymen, to secure, for this extremely needful work, the services of persons possessing the mental and physical qualifications, which are indispensable for the successful prosecution of such an undertaking.

The Archdeacon reported that he had conveyed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the request of the General Meeting, that he would accept the office of Patron of the Society; and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he had much pleasure in complying therewith.

(Signed) J. M. STIRLING, Assistant Secretary.

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Under encouraging circumstances, for which I feel truly thankful, I have again to request your attention, as I did last year on the same occasion, to a brief Address, (designed not for the Clergy alone, but for all who are here present,) the object of which will be to gain, if possible, new friends and supporters to this good and necessary design, and to stimulate to zealous perseverance all who have already engaged in it.

You are aware that the formation of the Church Society last! year gave rise to a controversy, which was carried on (but by no choice of mine) in some of the public papers. Not willingly did I enter into that controversy; and if I could suppose it forgotten by those present, I should forbear all allusion to it If any unpleasant feeling was excited on either side, I am truly sorry for it; but I cannot think that I am to be blamed: for coming forward, as I did, in defence and support of our undertaking. Convinced as I have ever been, that it is only by means of such a combination of the members of the Church as this Society exhibits, that we can hope to make head against. the difficulties which surround us, I could not, without dereliction of duty, shrink from the task of justifying those proceedings, in which, from the office which I hold, I necessarily bore a considerable part. I have said, however, and I repeat, that to gain those of our Brethren who have hitherto stood aloof from us, I would readily consent to any change in our plan, which can be made without defeating its main object; and I trust I shall not be driven again to the distressing employment of defending this cause, not against those from whom opposition might be expected, but against persons of our own communion, with whom I am sincerely desirous cordially and wholly to unite.

If the state of our Church last year was such as to call for the formation of this Society, its present state certainly demands that we should persevere in our undertaking; for its wants are not materially diminished, and they have been rendered more conspicuous. The number of the Clergy is about the same as then—the sphere of their operations about the same; and nearly the same extent of country remains in a state of spiritual destitution. We reckon a few more Churches than we did; and a few more congregations enjoy the stated ministrations of the Clergy. But, gracious Heaven! how many centuries of such increase must elapse, before this Province can present the appearance, which we must all agree that it ought to present? Is it possible that any Churchman can bear to think of going on, for ever, thus—even if we were sure of an equal advance in every future year?

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But, one would think it palpably evident, that unless the members of the Church come forward in the way proposed to them, we shall recede instead of advancing for the future. Your fellow Churchmen in England cannot be expected to continue long to give even the same amount of assistance as they now afford you. The Imperial Parliament has already abandoned you—(you, I say, for you and not the Clergy are the Church). Upon government you cannot depend; and the Colonial Legislature makes no appropriations for religious uses. From whence then are the necessary supplies to be derived, for keeping up the establishment we now possess, and filling up vacancies as they occur? Our Benefactors in England, to whom we are so much indebted, are still willing and desirous to give us all the assistance they can afford; but, for several years past, they have been continually warning us, that we must not depend so much upon their failing resources as we have Too little was their warning regarded. places, indeed, the people have been induced to contribute; but it was almost entirely with reference to the exigencies of their own particular Parishes. Until the formation of this Society, nothing was systematically attempted for the benefit of the hitherto neglected portions of the country.

The right course, thank God! has now at length been taken. Had it been taken sooner, much of the evil that has of late befallen us might perhaps have been avoided: for certain it is, that it was your alleged indifference to the Faith of your Fathers—your undeniable want of exertion and liberality in its support—that furnished the most plausible excuse for the partial abandonment you have suffered. Your Church was hardily pronounced to be one, which was not in accordance with the religious views and feelings of the people; whose adherents were few; and they so little concerned about its welfare

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been taken. t has of late certain it is, aith of your erality in its for the parch was hardirdance with whose adheits welfare and progress, as to be content to leave the support of it to others, without any considerable exertion of their own. You suffered those statements to go uncontradicted. You took no steps to clear yourselves of the charge brought against you, till it was too late to obviate its natural effect upon those who gave it credit.

The bad consequences of this lukewarmness, which have already shewn themselves, are probably irreparable. But it certainly behaves you to guard against further consequences of the same kind, from which you are by no means secure. is evident that men count very confidently upon your patience. Your well known horror of being represented as illiberal in your sentiments, emboldens them to assail every privilege you possess. They seem scarcely to expect resistance at your hands to any claim, however extravagant, they may advance. The right of every sect to perfect equality, in every respect, with the Church by law established, is roundly asserted; and while some, who call themselves Churchmen, actually lend their assistance to establish the claim, others appear perfectly indifferent whether it be established or not. Among those who cannot be charged with unconcern about the interests of religion, there are many who seem to despair of the Church, or to dislike any plan, which is not their own, for defending or supporting it. All are ready to confess, that it has not had justice at their hands in time past; but many still refuse to join in such a combination in its behalf, as can alone satisfy the claim it undoubtedly has upon all its members, or the just expectations of those upon whose assist. ance we depend. A good beginning however has been made in this Society, which will not fail, I trust, to be properly followed up.

I do indeed expect great things from this Society.—Already do our affairs appear to have assumed a new aspect by means of it. If we are persuaded that our Church is built upon the true foundation—adheres faithfully to the doctrines of Christ and his Apostles-retains in their purity the institutions and ordinances originally established by Divine authority—possesses a ministry transmitted to us by an unbroken succession from the days of the Apostles to the present time—and consequently is, in every respect, an undoubted part of that great spiritual Society to which Christ has promised his perpetual presence and protection—we cannot surely doubt of a blessing from above, upon our endeavours to maintain and extend its influence. And are we not already blessed with a large portion of the

means necessary for the accomplishment of such a design? Our numbers, as you know, are already great, and capable of indefinite increase. Of the intelligence and wealth of the country, the members of our Church possess their full share. are very important advantages; and the possession of them implies a serious responsibility to the Giver. And what a field for the united and zealous application of your means does this country present! What a glorious harvest might you not reap, could but the requisite labourers be provided! At this moment nothing but the appreliension (unfortunately but too well founded), that they will be left entirely unserved, prevents Churches from rising up in various quarters. The bold declarations of our rivals, that our day is gone by, and that our place can no longer be maintained, have no doubt caused many, in those parts of the Province to which our Ministry cannot penetrate, to join themselves to other communities in despair, though by education and feeling they were of us; and of these some may be irrecoverable: but I am firmly persuaded that there are few places in the Province, in which, if our banner were now set up, it would not at once gather many around it. O that we were but in a condition to try the experiment, before it be quite too

I have said that our numbers are capable of indefinite in-I mean particularly, though by no means exclusively, from among those who are of English descent, wherever they may be situated. For so well does our ecclesiastical system harmonize with the English character, and the Civil polity of England, that none of the systems of dissent are likely to stand their ground with it long in their affections. It has been observed with great appearance of truth, that in England "Dis-" sent seldom continues in a family beyond the third genera-The Church is the source whence each individual " Dissenter received, either directly in his youth, or through "his immediate forefathers, that religious knowledge which, "when he became a separatist, made him a Dissenter instead "of an Infidel; and, however unwelcome the truth to his " present feelings, he may conclude from all the experience of " society, that his own descendants will worship in the Church, " and that perhaps in his lifetime." Nor would the case, I am persuaded, be different in this and other Provinces, so far as persons of English descent are concerned, were every one of them sure to find abroad, as he is at home, in every spot, a place where God is worshipped according to the institutions of

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Let tifying I hold just pu various his fathers, as well as according to the truth of the Bible—a Church whose happy distinction it is, that it keeps a steady and undeviating course, amidst the changes and fluctuations to which almost all other bodies are subject. But how many are there, in the neglected parts of this Province, to whom no opportunity is afforded, for reuniting themselves to the Church which they did not willingly forsake! And, (what is worse, and a much greater reproach to us if we suffer it,) how many who have never deviated from the paths in which they early learned to tread, but are longing in vain for the ordinances which are seldom, or never, within their reach!

Now, all of us must wish that a remedy were provided for so lamentable a state of things. But what hope of a remedy for it can any one perceive, unless the members of the Church arouse themselves, and take the matter into their own hands. You cannot trust it to the State. You can no more expect the assistance that used to be afforded by Government to the erection of Churches and other religious objects. A grant from the Legislature to aid any object of ours would indeed be matter of surprise; for we are all aware that such an act on their part would be considered as involving a necessity of extending similar bounty to an indefinite number of parties, all ready to put in their claim, and insist upon its being complied with. We know too that Her Majesty's Government has lately avowed its desire to establish the principle of giving equal favour and encouragement, in proportion to their respective numbers, to every denomination of Christians, and exclusive privileges to none; and we are all able to see clearly enough what would be the effect of the adoption, by the local Legislature, of the principle thus highly and authoritatively recommended. public bounty thus divided would afford no adequate or effectual assistance to any party: and this is so perfectly plain, that there is hardly a chance of the principle being ever acted upon. It is much more probable that the present practice, that of leaving all denominations to their own resources, and making no appropriation for religious objects, will be persevered in, as being certainly much less troublesome for the moment, and perhaps equally conducive to the interests of religion.

Let it not however be supposed, that I would think of justifying the neglect of religion by the State. On the contrary, I hold it to be a breach of its highest duty, and a fault whose just punishment cannot fail to follow, in the troubles and evils of various kinds to which it necessarily leads. If religion be not

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duly fostered and provided for, assuredly, as the population increases, immorality and crime will become more and more common. Goals must be built, if Churches be not. Constables and Executioners must be engaged, if preachers of piety and righteousness be not provided; and the place of the latter will be most inadequately supplied, at an equal or a greater expence. It will require a stronger government than ours is likely ever to be, to keep any thing like order in the land.

This (although far from being the worst consequence to beapprehended from such neglect,) is a matter which ought not to be disregarded by any who expect to live out their days in this Province, and to leave families behind them in it. it may be asked, what can be effected by any combination among ourselves, adequate to the emergency I have described? Is it to be expected that the Church Society, in whatever degree supported, will be able, without the aid of Government, to make any considerable impression upon such a state of things? Such of course will be the language of the desponding, the indolent, and the penurious. But let us beware of being discouraged by such enquiries from doing what we can, however difficult we may find it to answer them satisfactorily. With a blessing from above, even small and feeble means may effect great things. And one thing at least is certain, that the means which our Church possesses are superior to those at the disposal of any other religious community, and our prospect of help from without is also more encouraging. By vigorous exertion in the way recommended to you, we shall not only be making a right and profitable application of the means entrusted to us; but we shall also, I am confident, be taking the most effectual steps for securing to ourselves the assistance we require. does not follow that we certainly shall have help, because we shew that we deserve it, and that the public would be benefitted by its being extended to us; but it is sufficiently probable that

It has indeed, as you probably know, been urged elsewhere that a manifestation of power and willingness to help ourselves would probably have the effect of depriving us of the assistance we might otherwise continue to receive in matters of this kind. But it is quite incredible to me, that any body of men desirous to promote religion would deal thus with us; and I undertake to say that the conduct of the Society for the Propagation of

such would be the result, to make it worth our while to try the

experiment, since, whether it happen so or not, we shall have

been doing our duty to God and our country.

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the Gospel will be very different If they should be compelled to contract the sphere of their operations, they will throw off, not those places where, through the co-operation of the members of the Church, a rich harvest promises to reward their liberality, but those in which there is little or no hope of such a harvest, because the people will not be stirred up to help at once their benefactors and themselves. If it were our wish to justify your abandonment by government, and dry up every other source of supply for our manifold necessities, a general refusal to join in such a design as this would be the surest and speediest mode of accomplishing that object. If, on the other hand, we would wish that government should ever see and repair the error it has committed, and that the Society should continue to care for us, and provide for us as it has so long done,—we cannot, I am confident, do better than shew them both, that any liberality in our behalf is sure to be not only appreciated, but seconded by our own zealous endeavors; and that consequently there is good reason to expect that it would prove no fruitless expenditure. Let me exhort you, at all events, to make the experiment. Give them fully to understand how much in this country requires to be done, and how willing you are to do your part, and depend upon it they will not fail you in your need, or if they do, God will raise up other helpers in their stead.

Another plea for withholding aid to this Society, which has been advanced, deserves a more serious consideration. It has been said in behalf of some Churchmen who have hitherto refused to join us, that their energies and means are all demanded for furthering the great cause of vital religion, and can be more profitably employed than in contributing to the work which we propose to them. Now far be from us, my Brethren, even the wish to withdraw the energies and means of any one from any good and useful design in which at present they may be engaged. If the whole energies of any Churchman, and all the means he can spare for pious and charitable uses, be absorbed in carrying on any scheme for the furtherance of true piety and sound morality, in God's name let him proceed in his undertaking, and let him be assured that he has our best wishes for his success; I would not ask for a moment of his time or a farthing of his money for this object of ours. But surely we may hope for his good will and his prayers in behalf of our undertaking, which will not, I apprehend, at all interfere with his own; at least he should abstain from all appearance of opposition to a plan, every part of which has been fully tried, and approved by men as wise and truly religious as any that ever lived.

We propose to send preachers of the everlasting Gospel into the destitute places of the land; and we shall not fail to engage for this service the fittest men within our reach. propose to give aid to Sunday and other Schools, in which Church principles—principles, highly favourable, we trust, to vital religion—are taught. We propose to circulate Books, among which, the chief place will ever be allotted to the sacred Scriptures and the Prayer Book of the Church of England, and no other writings will be admitted which do not appear to us to speak the same language with them. And we propose to assist in providing buildings, in which God may be worslipped after the manner of our Fathers, and the people instructed according to His Holy Word. Such is the plan; and with what part of it, let me ask, can any Churchman find fault? what part of it can any such person venture to insinuate, that it stands opposed to any scheme for the furtherance of vital religion, so that he cannot conscientiously give it his support?

But possibly I mistake the ground of the objection. It may be not the plan, but the composition, of the Society that is disliked. It may be thought that a Society for such purposes as we have in view, ought to be more select than this; ought not to aim at obtaining the assistance of all, but to consist exclusively of those who are esteemed truly religious. Of such an objection, if it be advanced, I am not disposed to make light; but I do not think we ought to give way to it. I trust we need not despair of success in a good design, because of the imperfection of any, or all, of those who engage in it; and I hope we shall proceed in our undertaking, relying, not upon our own merits and endeavours, but upon support and blessing from on High;—and that our efforts to spread around us the truths and motives of religion will be blessed to our own spiri-

tual improvement.

After full consideration of all that has been said against our proceedings, I see nothing that we have much cause to regret, except that we had not commenced them long ago: and now that we have taken the right course, I trust we shall not be deterred, by any slight objections, from proceeding in it with zeal and perseverance. If this design fall to the ground (as some predict it will,) for want of continued support, I would wish to be told how your Church can possibly maintain its respectability and influence in the Community—how the

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brought to combine.

I have felt greatly encouraged by the proceedings of the last The attendance from distant parts of the Province has exceeded my highest expectations, and proves incontestibly, that the good feeling, which prevailed last year, subsists still in The Laity, it is evident, do not fear that they full vigour. shall be overborne, and curtailed of their just influence, by the art and management of the Clergy. They see clearly that The Clergy and Laity this is an idle and groundless fear. will, I am persuaded, be brought, generally speaking, more together than they ever were before. The Church, by the blessing of the Almighty, will become a better organized body. By a general—would that it were an universal!—combination among its members, our useful designs will make more progress than they have made hitherto; and, as a body, I think we shall be viewed with more respect by those who do not belong to our Communion.

I shall not detain you longer from the business upon which we are about to enter,—but conclude with a brief prayer to the Giver of all good, in which I trust every one here present

will join me from his heart.

"Almighty and Everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy Holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

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7 9	VI. In the Parish of Springfield.			
0 0	Scovil, Rev. W. E.	£1	9	0
5 0	Crawford, James	ĩ	ŏ	o
5 0	Scovil, Edward G. N.	ī	Ō	Ö
5 0	Scovil, Henry A.	1	0	Ō
5 0	Marven, Josiah	1	Ŏ	0
0	Pickett, Lewis	1	o	0
0 0	White, Vincent	1	0	0
0	Marven, Philo	0	-	0
0	Cromwell, William	0	10	0
6	Raymond, Samuel	0	10	0
5	Northrup, Eli	ŏ	2	6
6	Benson, Seth	ő	5	Ŏ
0	Perkins, Joseph M.	ŏ	10	0
3	Raymond, Isaac B. S.	Ö	5	Ŏ
6	Marven, Silas L.	ŏ	5	Ö
6	Crawford, Isaac	ŏ	10	ŏ
0	Benson, William	ŏ	2	6
6	Crawford, Joel	ŏ	5	ő
6	Marven, Samuel S.	Õ	5	o
6	Perkins, Constant A.	ő	2	6
0	Northrup, John A.	ő	$\tilde{\tilde{2}}$	6
6 6 0 0	Adams, Joseph	0	2	6
0	Northrup, James	ő	5	6
0	Shanklin, James	ŏ	5	0
6	Northrup, Gamaliel	ŏ	5	0
0 6 6	Scovil, James J.	0	5	0
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0 0	VII. In the Parish of Norton.			
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2 6	Baxter, George	£0	5	0
5 0	Baxter, Simon	0	5	
0 0	Brand, Joe	0	5	0
	Brown, George	0	5	0
11 6	Crawford, John H.	0	2	6
	Cannon, Francis C.	0	2	6
	Elliott, John	0	10	0
	Fayerweather, James	0	7	6
	Griffith, Thomas	0	2	6
	Carried forward,	£2	5	0

Brought forward	d, £2	5	0
Hatfield, Daniel	0		
Hay, William	0	2	6
Hodgeus, Thomas	0	10	0
Haves. William	o		
Hayes, William Jolloff, William	Ö		o
Peddington, George	1		ŏ
Raymond, John M.	ō	-	
Ruland, James	ő		6
Simson, John	ŏ	_	6
Seely, James J.	ŏ		ŏ
Smith, A. B.	ŏ	_	ő
Wilson, James	ŏ	_	ő
Wetmore, D. B.	2	Ö	Ŏ
Wetmore, Elias S.	1		ŏ
Wetmore, Elias S. Wetmore, Thomas	. 1	o	Ö
Wetmore, William P.	1	0	0
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III. In the Parish of Westfield.			
Archibald, John	£0	5	0
Brown, Robert	0	1	0
Bayley, William	0	1	0
Blagden, William	0	1	3
Babb, William	0	5	0
Brittain, James, Junior,	0	5	0
Belyea, John	0	2	6
Belyea, Jacob	0	2	6
Belyea, James	0	2	6
Belyea, H.	0	4	0
Belyea, D.	0	2	6
Coffin, General	2	10	0
Coffin, Captain J. T.	1	0	0
Cole, B.	0	4	6
Elliot, Armstrong	0	2	6
Emery, J.	0	4	0
Elliot, G.	0	2	0
Fowler, S.	0	5	0
Fowler, T.	0	2	6
Carried forward,	£6	2	9

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O Ham	m, George	0	5	0
5 0 Ham	m, M.	0	5	0
1 0 Ham	m, A.	0	4	6
O Hold	er, Samuel	0	2	6
	land I.	0	2	6
2 6 Hard	ing, William G. Junior,	0	1	3
2 6 Lunn	ie, John	0	1	0
5 0 Ling	ey, Abraham	0	1	3
5 0 Lings	ey, John	0	2	6
5 0 Lyon	, J.	0	10	0
o o Mow	ry, W.	0	2	0
O O Nase,	William H.	0	1	6
O O Nase,	Philip	0	2	6
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Porte	r, William	0	2	0
1 0 Purd	y, Henry W.	0	5	0
Purd	y, Graves	0	2	6
Phip	os, J.	0	2	6
Peter	s, Richard Y.	0	5	0
Poid	James	0	2	6
	neson, I.	0	2	0
XX7'11'	ams, A.	0	2	6
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- VY7 .	rs, Isaac	0	1	3
777	rs, E.	0	1	3
	pley, Thomas	Ō	2	6
2 6 Whell Whell Will:	pley, Brown	0	4	Ō
2 6 Willi	ams, James	0	1	3
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0 0 4 6 IX.	In the Parish of Greenwich.			
9 4 6 Belye	a, James	£0	1	6
4 0 Belye	ea, Joseph	0	1	3
4 0 Belye	in, Mary	0	1	3
5 0 Corbi	t, Samuel	0	2	6
2 6 Flagle	or, William M.	0	1	3
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	Brought forward,	£0	7	9
F	aglor, Simon	0	1	3
Fi	aglor, Elizabeth	0	1	
F	rancis, George	0	1	3
Fi	aglor, Peter V.	0	1	3
Fi	aglor, Elias S.	0	1	3
Fi	lewelling, Thomas	0	1	9
G	oram, George W.	0	1	3
G	oram, William	0	2	3 3 3 9 3 0 6 3 3
H	arrison, T.	0	2	6
Ħ	avilland,	0	1	3
	ones, George	0	1	3
Jo	phnson, Daniel	0	2	0
	Leod, Colonel	0	10	0
	arley, D.	0	1	3
M	'Keil, Joseph	0	1	3
P	eatman, C.	0		0
R	ichards, Thomas	0	2	0 6
\mathbf{R}	ichards, James N.	0	2	0
\mathbf{R}	ichards, Joseph A.	0		0
\mathbf{R}	ichards, C.	0	2	0
\mathbf{R}	ichards, Jemima E.	0	1	3
S	eacord, E.	0	1	3
S	eacord, William (aged 91),	0	1	3
		£2	11	9
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Δ.,	In the Parish of Saint Andrews.			

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Alley, Reverend Dr.	£1	0	0
Alley, Mrs	0	5	0
Allanshaw, Hon. James	1	0	0
Allanshaw, Miss	0	15	0
Allan, Jacob	1	2	6
Andrews, R. M.	1	0	0
Burnside, Mr.	1	0	0
Briscoe, C.	0	5	0
Beamish, Henry	. 0	5	0
Berry, Thomas	0	5	0
Brown, J. B.	0	5	0
Chandler, J. W.	0	10	0

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Brought forward,	£7.	12	6
Clawson, Edmund	0	5	o
Clive, Joseph	0		
Cormick, Sarah	0		
Cormick, Miss S.	0		
Cormick, Samuel	0	5	
Dumuve, C. W.	0	5	
Ellman, William	0		
Foster, C. V.	1	0	_
A Friend,	0	5	
Grant, Alexander	1	0	_
Garnett, William	0	10	_
Gelty, Samuel	0	5	
Jarvis, Elizabeth	0	5	0
Jarvis, Eliza	0	5	0
Jarvis, John S.	0	5	0
Jarvis, William	0	6	0
Ingram, C.	0	2	6
Johnson, Henry	0	2	6
Ker, Robert	0	5	0
Kildea, S. J.	0	2	6
Lowdon, Elizabeth	0	5	0
M'Curdy, Mrs. S.	0	5	0
Meloney, William	0	2	6
M'Stay, Mary	0	5	0
Parkinson, Mary	0	10	0
Parkinson, John	0	10	0
Price, James	0	5	0
Pheasant, Edward	0	5	0
Roberts, R.	0	10	0
Reading, Joel	0	2	6
Stinson, James	0	5	0
Street, G. D.	1	0	_
Saulett, John J.	0	2	
Smith, Peter	0	10	0
Street, A. L.	1	0	0
Stentiford, Edward	0	5	-
Springate, Mrs.	0	2	6
Scott, William	0	10	0
Street, James W.	1	0	0
Stinson, David	0	5	0
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Turner, David		10	ŏ
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Turner, Thomas Wilson, Thomas	0		ŏ
Wyer, Thomas,	Junior 0		ŏ
Wardlaw, C. W	7. 0	_	ŏ
Wilson, Edward			o
Walton, Robert	ŏ	_	Ö
Wilson John	1	-	ŏ
Wilson, John Wilson, Joseph	. 0	_	ŏ
Wren, Thomas	0	_	Ö
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Wilkinson, J.	_	10	0
Wyer, Thomas	1	0	Ö
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Abbot, Samuel	£1	0	0
Abbot, Thomas	. 0	10	0
Abbot, Mills	0	2	6
Alexander, Davi	id 0	5	0
Alexander, Mr.	0	_	0
Brown, Peter		15	0
Brown, Mrs. P.	0	5	0
Bacon, Colombu	os O	10	0
Bell, Thomas	0	5	0
Bray, A.	. 0	1	3
Christer, James	0	5	0
Christer, Mrs. J	. 0		6
Christer, Jane	0		3
Christer, George	9 0	1	3
Gillis, William	0		0
Gillis, James	0	_	0
Hiltz, George	_	10	Ö
Hiltz, G. W.	0		3
Hiltz, A. W.	0	1	3
Harman, Daniel		10	Ö
Hutchison, Jame		10	ŏ
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Lindsay, George		10	0
Lindsay, Elizabeth	0	5	0
Lindsay, Hannah	0	5	0
Lindsay, Andrew	0	5	0
Marks, N.	3	0	0
Marks, A. H.	0	5	0
Marks, John	1	10	0
Marks, Mrs. John		10	0
M'Bride, James	0	10	0
M'Curdy, Archibald	0	5	0
Porter, Mrs.	0	5	0
Rose, D. W.	0	10	0
Rose, Mrs. D. W.	0	2	6
Rose, Eliza	0	2	6
Stubs, Peter	0	15	0
Stubs, Mrs.	0	5	0
Smith, James	0	5	0
Smith, William	0	1	3
Smith, William Smith, William, Junior,	0	3	9
Smith, Susan	0	1	3
Tinkn, Ferdinand Todd, F. H.	1	0	0
Todd, F. H.	0	5	0
Todd, Mrs. Robert		10	0
Thomson, Rev. Dr. S.	1	5	0
Thomson, G. J.	0	10	0
Upton, David	0	15	0
Upton, Mrs.		5	
Veazey, Thomas	0	10	0
Watson, Robert	2	0	_
Watson, Mrs. R.	0	5	0
	£25	2	6
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III. In the Parish of Campo Bello.			
Batson, Thomas	£0	5	0
Bemen, Malvina (5 years old, voluntary.)	0		6
Dicuaide, Peter	0	5	0
Hudson, Thomas	0	5	0
Mulholland, Charles	0	10	0
Carried forwar	d, £1	5	6

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Owen, William FitzWilliam O'Neil, Edward	Brought forward,	£1 10 0	5 0 5	6 0 0
Patrick, Joel Serle, Jesse		0		Ŏ
Snell, John		0	15	0
Snell, Fanny Lewis Snell, Edward		0	5 5	0
		£13	15	6

The attention of the different Committees is respectfully solicited by the Officers of the Society to the following observations.

The above are all the lists which it has been found possible to include in the present Report. Some Committees do not appear to have sent in any list of subscribers; and others have sent such lists as shew that a part only of the subscriptions had been actually collected, without distinguishing the subscriptions which had been paid from those which had not. The Committees alluded to are requested, at their convenience, to furnish correct lists, which will appear in the Society's next publication.

It is particularly desirable that the materials for future Reports should be in hand before the General Meeting; and that only such business as, by the rules of the Society, must be then and there transacted, should engage the attention of the If all the Committees would make their collections Meeting. for the Society early enough in each year, to enable them to make their returns a full month at least before the annual meeting, a statement of the whole might be prepared before hand, and appear in print without the delay which has occur-These returns would be welcome at any time red this year. of the year; and it is particularly requested, that they may not be kept back on account of any difficulty that may attend the remittance of the money collected, which may be effected afterwards, whenever a convenient opportunity shall present An exact list of the persons from whom the money was obtained should accompany every remittance.

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