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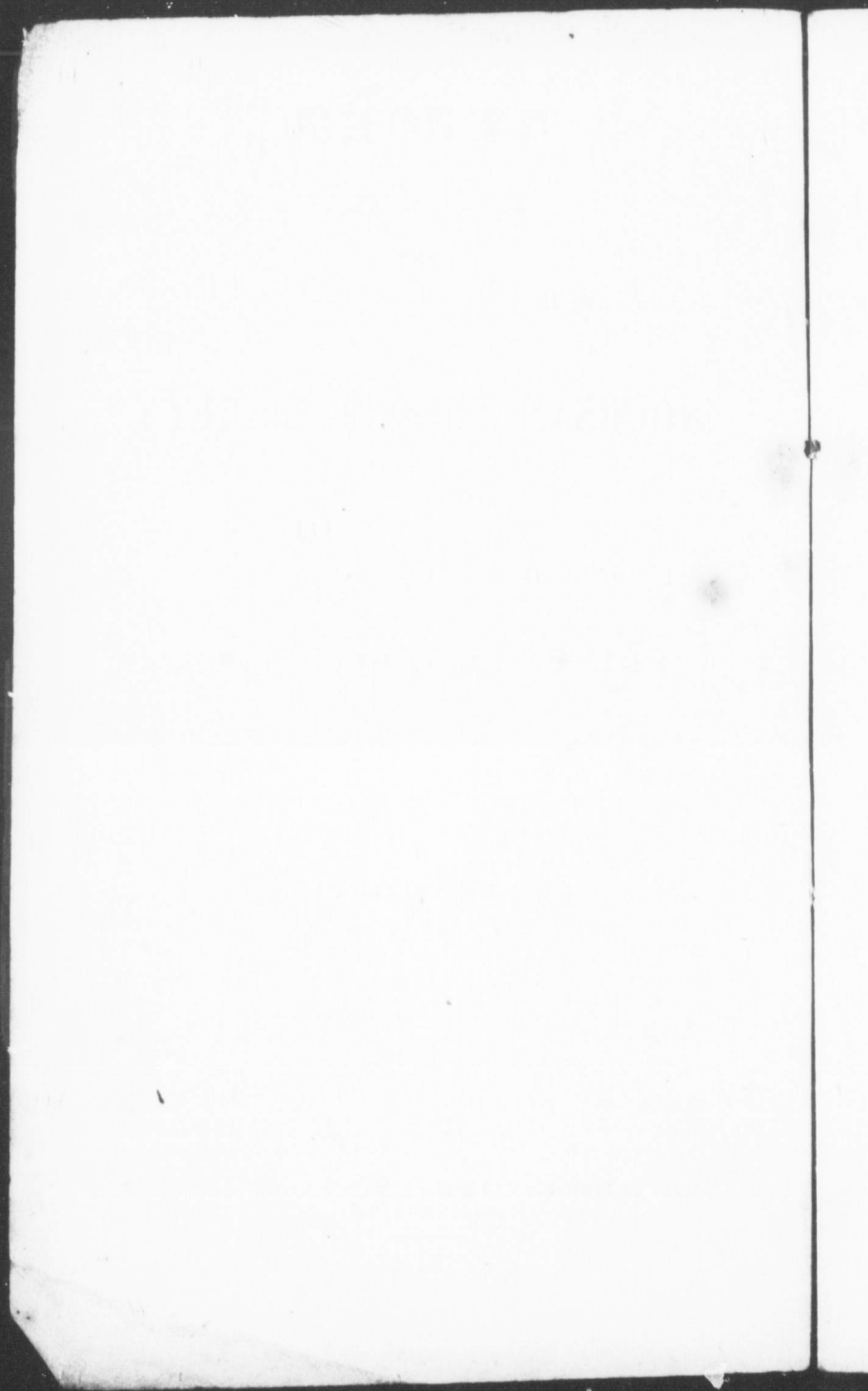
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FIRST REPORT

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH
SOCIETY, OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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THE First Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island, took place at Charlottetown on Wednesday, the 14th July, A. D. 1841. The Rev. L. C. Jenkins, Rector of Charlottetown, took the Chair. The Rev. C. Lloyd, Secretary of the Society, read prayers.

The Chairman then called upon the Secretary to read the following

R E P O R T :

The Committee of the Diocesan Church Society of this Island, on the occasion of this meeting, congratulate all those who have the cause at heart to promote which such Societies are founded, on the advanced and cheering appearance which that cause has of late assumed—an appearance which, in this Colony, we may trust (through the Divine blessing) will shortly be justified by the fulfilment of its promise. On this our first anniversary, the members of the Society will not be surprised to learn that the effect of their Committee's deliberations has scarcely found sufficient time for its developement; and while each well wisher to the Established Church is encouraged to look forward with a firm hope of better days than have ever here been yet experienced, he is also referred to the date at which this association was first organized, and to perceive in its youth and weakness that modest infancy from which almost all

the great religious Societies of the Parent country entered on their afterwards successful and dazzling career, and thus to feel assured, though in an humble spirit, that some good has been accomplished, while very much may yet be held in store. Let not the day of small things be despised, for it may prove a prelude to the opening of a long course of days and years of spiritual prosperity.

But although the good fruits arising from the establishment of this Society have not been numerous, they have nevertheless been of some importance, for the minds of some among us have been engaged in devising means for the promotion of God's work, and active measures have been taken, both in England and the Colony, which have resulted in the appointment of new Missionaries to this field of christian labour. The success which has attended the applications for Clergymen for this Island, must surely be a subject of gratification to every one who has held forth the right hand of fellowship to this association. It must be gratifying to contemplate the power with which the British public (as connected with the Church of England) has invested that venerable Society at home, by which our Missionaries in foreign parts are entirely, or chiefly maintained. It must be gratifying to observe the liberality and general discrimination with which that respected Body wields its great resources—resources happily enlarged most materially during the latter years, and still bidding fair to flourish even yet unceasingly—for the Colonies have of late attracted the most favorable attention in that land from which they emanate, and to which they are indebted for many a noble gift. It is for your Committee to express their most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who may have been instrumental in the effectual reinforcement to

the ministry, and to hope that in the harvest fields of their divine Redeemer, there may never be a lack either of those who sow and those who reap, or among that goodly multitude who (through His most gracious favour) shall gather fruit unto life eternal.

Besides this great advantage which our Island Church may hope to reap this year, your Committee have pleasure in calling your attention to some good which has arisen from the collection of the offerings which you have made. The chief benefit to be looked for from this source, is a selection of Tracts and religious Books, including a number of our common Prayer Books, which were written for towards the end of last year, and have been waiting in Halifax for shipment, but which it is to be regretted have not as yet been taken from the Depository—the remittance has, however, been effected, and we may hope to obtain them without loss of time. When these arrive, they will no doubt be hailed most joyfully, and will find many who will be anxious to avail themselves of the opportunity of deriving from them improvement, instruction and edification. Your Committee are well pleased to see that a few branch associations have been formed. From Georgetown, and Haslem's settlement, remittances have been made; and at Rustico, a Secretary has been appointed; they trust that more of the country parts will fall in and give their help to the Central Society, the good designs of which will no doubt be greatly promoted and encouraged by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese when he comes among us. A portion of the funds of your Society have been appropriated in sums of Five Pounds each, to the building of Churches—it is to be desired that those funds may be so much increased as to enable you to render more efficient help to this most vital object.

Notwithstanding all our difficulties, Churches are rising up among us—that at Georgetown is progressing steadily to completion; the Church at Milton is in a forward, though not a finished state; while a liberal grant is anticipated from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, for the assistance of the Congregation at Grand Rustico, who are desirous of erecting one of stone. At Richmond Bay also, and at Cascumpec, the work is not neglected; and in no great space of time we may hope to look around us through the Island as we pass along, without the humiliating feeling that our own Church does not rear its head to cheer our sight as we make our pilgrimage amongst its settlements.

The sum subscribed and contributed during the past year to the objects of your Society, amounts to £64 4s. 8d. currency—and an increasing interest in the cause may be expected in the coming year. While we act in unison, and with a single eye to the Holy Master's glory, let us be encouraged in His name to look for greater things; He is the director and disposer of all good, and let our views be guided by the satisfactory remembrance that while He is with us, we shall be defended from all which may be against us—should success attend us, His will be the glory—should our efforts prove unavailing, His wisdom will overrule the seeming evil to His own everlasting honor.

The Report having been read, the Accounts of the Treasurer, the Hon. J. M. Holl, were passed—After which—

The following Resolutions were proposed and carried:—

1st. Moved by the Hon. J. M. Holl, seconded by S. Desbrisay, Esq.

That the Report now read be adopted and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

2d. Moved by Francis Longworth, Esq., seconded by the Hon. J. M. Holl.

That the meeting expresses its humble thanks to Almighty God for the good which has already been effected through the agency of this Society, and looks forward with hope to a completion of every good work, the promise of which may now be perceived.

3d. Moved by S. Desbrisay, Esq., seconded by Mr. H. Haszard.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Rev. the Vice President, for his sermon in aid of this Society, on Sunday last.

4th. Moved by E. Haythorne, Esq., seconded by Mr. Theophilus Desbrisay.

That the officers who have kindly undertaken the business of this Society during the last year, be re-elected; and that the Rev. J. Brown be elected Joint-Secretary, with the Rev. C. Lloyd.

5th. Moved by the Rev. C. Lloyd, seconded by the Hon. J. M. Holl.

That a grant of Five Pounds, currency, be made to the Rev. A. V. G. Wiggins, for the Church at St. Eleanor's.

6th. Moved by E. Haythorne, Esq., seconded by Mr. Longworth.

That in the Thirteenth printed rule, the word "the Fourteenth of July," be substituted for the "First of October;" and that the preparatory meeting of the Committee take place on the 1st of July.

Dr. *Prince Edward Island Diocesan Church Society, in Account with*
JOHN MYRIE HOLL, Treasurer.

Cr.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
1840.						
Oct 26.—To Cash for Milton Church,	5	0	0			
Do. Georgetown do.	5	0	0	18	14	8
Do. Edward Haythorne, Esq. for School at Lot 49,	2	0	0	11	0	0
1841.						
July 14.—To Balance in hand,	53	13	1	1	1	6
				2	9	0
				19	9	11
				12	18	4
				£65	13	1
				£53	13	1

1841, July 14.—By Balance,
 JOHN M. HOLL.

STANDING RULES

Of the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, for the time being, and the Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel, and for promoting Christian Knowledge, shall be respectfully requested to be Patrons of this Society.

2d. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be the President of the Society. His approval shall be necessary for the completion of all important acts of the Society, and especially for the revocation or alteration of any of the Standing Rules, and for making any addition to them.

3d. There shall be two or more Vice Presidents, of whom the Rector of Charlotte Parish shall be the first—a Secretary, and Assistant Secretary when necessary, and a Treasurer.

4th. There shall be a standing Committee, consisting of the Officers, all the Clergy, and as many Laymen as it shall be thought convenient to choose at the Annual Meeting of the Society. The Lay members shall continue in the Committee for a year, or until other Lay members be chosen in their place, and any or all of them may be re-elected—Five of the Committee shall be a quorum, provided three of them be Laymen.

5th. The Society shall be open to all members of the Church, all of whom shall be invited to unite with it. Ten Pounds paid at any time shall qualify a person to be a member during his life, and the payment in advance of any sum, *however small*, shall qualify a person *to be a member for a year*.

6th. The Members of the Church, in every part of the Island, shall be invited to co-operate with this Society by joining Committees of it, which shall be formed under the direction of their respective Clergymen, either in each Mission or Parish, or in more than one Mission or Parish united, as shall be deemed most convenient, and in strict accordance with the designs and rules of the Society; and it is recommended to the Committees to forward their funds as they may be collected to the General Committee, who will faithfully apply them to the general objects of the Society—But when the Local Committees desire it, they shall receive Books at Costs and Charges, to the amount of one fourth of their remittances.

7th. There shall be one General Meeting of the whole Society, including any members of the Local Committees who can conveniently attend, on such day and at such place as the President (or in his absence the Vice Presidents) may name—of which due notice will be given, with an invitation to every Committee to send at least one Clergyman and two Laymen to represent such Committee, and with a recommendation that each Committee shall meet at some convenient time immediately before the General Meeting of the Society—that any necessary suggestions may be offered to the Representatives of the Committees, for their guidance at the General Meeting; and a special general meeting may be called at any time and in any place when the President, or in his absence, two or more Vice Presidents, shall consider it desirable to appoint such special General Meeting.

8th. The objects to which the attention of the Society shall be directed, shall be, generally, those which have engaged the two great Church Societies in England, for the Propagation of the Gospel, and for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

The following objects shall more particularly engage the attention of the Society, so soon as their means may enable them to afford such attention.

1st. Supplies of Books and Tracts from the Stores of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; and such other Books and Tracts in strict conformity with the principles of the Established Church, as may have been approved by the Bishop, and the Clergy of the Island.

2d. Missionary visits to neglected and destitute places, under the direction of the Bishop.

3d. Assistance to deserving young Men, desirous of being qualified for the Ministry of the Church, but requiring aid in pursuing their Studies at the Collegiate Establishment at Windsor.

4th. Aid to Sunday and other Schools, in which due attention is paid to instruction in the principles of the Established Church.

5th. Assistance to the Erection or Enlargement of Churches and Chapels, belonging to the established Religion, in peculiar or extreme cases.

To these objects, generally, the general contributions will be applied; while contributors who desire it, may have their individual contributions scrupulously confined to any one or more of these objects. And as some members of the Church who are not unmindful of the great spiritual wants in their own neighbourhood, still feel constrained, in pious gratitude for the blessings they enjoy, to allot something, however small, from the means with which a gracious Providence has blessed them, towards the spread of the glorious Gospel among the nations which still sit in darkness—it was Resolved,

10th. That this Society will gladly receive and forward to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whatever sums may be given for the con-

version and instruction of the Heathen, to which object such sums will be strictly confined by the East India Committee of that Society.

11th. Books and Tracts will generally be on sale at cost and charges; and whenever, in particular cases, a deviation from this rule is desired, it must be considered by the standing Committee, and only permitted when recommended by them, and approved by the President, or in his absence, by one or both of the Vice Presidents.

12th. All meetings of the Society, and of the Committees, shall be opened and closed with the Prayers used by the two Societies in England, adapted to our situation, under the direction of the Bishop.

13th. The Rules and proceedings shall be printed, and circulated, at the discretion of the Committee.

The first General Meeting shall be held on the 14th of July—and the preparatory meeting of the Committee on the First of July.

PATRONS:

His Excellency SIR CHARLES AUGUSTUS FITZ ROY,
K. H., Lieutenant Governor;

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in
Foreign Parts;

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

PRESIDENT,

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

The Rev. L. C. Jenkins, Rector of Charlottetown;
The Honorable the Chief Justice.

JOINT SECRETARIES.

The Rev. C. Lloyd.

The Rev. J. Brown.

TREASURER.

The Honorable John Myrie Holl.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

All Clergymen of the Established Church, and

Captain Cumberland, 96th Regt.

Hon. Thomas Heath Haviland,

J. S. Dealey, Esq.

John Barrow, Esq.

Edward Haythorne, Esq.

Hon. John Brecken,

Francis Longworth, Esq.

Hon. Robert Hodgson,

Edward Palmer, Esq.

Hon. John Livett,

Captain Swabey, R. A.

William Cundall, Esq.

Solomon Desbrisay, Esq.

James D. Haszard, Esq.

Mr. William Crabb,

Mr. Joseph Ball,

Joseph Holroyd, Esq.

Mr. John Gates.

With power to add to the number.