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THE HALIFAX DIOCESAN COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, have very sincere pleasure, in offering to all the Members, and to the Public, the following Report of their Proceedings in the year 1816:—

1. An important object of the attention of the Committee has been a continuance of the interesting correspondence with the PARENT SOCIETY.

From this they have learnt, with infinite satisfaction, the prodigious extent of the concerns of the Society, and their constant enlargement.—Diocesan and District Committees have been formed in every part of England, and in the most distant Colonies of the British Empire; and the labours of the Society are now dispersing blessings in the four quarters of the World.—From a small beginning, when a few pious friends, assembled together, to encourage each other, and to concentrate their efforts for Promoting Christian Knowledge the Society have now become a great National Institution, for the widest diffusion of this greatest of blessings. So that within a few years, the number of Members has been increased to 12,000; the Annual expenditure to £45,000; and the Books and Tracts distributed in the last year, to 845,600.

When the vast and daily multiplying objects of the Board in London are considered, it is impossible that lively gratitude should not be uniformly given to the kind attention and encouragement, which they receive. Every communication from hence has been promptly sent, and every request has been favorably entertained.

Another object to which the attention of the Committee has been directed, is an extensive correspondence with the several DISTRICT COMMITTEES in the Diocese of Nova-Scotia; and with many individual Members, who are too distant from those Committees, to unite with them.

This correspondence has afforded abundant cause for thankfulness and joy, as it has exhibited satisfactory evidence of the zeal and ability, with which a cordial co-operation in the objects of the Society is maintained in every part of the Diocese; and of the extensive usefulness of such co-operation, which has already exceeded the expectations that were indulged, when the Diocesan Committee was first formed.

Sincere acknowledgments are therefore due for the important services of the several Committees at Fredericton, St. Johns, and St. Andrews, New-Brunswick; at St. John's, Newfoundland, and Cape-Breton, and Prince Edward Island; and to many other members of the Society, at Chester, Lunenburg, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Granville, Kingston, and Ristigouche, and to several individuals in various other parts of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, of whose benevolent and useful zeal, it is difficult to speak with appropriate commendation.

Among other claims upon the gratitude of the Committee, they cannot omit to acknowledge with thankfulness, the receipt of a first collection at Windsor, and at Woodstock in New-Brunswick, and of repeated collections from Fredericton, St. Andrews, Cape-Breton and Prince Edward Island. Being fully satisfied that these collections furnish the most easy and successful means for procuring a constant and abundant supply of the Society's Books and Tracts, the Committee entertain an hope that they will be continued in all places where their good effect has been already experienced; and that they will also be introduced into all other parishes and districts.

3. The next object to which the attention of the Committee has been given, is the DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND TRACTS; and it is with much satisfaction that they are able to supply the

following exact account of the articles, circulated within the last year, from their stores in Halifax—

Bibles of different sizes.....	167
Testaments do.....	144
Prayer Books do.....	372
Other bound books do.....	613
Tracts do.....	4757
Other Tracts & papers gratuitously distributed }.....	1200

TOTAL— 7253

In addition to these, fifty copies of the Family Bible, with notes, illustrations, Plates and Maps, have also been disposed of, and application has been made for more—And it is very gratifying to know from the Parent Society, that the whole of the first edition of this most important and valuable work, consisting of 16,500 copies, has been already sold, although it was not completed till last November; and that a second edition is now called for, and will soon be in the Press.

The Committee have now on hand at Mr. Heaviside's, a very large and valuable supply of well arranged books—They refer the Members to Catalogues formerly distributed, and request that the following articles may be added to them.

No. 88. Mrs. Trimmers' Tales, separate, Viz.

	Price to Members	Price to Public
	s. d.	s. d.
Unkind Daughter.....	0 6	0 9
Gamester.....	0 1	0 3
Rural Economists.....	0 2	0 4
Listener detected.....	0 3	0 6
Good Nurse.....	0 3	0 6
Two Apprentices.....	0 2	0 4
89—Ditto bound together.....	2 8	4 0
90—Mant on Regeneration.....	0 6	0 9
91—Jones on the Church.....	1 3	2 6
Family Bible, medium 4to—half bound—2 vol.....	£3 17 6	
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4. In presenting a statement of ACCOUNTS, which is the next object of the Committee's attention, they have to inform th

Members, that the Parent Society, to guard against inaccuracies, which were to be apprehended at the commencement of so distant a connexion, required in the last year, a full statement of all the pecuniary transactions with the Board, from the original formation of the Committee. This statement was accordingly forwarded to London, and it is with peculiar pleasure that the Committee are enabled to inform all the Members, that it corresponded in every particular, with the entries in the public books of the Society.

The following statement exhibits the present situation of the accounts of the Committee.

Since the first formation of the Committee in July 1814, there has been received in collections, and benefactions and subscriptions of Members, the sum of £1384 4s. 4d. Currency, of which there has been remitted to the Parent Society £1372 1s. 0d. and the balance of £12 3s. 4d. has been disbursed by the Treasurer in printing, postages, and other incidental expences.

For the supplies of Books and Tracts which the Committee have at different times received from the Parent Society, there is now due, the sum of £449 17s. 0d. Currency.

And the amount of outstanding debts due to the Committee is £58 10s. 0d. Currency.

5. The Committee proceed to the subject of EDUCATION.

It will be recollected that the last annual Report of the Committee stated, that as the education of children in sound principles of Religion has ever been a primary design of the parent society, this committee had turned their attention to that important object. And as the parent society had been very actively engaged in promoting all the advantages of the Madras System of Instruction, the Committee resolved to attempt the introduction of it into this diocese. They also determined with the concurrence and assistance of the Rector and Church-wardens of St. Paul's, to establish a parochial School in Halifax for that purpose; and to assist with a gratuitous supply of appropriate books, all other Schools in which the Madras System should be adopted.

The progress of this design has greatly exceeded every hope that was then entertained.

The attempt was warmly encouraged by the Parent Society. An application was made to the SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL, by whose benevolence numerous Schools in this diocese have been assisted from the first settlement of the province;

and they most liberally engaged to grant an adequate salary for any School-master of unexceptionable character and qualifications, who could be induced to take charge of a School in Halifax.

The difficulty in finding such a person was removed by the persevering endeavours of the NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION OF THE POOR, to whom application was made for the purpose; and although with much inconvenience to themselves, they kindly selected one of the best masters in their service, and gave him permission to proceed to this place.

Being seriously impressed with the importance of the object, and anxious to procure every necessary encouragement for it, that Society was pleased to request His Grace the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury their President, to recommend the attempt to the patronage of His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, then proceeding to this government. His Lordship has most condescendingly laid the letter before the Committee, and the following is a copy of it, inserted in this Report, by the kind permission of His Lordship.

Addington, Sept. 25, 1816.

MY LORD,

I am requested by the Society for the Education of the Poor, of which I have the honour to be President, to recommend to your Lordship's protection, a branch of the institution, established in Halifax. We have recently sent over a Master well instructed in the mechanical part of the business; and we can entertain no doubt of the success of his labours, provided he have the good fortune to merit and obtain your Lordship's encouragement and countenance. Your Lordship will perhaps forgive me if I avail myself of this opportunity to solicit your favourable consideration of another Society over which I have the honour to preside, a branch of which will also be found in Halifax, I mean the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge. If, my Lord, in both or either of these recommendations, I have transgressed the limits of propriety, I must ask your pardon. They are institutions, in my opinion, of great value to the public, and I cannot be insensible to the importance of your Lordship's powerful protection of them. I pray God to give your Lordship a safe voyage to Halifax, a successful administration of the Government of Nova-Scotia, the blea-

sings of the people at the close of it, and a prosperous return to your own country. I have the honour to be with great respect,
My Lord,

Your Lordship's faithful humble Servant,
(Signed) C. CANTUAR.

The Schoolmaster alluded to, Mr. William West has arrived. A National Free School has been opened at Halifax. Its regulations have been carefully adapted to the State of the Country, and it has been placed under the active superintendance of the Rector, and Church-Wardens of St. Paul's, and three Members of this Committee—Seventy Scholars have been admitted in the first month, and provision has been made for the accommodation of any number that may apply for admission; and for the gratuitous Instruction of as many Schoolmasters from every part of the Diocese, as may desire to obtain a complete Knowledge of the Madras System of Education, that the diffusion of its peculiar and important benefits may be as general and extensive as possible. These benefits arise partly from the mechanical arrangement of the School, which is very important, and enables a well qualified Master to superintend several hundred Scholars. But they are greatly increased by the unremitting care which is taken, to make all instruction easy and pleasing to the children; to give them ideas with every word they learn, to diversify their lessons, so that their minds are occupied, without fatigue, during every moment of their time; to rivet their attention to whatever they are learning, and to impress it so strongly upon their memories, that it can hardly be forgotten. The result of all this is, that children learn much in a very short time, and very perfectly:—and what will be considered more important than all, their religious and moral duties are so interwoven with all their instruction, that it may be confidently hoped, their progress in religion and virtue, will always (with the divine blessing) be equal to their advancement in Knowledge. A very liberal and a very ample subscription has been already made, to defray the immediate expences of the School, for which the Committee offer their grateful acknowledgments to all the subscribers. The encouragement which this undertaking has already received, leads them to hope they may be enabled to erect a commodious building for the permanent use of the school, in aid

of which His Excellency Sir John Sherbrooke, before his departure from the province, was pleased to grant £100 from a public fund, at the disposal of His Excellency.

In concluding their Report, the Committee announce with great pleasure the accession of forty-three new members within the last year; and respectfully repeat their earnest invitation to others to unite in their good work, not only by joining the Society, but by cordial personal exertions in furthering all their objects.

And they are anxious to encourage one another, and all others who may be added to them, in persevering and unwearied efforts from year to year, and in constant fervent prayer to God, for that blessing from Him, which will make their humble labours instrumental to His Glory, and to the highest interests of their fellow creatures, by continually PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

CHARLES MORRIS,
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Halifax, January 1817.

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