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“1. Annual Subscribers of ten Shillings or upwards shall be Members of the Association during the continuance of their subscriptions. Benefactors of Ten Pounds or upwards at one time shall be life Members.

“2. Members will be entitled to receive the Annual Reports and other occasional publications of the Parent Society, and will have the same privileges as if they subscribed direct to the Parent Society.

“3. The objects of this Association shall be to call forth the zeal of Christians in general, and especially of Members of the Church of England, in support of the Colonial Church Society; to promote its objects and proceedings; to procure collections, subscriptions, and other contributions, and to give the Corresponding Committee information respecting any places coming under the notice of the Association where destitution prevails, either as regards pastoral superintendance or the education of the young.

“4. The whole of the funds obtained by the Association, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be remitted to the Parent Society.

“5. A General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually on such day as shall be fixed by the Committee, when a report of the proceedings shall be read, and an account of receipts and disbursements presented duly audited, and the Officers of the Association chosen for the ensuing year.

“6 The Officers of the Association shall be at all times re-eligible to their respective offices. All Officers of the Association shall be Members of the Church of England.”

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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES.

The Second Annual Meeting of the "HALIFAX ASSOCIATION IN AID OF THE COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY," was held in the Saloon of the Halifax Hotel, on Tuesday evening, January 29th, 1850.

S. P. FAIRBANKS, Esqr., in the Chair.

The Rev. R. F. UNIACKE offered up prayer.

Extracts from the Second Report were read.

It was moved by J. W. RITCHIE, Esqr., seconded by J. J. MARSHALL, Esqr., M. P. P.—

1. That the Report, extracts from which have been read, be adopted; and that this Association desires to express its gratitude to Almighty God, for the progress of the Society in this Province, during the past year, and for the increased interest manifested in the community towards it.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by the Rev. R. F. UNIACKE, seconded by P. C. HILL, Esqr.,—

2. That this Association rejoices that the Parent Society is prospering, and that the sphere of its usefulness is extending. It encourages the hope, that at no distant day, the Gospel of Christ will be carried in its purity to the remotest Colonies of Great Britain, by its Missionaries, whose earnest desire it will be to communicate to others those blessed truths, the power of which they have felt in their own souls.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by the Hon. M. B. ALMON, V. P., seconded by PETER LYNCH, Esqr.,—

3. That this Association feel deeply grateful to the Parent Society, for the religious instruction imparted by its Catechists and Teachers, to the inhabitants of the remote and destitute settlements of this Province, and esteem it a privilege to be permitted to co-operate with it.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by DEP'Y COM'Y GEN. ROBINSON, seconded by MAJOR MYERS,—

4. That the thanks of this meeting, be given to S. P. FAIRBANKS, Esqr., for taking the Chair on the present occasion:

And, That the Hon. H. H. COGSWELL, L. L. D., be the President; the Hon. M. B. ALMON, and S. P. FAIRBANKS, Esqr., be the Vice Presidents; EDWARD BINNEY, Esq., the Treasurer; WILLIAM HOWE, Esqr., the Secretary; and that the following Gentlemen be the Lay Members of the Committee for the ensuing year, [see Committee List on previous page] with power to add to their number, and

All Clergymen of the Church of England who are Members of the Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Catechists and Teachers in Nova Scotia.

MR. JOSEPH ALEXANDER,	<i>Itinerating Catechist,</i>	<i>Eastern Shores.</i>
" HENRY VILLIERS,	<i>Catechist and Schoolmaster,</i>	<i>ditto.</i>
" — RAY,	<i>Superdnt. of Sunday Schools,</i>	<i>ditto.</i>
MISS A. J. CLAKE,	<i>Schoolmistress,</i>	<i>ditto.</i>
" C. A. CLARKE,	<i>do.,</i>	<i>ditto.</i>
MR. THOMAS WILSON,	<i>Catechist & Schoolmaster,</i>	<i>Three Mile House.</i>
" G. TURNER,	<i>do.,</i>	<i>Sherbrooke.</i>
" BAINBRIDGE,	<i>Schoolmaster,</i>	<i>Preston.</i>
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MRS. STEWART,	<i>do.,</i>	<i>Rockville.</i>
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MR. SMITH,	<i>Schoolmaster,</i>	<i>Cape John, Pictou.</i>
MISS NICHOLS,	<i>Schoolmistress,</i>	<i>Margaret's Bay.</i>

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REPORT.

YOUR Committee humbly acknowledge the goodness of God, in again permitting them to meet the friends and members of this Association.

Since the meeting of the Association, held on the 22nd Decr. 1848, your Committee are happy to state that a greater degree of interest has been manifested in the proceedings of the COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY. The designs and operations of the Society are beginning to be understood and appreciated; strong prejudices have been gradually overcome, and many have borne unsolicited testimony to the good effected in this Province, through its instrumentality, and have strongly commended the spirit and mode, in which its work has been carried on.

A clergyman of this Diocese, residing in the country, not a member of this Association, thus speaks in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee:—

“I think the conduct of the friends of the COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY, well calculated to allay any little feeling of jealousy, which its origin may have created, and to remove those more reasonable fears which others entertain; while I am fully persuaded, that God will openly reward those secret and unobtrusive efforts which you are making for the Church of Christ.”

Notwithstanding the numerous demands made upon the community, during the past year, for other charitable objects, and the great depression in trade, your Committee have much pleasure in announcing, that the sum of £103 15s. 9d. has been collected in Halifax, since the last general meeting, (at which £9 12s. 8d. was contributed). But your Committee are more especially gratified at the amount received from the poor settlers along the Eastern shores, who have marked their sense of the benefits which the Society has conferred upon them, by the handsome contribution to its funds of £16 0s. 6d.

Your Committee also announce, that during the past year, two new schools have been established, one at St. Margaret's Bay, and the other at Cape John, Pictou; and that negotiations are in progress, for the establishment of two others, one at Half Way Cove, County of Guysboro', and another at the West branch of the Shubenacadie River. Great anxiety has also been expressed by the inhabitants of Beaver Bank, (17 miles from Halifax,) to have a Catechist of the Society stationed among them; but such is the poverty of the people, that they despair of being able to subscribe even the small amount required from them, towards the salary of a Teacher.

Your Committee desire publicly to acknowledge, the kindness and good spirit manifested towards the Colonial Church Society, by a number of the inhabitants of the little village of Sherbrooke, St. Mary's River, (Eastern Shores), during the past year; these poor people, in the most generous manner, subscribed a sufficient sum for the purchase of a lot of land at Sherbrooke, which they have presented to the Society, for the purpose of building a school house upon it, sufficiently commodious to serve also as a place of public worship. The property has since been placed in the hands of Trustees, and the Committee are happy to learn, that the School House has been since nearly completed, at the entire expense, and by the gratuitous labor of the kind hearted inhabitants of the village and district. Such self denying efforts cannot be too highly commended.

Your Committee trust, that the faithful labors of the humble but devoted agents of the Colonial Church Society in this Province, during the past year, have not been unproductive of good. The details given below by your Committee, will not only show that much has been done, and is doing, but will also painfully prove that much more must still be done, to satisfy the earnest appeals that are being made on all sides.

THREE MILE HOUSE.

Mr. Thomas Wilson still continues in charge of the Day and Sunday School at this place, and is labouring perseveringly and successfully. The clergymen of St. George's, Halifax, who have excellent opportunities of

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judging, speak in terms of high commendation of the results of Mr. Wilson's labors, in the improved intelligence and moral condition of the district. The average attendance at the Day School is about 50, and the Sunday School 40.

Mr. W.'s labors were suspended for a considerable time, during the early part of this year, by serious illness; from the effects of which, through God's blessing, he has now, for some time past, been nearly, if not entirely recovered. Mr. W. says in his journal:—

“The sphere of my labours is known to you all. My time is almost solely occupied in teaching the Schools, (Day and Sunday). I visit all the families in the district twice a year, distributing tracts among them, and giving such counsel and consolation, as I am capable of. I have distributed several hundreds of tracts, books, &c., and these must have an influence for good. Indeed, I know instances where they have been blessed. About 100 children have each a copy of the Word of God, all obtained by them from the Colonial Church Society. I find they read their own Bibles, much more frequently than they would the family one.”

Mr. Wilson relates in his journal the following instance of

PRACTICAL INFIDELITY ;

“Falling in with a man driving a horse and cart, I sought to converse with him; he said, ‘I begin to look at religion a long way off, its only a trade; give me the man that will take his horn of grog and swear; that's the man that will pay me my money. If I want to be cheated, I'll go to a religious man.’ I paused, and then affectionately replied, My dear sir! what you say may be true: there are hypocrites, who do many things under the cloak of religion, and are a stumbling block in the way of others. You do not profess to be religious, you have not experienced the power of religion in your soul, and therefore you suppose there is no such thing, and you are confirmed in your mind, because the practice of some belies their profession; but once find that the Spirit of God is working in you to do his will, and you will know from happy experience that Christianity is a reality; and then knowing your own heart, you will be led to form a right estimate of the frailty of your fellow christians. At first he was silent, but by and by, he remarked with a disposition, as I thought, to concede the point, that it might be the case.”

NINE MILE HOUSE.

Miss Nichols continued her labors at this place, until the month of May last. Her Day School then averaged 25 Scholars, and her Sunday School 17. In consequence of ill health she was obliged, very reluctantly, to resign her charge of these Schools. She is much regretted by the people. Under date March 16th, she thus writes to the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee :—

“ Sir, as my time is now drawing to a close, I am under the painful necessity of informing you of my inability to continue the School any longer than the expiration of my term, or perhaps until another teacher can be procured. The fatigue I have endured trying to keep my little flock together, has, I am afraid, so far impaired my health, that I despair of continuing as teacher, unless I could be placed where I might do justice with less labour. My School has been tolerably well attended, considering the inclemency of the weather, want of comfortable clothing, bad roads, &c., &c.

As soon as I can get all my scholars collected, I shall have an examination ; and if you, or any of the Corresponding Committee, wish to be present, I shall be most happy to apprise you and them.”

In consequence of the intimation given in the above, two members of the Corresponding Committee, the Rev. A. GRAY, of Sackville, and a number of Ladies and Gentlemen from Halifax, attended in the month of April last, at the examination of this School. The Committee extract the following notice of it from one of the Halifax papers :—

“ About 30 children were present, who all we believe, have received their education entirely from *Miss Nichols*, the able instructress, who for five years, has been stationed at that place. The cheerful aspect of the room, covered with numerous coloured prints, a feature, we believe, peculiar to the Schools of the Colonial Church Society, cannot fail to strike the visitor. The examination commenced with a hymn, which was sung very pleasingly by the children. The Rev. Mr. Gray then examined the various classes, in reading, spelling, parsing, geography and Arithmetic, in all of which their proficiency was very commendable. The reading and pronunciation were remarkably good, and the answers of the children showed an accurate knowledge of the rules of grammar. The progress of the 1st class in Arithmetic,

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evidenced great attention on the part of *Miss Nichols*, and praiseworthy diligence on that of the children. The copy books which were exhibited to the visitors, also displayed much neatness in all cases, and in some great proficiency.

Several of the children in the 1st class, then recited with very good emphasis and clear pronunciation, pieces of blank verse and rhyme, which had been previously committed to memory. The proceedings closed with another hymn sung by the children. No conclusion could be more appropriate. None who witnessed the advances made by the children in secular knowledge, and who knew that knowledge to be based on the only sure foundation—religious principle—could withhold their assent to the ascription of praise and thankfulness to Him, from whom cometh every good gift, and by whose bounty alone, the Society has been made the instrument of spreading a useful and religious education, in this and other parts of the Province.²⁷

Miss Parker, previously stationed at St. Mary's River, Eastern Shores, has since taken *Miss Nichols'* place in this School, and is giving great satisfaction, as well to the people, as to the Corresponding Committee. Her report, under date 31st October last, is as follows:—

“I opened School on the 11th of June, with 20 scholars; in the course of three or four weeks I admitted fifteen more. The greater part of them have been very regular in their attendance, till within the last five or six weeks; many of them have been detained from illness, which has caused both the Sunday and Day School not to be so well attended, as they otherwise would. The total number of children admitted has been 36. The average attendance 25. The school hours are from 9 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon. I open and close the School as usual with singing and prayer. In the morning I first hear them spell, after which they read, write, learn lessons in grammar, geography, and practice mental arithmetic; in the afternoon reading the Scriptures, slate arithmetic, and spelling. Since I have been placed here, the people appear to be anxious to do all they can to make me comfortable.”

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.

A very promising School has been opened at this place, under the auspices of the Rev. J. STANNAGE, the Rector, who manifests a lively interest in it. *Miss Nichols*, who had retired as before stated from the Nine Mile House School, was placed here, in the hope that she might find

the duties of this new sphere more adapted to her failing health. But the Committee regret to state that *Miss N.* has been reluctantly compelled to resign her charge at this place also, after some months trial, finding her health declining, and having almost entirely lost her voice. As yet the Corresponding Committee have not been able to procure a suitable person to take her place. At the time *Miss N.* left the Bay, the day School numbered about 40, and her Sunday School the same. The following extract from a Letter, addressed by the Rev. Mr. STANNAGE to the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee, will shew in what estimation *Miss Nichols'* services were held:—

“Perhaps I should have written to the Committee myself, conveying my opinion of *Miss Nichols*, and my deep regret, as well as those of every one concerned in the School, that she was obliged to remove so soon from a sphere of great usefulness. No one, I really believe, was ever more regretted from this Bay, than she is. Her School was becoming every day more attractive, and all parties were giving way before her excellent talents for managing and teaching her scholars. I pray that the Committee may soon send me another, and especially one that will help me to bring the young of my flock to the best of Teachers, and to form their tender minds upon the only perfect pattern, even Jesus Christ.”

SHERBROKE (PARISH OF CHESTER.)

Mr. George Turner, Licensed lay reader and catechist, still continues at this place. He holds services at the Church in the absence of the Rev. Dr. Shreve, whose visits to Sherbroke are necessarily not very frequent.— Besides attending to the duties of a Day-school and two Sunday-schools, Mr. T. visits the sick and dying, and makes himself otherwise useful and acceptable to the people. Mr. T. under date 6th Oct. last, thus writes:—

“I have had many calls to attend the sick during the last three months,—and I am happy to say that those I visit are becoming more serious than heretofore. I have travelled sixty miles in visiting them. One poor man has been confined to the house for about seven months, with but little prospect of recovering. He had been previously negligent about religion, but I trust he has undergone a change for the better, as his thoughts, and hopes appear to be far different from those he entertained before.”

"I have visited all the back settlements, and have no doubt some have benefitted by my visits and advice. If it were not for the bounty of the C. C. Society, this settlement would be almost entirely destitute of the regular services of the Church. It is 21 miles from this place to Chester, and the Rector has so many other places to attend to, that he can seldom visit us."

The Day-school at this place averages about 25, and the Sunday-school 30.

Mr. Turner on another occasion says—

"You can have but little idea of the distress in a poor settlement like this, especially in time of sickness,—far away from Clergymen and medical men. The poverty of the people is greater than usual just now, on account of the failure of the crops, and what makes the matter worse is the fact that there are so few here who are able to help their indigent brethren."

"I am always ready and willing to attend upon the people as well as my humble means will allow."

KENNETCOOK (PARISH OF RAWDON.)

Miss Woolaver continued in charge of the Sunday and Day-school established at this place, until the 22d of Nov. last, when in consequence of the inability of the people to support the school, owing to the frequent failures of their crops, she resigned her charge for the winter. The Committee trust that she may be enabled to resume her labours as a teacher, or that another will be found to supply her place, as soon as the spring opens. The number of scholars in attendance during the past year has been from February to May, 20 to 30; June to July, 30 to 40; August to Novr. 20 to 25. From 15 to 20 have attended the Sunday School.

Notwithstanding the difficulties under which the people of Kennetcook labour, they say:

"We are willing, and will use every effort to raise a sufficient sum for the board and part of the stipend of a teacher,—and sincerely hope that the Society will not utterly cast us off in our present depressed condition; but that it will continue to assist us in the education of our children."

They acknowledge the kindness so long conferred on them by the Society; and only regret that they cannot help themselves more, and do something for it.

ROCKVILLE (COUNTY OF HANTS.)

Mrs. Stewart (formerly Miss Ambrose) still continues to conduct the Day and Sunday School established here in 1847. Mrs. S. under date 2nd April last, some time before her marriage, gives the following account of the state of her school:—

“My school on an average numbers 30 scholars, with whose progress their parents express themselves well pleased: so much so, that when my last engagement terminated in February, they insisted on engaging me for a year or six months; but I only engaged for three months until I could hear from the Corresponding Committee. I am very much pleased with this place, and would wish to remain,—not only because I believe I enjoy the good opinion of the people, and can thus do much more good among them than otherwise, but also because I am near home, which in case of sickness would be an invaluable privilege. As regards my success in collecting for the Colonial Church Society, I am sorry it has been but small. Many persons have expressed a willingness to subscribe to the funds,—*all* express their extreme gratitude to the Society, and fully appreciate the benevolent efforts made for their benefit; but owing to the great scarcity of money none have as yet paid anything, though I have repeatedly brought the matter to their notice. In the summer, however, I think something may be done.”

“The number of children in my Sunday school list is 45. My earnest prayer is that I may be instrumental in doing good here, and in some measure carry out the benevolent objects of the Society, acting always under that most beautiful and sweet command of our Saviour, ‘Feed my Lambs.’”

Mr. Alexander visited this station last fall, by desire of the Corresponding Committee, and thus reports:

“Since Mrs. Stewart commenced her labours as a teacher at Rockville, a more lively interest has been taken in the services of the Church, and considerable feeling has also been excited in favor of the Colonial Church Society. I doubt not that if this and the station at Kennetcook can be kept up, that it will be a great instrument, with the divine blessing, in furthering the increase of the Redeemer’s kingdom.”

PRESTON.

Mr. George Bainbridge is still usefully employed as a teacher among the colored population of this district. He has under his charge two Sunday-schools, efficiently con-

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ducted, and well attended; the one at "Cherrybuck," and the other at "Look Out." The numbers are respectively 30 and 65. These schools are silently effecting a large amount of good among these poor and hitherto much neglected people. In addition to his Sunday-school labors, *Mr. B.* gives instruction in reading, writing, &c., two nights in the week, to all who are inclined to come to him. Some of the copy-books of these poor colored people were recently shewn to *Mr. INCE*, Secretary of the Corr. Com. who declares the writing to be as good as any one could desire.

MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOR.

The following simple, but interesting Report, has been received by the Corresponding Committee from *Miss Goreham*, who is still successfully employed in conducting and superintending the Society's Day and Sunday School at this station:

"Jan. 1st, 1849. Commenced the New Year by calling together the teachers and children of the Sabbath School.

On the 1st of March I proceeded in a sled drawn by two oxen a distance of three miles across the ice, to an island in Musquodoboit Harbor, for the purpose of teaching those children whom I had taught four months the last year. There I had only five children to teach; the weather was so very stormy that the children belonging to the other settlements could not attend.

July 1st, Returned to another settlement to commence the school which I had formerly taught there. I have here 16 scholars who attend the Day and Sabbath School. I think that upon the whole, the scholars manage to retain pretty well the instruction imparted to them. This neighbourhood consists of six families, all belonging to the Church of England, among whom I visit for the purpose of changing tracts. One of the children about 13 years of age, was very much affected in reading an account of the happy death of a little girl, as detailed in one of the Society's tracts. She came to me and said, "Teacher, I shall never forget your kindness while I live for teaching me to read my bible." This child now possesses a bible of her own, and values it very highly.

The people of these settlements have in general been healthy; but in those cases where sickness has occurred, I have, as often as my duties permitted me, visited those who were ill—to whom I read the holy scriptures, and occasionally other books of a reli-

gious nature. The Rev. Mr. JAMIESON visits these settlements three times a year, and his visits are highly valued by the people.

The children at lunch time implore a blessing; and on one occasion when I happened to call at the house of a settler at the dinner hour, I found one of my scholars, a little boy, asking a blessing, which duty had been entirely neglected in the family in preceding years.

The children who have been under my instructions are industrious in their efforts to acquire a little learning, and make fair progress. They are very tractable: their parents express themselves well pleased with the children's proficiency. I hope, with God's blessing, to be the means of bringing many of these poor souls to Heaven. My Sunday-school is generally attended by about twenty children and adults."

CAPE JOHN (COUNTY OF PICTOU.)

Mr. George Smith, a native of Saint Andrew's, New Brunswick, a young man of respectable talent and decided piety, has been appointed by the Society as a Catechist and Schoolmaster at this place, upon the earnest recommendation of the Rev. CHAS. ELLIOT of Pictou, at the trifling expense to the Society of £16 stg. per annum.

Mr. Smith was appointed in the month of April last, and has been usefully employed there ever since, and is giving much satisfaction to the Corresponding Committee.

In his Report to the Committee, under date 2nd Octr. last, he gives the following simple and unaffected account of his services:—

"It is now a little more than five months since I commenced my labors at River John, as a Catechist connected with the Colonial Church Society. I have, with few exceptions, held Divine service twice every Sabbath: 15 times I have held service in the Church; 14 times in the School-house at the Cape; 4 times in the School-house on the road to Tatamagouche, and three times at Barraswa. The distances from the Church of the three last above mentioned places are respectively about 3, 6, and 11 miles. The attendance is generally very poor, but is nevertheless encouraging; particularly at the Church, where the few who *do* attend seem to take an interest in the service, and listen with attention when I read the sermon. I have not been able to teach a regular Sabbath-school, yet I have endeavoured to give to the young as much religious instruction as circumstances would permit. I have visited several families within these five months, with whom I had

acquaintance when I formerly resided at River John; and I hope by degrees to get acquainted with all the people in my limits whom it will be my duty, according to my ability, to instruct in the ways of religion. I visit (without being asked) the sick, who in the time of their affliction have none other to instruct them in the way of salvation. One young man who could not read, I visited for the first time on Saturday the 6th June; he was very sick, and he listened attentively while in my poor way I pointed him to the bleeding Saviour, as the only one who could save his soul. I read a portion of the word of God, and prayed with him. I visited him several times since; he is now something better.— I forbear making any more remarks at present; but I hope that if God bless my own feeble endeavours to advance his glory, I shall be able to say something more interesting when I write my next report."

The Rev. Mr. ELLIOT in forwarding the above Report to the Corresponding Committee, remarks:

"I certainly have observed a marked improvement in the behaviour of the few who attend at the River John Church,—it is serious and devout, the opposite to what it was; and Mr. S. has been able to introduce family worship into some houses, where it was never before known. He has led two or three on, step by step, until they have come with much apparent sincerity to the Lord's Supper. He frequently spends a night at different houses, and never fails to direct the attention of the inmates to the care of their souls." "I think I am safe in stating that I believe Mr. S. is doing decided good in his quiet way, and pursues a course which would recommend itself to every friend of the Colonial Church Society.

"I am fully satisfied in my own mind, that the sum expended here by the Society is well applied."

Mr. Smith has since his appointment obtained a license from his Lordship the Bishop of this Diocese.

HALF-WAY COVE.

Mr. Alexander, the Society's indefatigable itinerating Agent and Catechist along the Eastern Shores, lately paid a visit to this place and the neighborhood along the Chedabucto Bay. *Mr. Alexander* reports:—

"I have lately visited this shore, which I found in a deplorable condition as regards education, morality and religion. There is not, as I am informed, a Sunday-school between Guysborough and Canso, and not a Day-school worth the name. It is true

there was a miserable hut in which were assembled about ten or twelve poor children—three of whom had an old dog-ear'd Dilworth's spelling-book, and the rest a few leaves, perhaps the remains of an old 'Primer.' These children were instructed (?) by an old man called the 'master,' whose age and infirmities ill qualified him for the duties of the school-room. Here is a large field for a working itinerating catechist, and also a respectable *working* teacher or two. Could this and two or three other localities along the shore, via Canso proper and westward, be filled up by pious and *active* male teachers, it would be a blessing. It is true that the people on the shore have it not in their power, generally speaking, to contribute much towards the funds, yet the assistance afforded already by the Society is appreciated; and God has, I trust, in various ways, helped the labors of its humble agents. The Society professes to be a *HELPING* Society; it is so; and I doubt not it is already teaching many to help themselves. Five Sunday-schools might easily be established within a distance of 20 miles from Guysboro' towards Canso; but they would require to be constantly watched over by an active and faithful catechist."

In the month of September last the Corresponding Committee received, through *Mr. Alexander*, a very pressing Memorial from all the most respectable inhabitants of this place, calling upon the Society to send them a teacher, and promising on their part to contribute at least £25 a year towards his salary; and also to erect, at their own expense, a School-house capable of containing 50 children.

This application was at once forwarded to the parent Committee, who very kindly responded to the call, and have granted the sum of £25 stg. per annum, as soon as a suitable person can be found.

NECUM QUOCH.

Miss C. E. Clarke, who has been stationed at this place since May 1848, has forwarded the following Report:—

"Aug. 1, 1849.—The school opened with 18 scholars, 8 males and 10 females. Of these eight only could spell and read a little, four of them knew their alphabet, the remainder nothing. During the year the scholars increased to 30 in number, and their attainments are as follows: 20 can read the scriptures, 13 have made some progress in writing and arithmetic, and the remaining number, except one, can spell. The school has been uniformly

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opened and closed upon the Society's plan, with singing and prayer, and there is a marked improvement in the attention and behaviour of the scholars during these solemn exercises—all joining with pleasure in singing the praises of God.

“All the scholars attending the Day-school likewise attend the Sabbath-school, where reading the scriptures, hearing the catechism, repeating the collects and hymns, are particularly attended to. The best assurance I can give respecting the improvement of the school is, that the Rev. Mr. Breading who visits the school, Mr. Alexander also, and the Trustees of the School, and lastly, the parents of the scholars, have expressed their satisfaction as to the state of it.”

Mr. Alexander in his report of a visit to this school, under date 17th May last, thus writes:—

“In the afternoon the Day-school was examined by the Rev. Mr. BREADING and myself, in the presence of the Trustees, the parents of the children, and a number of others. The children, 22 in number, acquitted themselves with great credit, to the entire satisfaction of the Trustees and all present. The parents are highly pleased with *Miss Clarke*, and hope they may be enabled to engage her for another year after her present engagement has terminated.”

NOSER'S RIVER.

Mr. Alexander in his Report, under date 15th May last, thus notices the School at this place:—

“Spent the day in the examination of *Miss Ann J. Clarke's* school: 36 children were in attendance. I found the school in very good order, and the children generally making progress, altho' many of them, in consequence of the severity of the winter, and other circumstances, had been prevented from attending regularly. *Miss A. J. Clarke* has been very diligent and regular in her attendance at both Day and Sunday-schools, and the subscribers speak highly of her, and appear perfectly satisfied with her system of teaching, and the progress their children are making in their education. The appearance of the school on opening the door, and the good order to be observed on entering, will be sufficient to convince any stranger that *Miss Clarke* knows the value of discipline.”

SAINT MARY'S.

Shortly before the removal of *Miss Parker* to the Nine Mile House, an examination of her School took place, and is thus reported by *Mr. Alexander*:—

"Monday, 16th April, 1849.—Examined *Miss Parker's* Day-school. Only sixteen scholars present, some being prevented from attending for want of proper clothing. Those in attendance went through various lessons in reading, spelling, recitations, arithmetic and English grammar, very creditably. Several have made very great improvement in writing and entering arithmetical questions and answers in full in their account books.

"There were but few persons who could attend the examination, which is always to be regretted. But I regret more, that it is not in the power of the few who have hitherto, in part, supported *Miss Parker* in this school, to retain her services another year. Indeed several families are leaving this River, some of them to Labrador, and the few that will remain cannot at present raise sufficient to defray the expense of a teacher's board and lodging. Should Providence bless them with a fruitful season, they hope to be able to raise a stipend for a teacher. In the meantime they beg the Society will not altogether abandon them. *Miss P.*'s engagement with the people terminated with the present month. The people here part with her very reluctantly."

Since *Miss P.*'s removal to the Nine Mile House, the school at St. Mary's has been conducted by *Mrs. Alexander*.

COUNTRY HARBOUR.

Mr. Henry Villiers, formerly stationed at Pugwash, is now laboring at this place, and the Committee trust, that he is making himself useful among the people of that district. Judging from the Reports forwarded by *Mr. Villiers* to the Corresponding Committee, extracts from which are given below, the residence of *Mr. V.* among these poor people, has not been unproductive of good.

Extracts from Mr. Villiers' Journal:—

DISTRESSING SCARCITY OF FOOD, &c.

"The people of this settlement have experienced want and destitution, approaching the verge of famine, truly the hand of God has been upon the people of this place; they have had to acknowledge—'This is the Lord's doing.' Yet in a wonderful way they have been provided for.

"The want of provisions amongst the people of this place has been so great during the past winter, that many families have had to exist entirely upon Moose meat for four and in some families for six weeks, without tasting vegetable food; and while I am writing, I can assert, that three-fourths of the inhabitants have not one

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day's provision in their houses. Their children are destitute of clothing to a degree bordering upon nakedness. Their dwellings wretchedly uncomfortable. Before the winter had closed, seeing their destitution, and their inability to help themselves, I undertook a journey to Halifax on their behalf, and through the influence of some members of the Legislature, and the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee, I was enabled to procure for them fifty barrels of flour and meal, and other necessaries, which reasonable supply was the means, under God, of saving many lives."

SIGNS OF MORAL IMPROVEMENT.

"The Colonial Church Society has done much for this place, and the people are fully conscious of it. Three Day Schools, and two Sunday Schools, have been in operation, in addition to religious services being held in three different parts of the Settlement. The inhabitants have been supplied with books and stationery, and every possible means used for their religious and moral improvement. The seed of the word has been sown, and through the divine blessing, some fruits have appeared. Many evils existed among the people, such as profane swearing, Sunday visiting, rafting timber down the river on the Sabbath, dishonesty among the young, &c. These have, I am thankful to say, been nearly put a stop to, not by the authority of the Magistrate, but through the influence of religious instruction. A desire after spiritual things has been manifested, by the distance many have lately come to the means of grace. These fruits appearing, I am encouraged to hope that my labor has not been in vain."

MORAL APATHY OF THE PEOPLE.

"The people of this Settlement have been so long neglected, that they have, most of them, fallen into a deplorable indifference with regard to religion. Many who professed to belong to our Church, do not attend the services, and it is the most difficult part of my labors to draw such people to the house of God. They also entirely neglect family worship. I have endeavored to meet the difficulty by establishing an evening service in a private house. There is such a want of mental cultivation amongst the elder part of the female population, as is truly lamentable."

ITINERATING.

May 7th, 1849.—I left home early in the morning laden with Tracts, Bibles, Hymn Books, &c., and walked eastward to Isaac Harbour, and arrived there about sunset; the distance being about fifteen miles from my residence. I called at the first house I came to, and informed the inhabitants of the object of my

visit, and told them I would hold a service if they wished it, before I left the place. They said, 'Oh! Sir, we shall be very glad to attend if you will give us a service, it is more than 7 months since we had an opportunity of hearing a sermon.' Having received such a hearty invitation, I engaged to do so, next day at 4 o'clock.

"*Tuesday 8th.*—I visited several families in the morning, and distributed tracts at every house I called at. In the afternoon I was requested to visit and inspect their Day-school. I attended at 2 P. M., and was much astonished to find that nearly all the school materials had been supplied by the Colonial Church Society, and a set of Rules for Schools hanging up, with Mr. Cavie Richardson's name signed to them. In the afternoon I held service, as previously appointed. There were about 50 present, a number of these being seamen belonging to a vessel lying in the River. They were all very attentive; some seemed deeply interested, even to tears. The people earnestly requested me to come again as soon as convenient. One man said, "Sir, I hope you will make my house your home, come when you will."

"*Thursday, 18th.*—The whole of this day was spent in visiting the cottages of the fishermen along the sea shore, on my way to New Harbor. At many of the cottages I read a portion of the scriptures and prayed with them, and gave them a few tracts, and where there were children able to read, I left some copies of the "Child's Companion," or "Children's Friend," which were eagerly received."

A PROFANE SWEARER REFORMED.

"A young man who lives within sight of me while I am writing, used to be the most profane swearer in the neighbourhood. At present he attends my Sunday-school, together with four of his brothers and sisters; he is orderly, and his former vice is deplored; not a profane word comes from his lips, and the change is known and marked by the whole settlement. Since this young man has attended the Sunday-school, his father has been regular in his attendance at church, though he used seldom to be there before."

SAINT MARY'S RIVER.

Mr. Joseph Alexander, Superintending Catechist, is stationed at this place, and spends his whole time in itinerating among stations so widely separated that to visit them all in succession involves a journey of 170 miles, much of which has to be travelled on foot, through roads of the very worst description in the Province. The following is an extract from the Parent Society's last Report:—

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"*Mr. Alexander* has occupied this District with great faithfulness for five years, and as might be expected, is now beginning to reap large fruit of his labors. The general tone of society is stated by impartial witnesses to be greatly improved; and in not a few instances it has been evident that the Spirit of God has made the exertions of your Catechist the means of converting sinners, reclaiming back-sliders, and stirring up the languishing zeal of real believers. His time is divided between holding services on the Sunday, and on the week day evenings, in school-rooms or cottages; visiting the people at their own homes; superintending Sunday-schools, circulating bibles and tracts, and the other multiplied duties of a catechist."

Since the publication of the Report of this Association for last year, *Mr. Alexander* in his journal forwarded to the Corresponding Committee, thus reviews his labors for the year:

"*Dec. 31st 1849.*—Since last January I have, taking the lowest calculation, travelled 1600 miles, the greater part on foot. The roads of this part of the country I need not again describe. I have had to carry my own wardrobe, and perhaps twenty pounds weight of bibles, testaments, and prayer-books with me. By the blessing of God I have been enabled to hold *eighty-four* public services, besides giving Sunday-school addresses, which, added to those given by *Mr. Payne* and *Mr. Villiers* at my stations, exceeds the number of any previous year. If large congregations and pressing invitations to make more frequent visits, are good grounds for judging, the cause of our Society, and of our Church, is advancing, with very few exceptions, wherever our agents are located.

"At the close of another year, I desire with humility and self-abasement, to acknowledge the tender mercies of Almighty God, and, though unworthy myself to labor in His vineyard, yet as there were of old 'hewers of wood and drawers of water to the congregation,' so in that capacity would I labor, according to the ability which God giveth me. Though not blessed with the tongue of the eloquent, or the pen of the learned, yet if the Lord should permit me to hew a few splinters of wood which may kindle the fire of love in the hearts of some of his followers, and to draw a few drops of water from the rock Christ, wherewith to refresh their spirits—if he make me the happy instrument of turning one poor sinner from the error of his ways—then will my soul rejoice, and I will sing praises to the God of my salvation."

COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW YEAR.

“Spared by the mercy of Almighty God to see the commencement of another year, and not knowing whether I shall not be called to give an account of my stewardship before it is done, I desire in humble confidence to commit my way unto the Lord, having his promise, ‘I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.’ May He warm my heart with the glow of hope, brighten my prospects in dark seasons, and quicken my lingering footsteps in the way of life.

“*January 2nd.*—I set out this morning purposing to spend the day with my poor friends at Jegoggin, in their chapel or school-house, but in this I was disappointed, as, after breaking my way through the deep snow as far as the Bay, where I had hoped to find a boat in waiting, there was a regular gale of wind, which prevented my crossing, though after waiting an hour a boat hove in sight, coming down the same side on which I was. On their reaching me I was assured by them, that in consequence of their being no track on the other side through the deep snow, it would be so very late in the day before I could reach my destination, even if it were practicable, that the people would not expect me. I was therefore reluctantly compelled to return home.

VISIT FROM A SUPERINTENDANT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

“*January 22nd.*—To day a Superintendent of two of our Sunday-schools visited me, to tell his joys and sorrows, hopes and fears. ‘My whole mind,’ he said, ‘is in the work; I try everything I can think of, to get the scholars to attend, and to study their Bibles and Sunday lessons; and I often talk to their parents, about the fine chance they have of getting their children taught in the Sabbath Schools, but some do not appear half as anxious as the youngsters; sometimes I am cast down when few attend, and then again when they all attend, I take courage; and yet,’ said he, ‘they do attend as well as they can, so many this winter cannot get anything to put on their feet. And I have cause to thank God, that in their houses, the Scriptures are read, and family worship kept up, when it never was before you came about, but song singing and idle talk was common.’ I was glad to find this poor, but, I trust, truly excellent man, so earnest in the work. I have every reason to believe, that he is endeavouring to adorn his profession. He is very exemplary in his family, and useful in the neighbourhood.

CIRCULATION OF BIBLES, TRACTS, &c. GOOD RESULTS.

“The Bibles, Testaments, Prayer and Hymn Books, together with the *Libraries* placed at several of my stations, and the

Tracts of the Religious Tract Society freely circulated, have been useful to the souls of many. While walking in company with —, he said, 'Well, sir, its no use saying anything to the contrary: since that Society of your's came along this shore, there is a vast alteration; its not at all what it used to be. The good them tracts and magazines, and them Visiters, and Childrens' Friends, have done, I dont think anybody knows; besides all the sermons and *Sunday-school* advice, that's been given to us: and I often think, what a sad thing it will be, if all the advantages we have had, should rise up in judgment against us.'

"*Wednesday 31st Jan.*—Visited a person who is often sorely afflicted, yet in all his sufferings he is enabled to put his trust in the Lord, whom he often finds to be "a very present help in time of need." This poor, but happy man, has a large family to provide for. In the course of conversation, he said, 'I above all men have reason to bless God, that ever the Gospel was brought into this neighbourhood; though it is but three years since I began to feel anything of religion.' How, I asked, were you first awakened? 'Why,' he said, 'there is that little Tract, if you mind, wot's easy reading, that first stopped my taking God's name in vain. At first I began to try to read it, and did so over and over, and then I tried easy parts of the New Testament, and now, thank God, since my eyes have been opened to see my state as a sinner, and my heart has felt the love of God, I can make out to read in that big Testament, that I got from you last year; and blessed be God, I hope the reading of it may prove a blessing to all my family, and I thank you, sir, for you kindness to me and mine.'

"I have every reason to believe that these silent monitors which have been so bountifully supplied by the Society, have been productive of much good, both to individuals and families, which perhaps may not be known until the final consummation. The tract here mentioned was given on my first visit to the family in 1844, yet it was never mentioned to me before to-day."

VISITS TO THE SICK AND SUFFERING.

"*March 6th.*—The day being fine, and there being a good crust on the snow, I walked to and along the Bay, to some poor, distressed and afflicted families, with whom I read and prayed. Also distributed tracts, and, as far as in my power, alleviated their sufferings: distance there and back 10 miles.

"*19th.*—Was sent for to visit a person who was dangerously ill at Jegoggin; found her very low, and requiring spiritual consolation. I read the scriptures to her, and prayed with her, direct-

ing her to the Saviour. Before I left she appeared comforted, and expressed much gratitude for my visit and the instruction she had in time past received from me. I left her composed, and endeavouring to trust alone in the mercy of God, through Christ, for support and deliverance.

"*April 19th.*—Visited again one of the sick persons in Sherbroke, who was in a very low state of body and mind. I read, prayed and conversed with her respecting a future state. She said she felt herself a great sinner, and was uneasy about her soul. I endeavoured to deal faithfully with her, pointing her to 'the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world,' as the only refuge for poor guilty sinners. She appeared somewhat penitent. Oh! that her repentance may be sincere and such as never need be repented of.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

"*May 13th.*—Met the Sunday-school at Liscomb at half-past 9 A. M. Held divine service at 11, after which I attended the school at Jegoggin, and held a service at 4 P. M. in the School-house. Both the service and the schools were well attended.—The following letter, received a few weeks ago, will shew the sincerity and simplicity of feeling of these poor people:

"Our school at Jegoggin is not so large as it has been, 21 scholars attending—10 boys who have learned to read in the testament can now make the responses in their prayer-books, have learned the historical catechism of the old and new testament, and will be good clerks for our Missionaries when they come along. We shall soon make better progress. We now occupy our school-house, a chapel built on the road through the woods between Liscomb and Jegoggins, which is far better than teaching in private houses. Oh how the woods ring when we sing out our praises to God for his goodness in sending a catechist to us. May we ever pray for the patron of the Colonial Church Society."

"*May 15th.*—Visited the former superintendent of the Sunday-school at Marie Joseph, upon whom, after much persuasion, I prevailed to undertake the superintendance of it again, provided the school were kept in the church, and regularity of attendance enforced. He said, 'I have tried it twice before, sir, and did say I would never have anything to do with it again. First one, and then another, would take offence and drop off whenever I tried to make them behave. I don't know but the parents were worse than the children, and to tell you the truth, I am afraid it will be so again.' I promised to see Mr. Breeding, and request him to unite with us in urging both parents and scholars to do better for

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the future. Such are the difficulties we have to contend with in keeping up several of our Sunday-schools. Oh, that the Lord may raise up pious and faithful teachers for the blessed work!

"21st.—Returned to Hecum Secum, where I visited every family in order to get up a Sunday-school. After removing several obstacles out of the way, one difficulty still presented itself, there was no school-house yet erected, nor was there a private house sufficiently large in which it could be kept. However, as the Lord is ever ready to assist those who seek his assistance, so he was at this time. A young man who had a new house in progress came forward and kindly offered it to us for the summer gratuitously. The young man's generous offer was of course cheerfully accepted.

"June 12th.—Met at the young man's house before mentioned at 9 A. M., where I was happy to find 42 children and youths, as also several individuals, male and female, who came forward voluntarily to assist as teachers. I formed the classes, appointed persons to take charge of each, and then seriously exhorted them to conduct themselves with propriety, and to be careful to set a good example to the scholars, and above all to pray for the teaching of the Holy Spirit, as without that, all our plans, however well concerted, would be vain.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS VALUED.

"At J—— M——'s conversing about Sunday-schools a young man said, 'I have reason, for my part, to thank God for the Sunday-school at our place, as I may say of all the good I have I got it there.' This is only one out of a great number of similar testimonies. When on a visiting tour a short time ago, I called at H—— R——, to see M—— W——, who had been very ill. A day or two previous to my visit he said to his mother, 'I wonder whether it would be possible to get Mr. Alexander here; oh, how I should like to see him.' On being asked if he were afraid to die, he said 'no.' 'Do you think you are a sinner?' 'A sinner,' he replied, 'O yes! I am indeed a sinner, and you little know how often I have gone into the woods where no eye but God's could see me, and there have I cried about my sins, and prayed for pardon through Jesus Christ; but now I feel happy; I am not now afraid to die, because I believe that Jesus shed his blood for my sins, and that God for his sake will surely receive me to himself.' In my further conversation with him he gave me satisfactory answers to every question, and when speaking of the Saviour the tear of love filled his eyes. This is a Sunday scholar. His first impressions were received in one of our schools two years

ago, and have since been gradually deepened. Not until this had he ventured to open his mind to any but his God. May the Lord in his mercy raise up many such to speak for Him in these little nurseries, helping all who are engaged in them by his Holy Spirit!"

NEW OPENINGS FOR LABOR.

"During the spring and summer I received very pressing invitations to visit the East Branch of the Saint Mary's River, 26 miles from my residence; also to visit a settlement within twelve miles of Antigonishe, where, I am informed, there are a few poor neglected families; likewise another settlement at or near Lochabar Lake, on the same route. These are all desirous of having Sunday-schools and Libraries established. 'Although,' say the people, 'there are not so many Episcopalians, there are some, and all sorts, as well as your own, would be glad to see you, and be thankful for a service or two from you, and some of the papers about your Society, and those nice little tracts you scatter about.' Since those invitations, which have been repeated several times, it has been out of my power to visit the people. I mention these as so many proofs, not only of destitution, but of the willingness of the people to receive the services of the agents of the Colonial Church Society."

"Nov. 8th 1849.—I might very easily fill many sheets in reporting destitute localities, but it may at present suffice to say that we are now wanting at least seven or eight Catechists, School masters and mistresses for stations, several of which have been long occupied by the Society, and the others have made strong and repeated appeals for assistance. The inhabitants at each of these stations are ready to do to the utmost in their power towards the stipend of each teacher whenever the Society will send them."

"The stations here referred to are:—Gut of Canso, a catechist and schoolmaster, a single man, or one married but without a family, would be desirable; Halfway Cove, Chedabucto Bay, ditto; Country Harbor, ditto; West Branch of St. Mary's River, a female teacher; St. Mary's River, near the mouth, ditto; St. Margaret's Bay, ditto; Kennetecook, ditto; and at Little Liscomb and Jegoggin, a *good* man, even with inferior abilities, would do for the present. The people are very, very poor, but desirous of instruction. For those stations we require persons of *piety, activity, and self-denial.*"

Your Committee would here bring these extracts to a close. The materials under their hands were so abundant, and the facts brought to their notice so numerous and in-

teresting, that they had some difficulty in deciding on what they should reject. Their trust enough has been stated to quicken the zeal of the friends of this Association, and also to awaken in the minds of the indifferent some regard to the spiritual necessities of the many thousands of their countrymen, who are loudly calling for their aid. "Often do I wish," writes one of our Catechists, "that the benevolent, and even the supine, residing in the city and in the more favored parts of this Province, could witness the vast destitution which I have seen during the last few months, along the Eastern parts of the Province. Many, many school-houses are closed from the inability of the people to sustain a teacher, and hundreds of children are running about as wild as the untutored Indian, and none caring for their precious souls." "Surely," says the same devoted agent of the Society, "we cannot shew our gratitude to God for our own mercies, in a more acceptable manner than by urging the members of the Association to make an appeal to their own immediate friends to come forward also and assist in seeking to supply these destitute places with the means of grace and knowledge. We must *press forward*, or how shall we answer for our supineness when we shall stand before the tribunal of God. He who wept over Jerusalem is even now appealing to our better feelings. "Have I not redeemed you? Have I not laid up for you an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away? Why regard your worldly substance while my cause is languishing?" "Prove me now herewith, 'saith the Lord of Hosts,' if I will not open to you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Let us earnestly entreat God, that the blessed work we have undertaken may prosper in our hands, and that we may neither faint nor grow weary." "May the Holy Spirit impress upon our hearts and minds a more adequate and abiding sense of our duties and responsibilities."

Your Committee cannot better conclude their Report than by adopting the words of the Parent Committee:—

"While it is our duty to strive earnestly for the extension of the Society in its external relations, it is still more important al-

ways to remember that this work is the Lord's, and can only be successful as it is prosecuted in entire dependence on His Holy Spirit, and with the determination to send forth, in all its simplicity, fullness and freedom, the Gospel of the Grace of God. On this evangelical basis the foundations of the Society were originally laid; in accordance with this its missionaries and agents have been and are, as far as man can judge, persons who profess, experience, and teach,—*the total corruption of our nature,—salvation through the atoning sacrifice of Christ,—justification by grace through faith alone, without works, and the necessity of personal holiness and separation from the ungodly practices of the world.*”

“And on its continued adherence to these principles it still rests its claim for public support,—a claim which, when duly understood, cannot but commend its cause to the hearty co-operation of all faithful members of our Church, and to the sympathies, affections, and prayers of every lover of our common Lord.”

Speed the Gospel! Let its tidings
 Gladden every human mind!
 Be its silver trumpet sounded,
 Let the joyous echoes roll,
 'Till a sea of bliss unbounded,
 Spreads o'er earth, from pole to pole.

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Sunday Schools.

WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MR. ALEXANDAR.

Cole Harbour, Tor Bay	-	Mr. and Mrs. Uloth	22	Pupils.
Western side of do.	-	Mr. M. Gammon	12	"
New Harbor	-	Mr. Songster	45	"
Country Harbor	}	Mr. and Mrs. Villiers		
		(two schools)	70	"
Indian Harbor	-	Mr. and Mrs. Rude	42	"
St. Mary's River	-	Mrs. Alexander	24	"
Jegoggin and Little Liscomb	-	Mr. Ray	18	"
Liscomb at Mr. Hemlow's	-	Do.	32	"
Marie Joseph	-	Mr. Davis	35	"
Hecum Secum, West	-	Mr. Barney	32	"
Smith's Cove, Necum Quoch	-	Miss C. E. Clarke	39	"
Moser's River	-	Miss Ann J. Clarke	45	"
			416	
Musquodoboit Harbor	}	Miss Goreham, (two		
		schools	23	"
Preston	-	Mr G. Bainbridge, do.	76	"
Rockville	-	Mrs. Stewart	42	"
Kennetcook	-	Miss Woolaver	25	"
Nine Mile House	-	" Parker	20	"
Three Mile House	-	Mr. Wilson	56	"
Sherbrooke, (Chester)	-	Mr. Turner	35	"
St. Margaret's Bay	-	Miss Nichols	40	"
		Total	733	"

Day Schools,

Country Harbor, 2 schools	-	Mr. Villiers	45	"
Smith's Cove, Necum Quoch	-	Miss Cynthia Clarke	22	"
Moser's River	-	" Ann J. Clarke	36	"
Rockville	-	Mrs. Stewart	35	"
Kennetcook	-	Miss Woolaver	25	"
Nine Mile House	-	" Parker	35	"
Three Mile House	-	Mr. Wilson	56	"
Musquodoboit Harbor, 3 schools	-	Miss Goreham	27	"
St. Margaret's Bay	-	" Nichols	40	"
River John (Pictou)	-	Mr. Smith	30	"
Sherbrooke, (Chester)	-	Mr. Turner	30	"
		Total	381	"

DONATIONS, BENEFACTIONS, AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS,
TO THE
HALIFAX ASSOCIATION
IN AID OF THE COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY
IN HALIFAX.

[ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE CONSIDERED DUE ON THE FIRST OF JANUARY
IN EACH YEAR.]

£	s.	d.	Collected on cards—			
			Almon, Miss Emma	1	0	0
His Excellency Sir John			Cogswell, Miss Isabella	1	0	0
Harvey	5	0	Creighton, Miss C. C.	0	3	9
Almon, Hon. M. B.	1	0	Creighton, Miss Mary	0	5	11
Almon, Mrs. W. B.	0	12	Delesdernier, Miss	0	13	9
Almon, Dr. W. J.	0	10	Dunbar, Mrs. William	1	8	9
Ditto, a donation	1	0	Howe, Miss Harriet C.	1	0	0
Almon, Mrs. W. J.	0	10	Ince, Master G. J.	0	9	4½
Aikins, Mr. Thos. B.	0	10	Lawson, Miss Isabella	1	1	10½
Albro & Co.	0	10	Uniacke, Master A. & F.	0	16	10½
Allison, Mr. Jonathan C.	1	0	Wells, Miss	-	2	10
Archibald, Mr. Peter S.	0	10	Dalton, Capt. C. J., R. A.	0	7	6
Avery, Dr. James F.	1	0	DeWolf, Dr. James R.	0	5	0
Barkman, Miss	0	5	DuCane, Lieut. F., R. E.	1	0	0
Barss, Mr. John W.	1	0	Dunbar, Mr. William	0	10	0
Bell and Black	0	10	E. A. S., by Mr. J. Naylor	0	10	0
Bell, Dr.	0	5	Elliot, Mr. Alexander	1	0	0
Bell, Mr. William	0	2	Etter, Mrs. Benjamin	0	10	0
Bessonett & Brown	0	10	E. C., Mrs. per Wm. Howe	0	6	3
Binney, Mrs. N. H.	0	10	Fairbanks, Mrs. Joseph	0	2	6
Binney, Mr. Edward	0	10	Fairbanks, Mr. Samuel P.	1	0	0
Black, Mr. Martin G.	0	10	Fenerty, Mr. James W.	2	10	0
Blair, Mr. Adam G.	0	5	Fife, Mr. Adam C.	-	0	10
Boggs, Mr. Charles	0	10	Fife, Mr. Clement II.	-	0	12
Boggs, Mr. Henry	0	10	Fife, Mr. Wm. G.	-	0	10
Boggs, Mr. Thomas, jr.	0	10	Fraser, Mr. Alexander G.	0	10	0
Braine, Mrs. John H.	0	5	Friend, by Rev. Dr. Twi-			
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Brown, Mr. Thomas A.	1	0	Pictou	-	1	0
Buskirk, Dr. L. E. Van	0	10	Grant, Miss	-	0	5
Clark, Mr. John	2	0	Grigor, Hon. Wm.	-	0	10
Clarke, Mr. Joseph	0	10	Groves, the Misses	-	0	5
Cleary, Mr. Charles M.	0	10	Hare & McAuliffe, Messrs.	0	10	0
Cogswell, Hon. H. H.	1	0	Hare, Mr. David	-	2	10
Cogswell, Mr. James C.	1	0	Hartley, Mr. Henry	-	0	10
Cogswell, Miss Mary C.	0	3	Harvey, Mr. Henry E.	0	10	0
Cogswell, Miss Emily S.	0	3	Hill, Mr. Henry G.	-	0	5
Collins, Hon. Enos	5	0	Hill, Capt. N. T.	-	1	0
Creighton, Colonel Jos.	1	0	Hill, Mr. P. Carteret	-	1	0
Creighton, Mr. Jas. G. A.	0	10	Hill, Mr. Jas. J.	-	0	5
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Johnston, Mrs. E.	0 10 0	Silver, Mr. William N.	2 0 0
Langley, Mr. William	0 5 0	Silver, Mr. William C.	1 0 0
Lawrence, R. B. Lieut.-		Silver, Mr. John	1 0 0
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LeCain, Mr. Francis	0 10 0	Smithers, Mr. George	0 5 0
Livingston, Mr. Thos. B.	0 10 0	Smithers, Mr. James B.	0 5 0
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Myers, Major	1 0 0	Uniacke, Andrew M. Esq.	1 0 0
Noble, Mr. Robert	0 10 0	Uniacke, Mrs. N. F.	1 0 0
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Passow, Mr. Frederick M.	0 10 0	Walker, Lt. E. L., R.E.	1 0 0
Paw, Mr. George A. V.	0 10 0	Wallace, Mr. John	1 0 0
Prescott, Dr.	0 10 0	Watson, Mr. Henry M.	1 0 0
Pryor, Mr. Henry	0 10 0	Wetmore, Mr. Robert H.	0 5 0
Pryor, Mr. William, jun.	1 0 0	White, Mr. Samuel A.	1 0 0
Rennels, Mr. William	0 10 0	Wier, Mr. Benjamin	0 10 0
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Robie, Hon. S. B.	1 10 0	Woodgate, Arthur, Esq.,	
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Ross, Mrs. John, senr.	0 5 0	Yeomans, Mrs.	0 10 0
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Amounts collected on the Eastern Shores of Nova Scotia.

Proceeds of Fish collect-		Ditto for Library	0 8 9
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Proceeds of Fish collect-		Alexander, Mr. J.	0 15 8½
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Bailey, Mr. W.	-	-	0	5	0	McDermid, Mrs.	-	0	2	6
Baker, Samuel	-	-	0	1	3	McDermid, Henry	-	0	0	7½
Clarke, Miss	-	-	0	7	6	McDermid, Elizabeth	-	0	0	7½
Clarke, Miss A. J.	-	-	0	7	6	McDermid, Sarah Letitia	-	0	0	7½
Davis, Mr. James	-	-	0	2	6	McKinlay, Mr. W.	-	0	2	0
Davis, Robert	-	-	0	1	3	McKinlay, Mrs.	-	0	1	3
Davis, Hannah	-	-	0	0	3	McKinlay, Hannah	-	0	0	3
Dryden, Mr. T.	-	-	0	1	3	McKinlay, Sophia	-	0	1	3
Dryden, Mrs.	-	-	0	1	3	McKinlay, George	-	0	1	3
Dryden, Catherine	-	-	0	0	7½	McKinlay, Jacob	-	0	1	3
Dryden, Hannah	-	-	0	0	7½	McKinlay, William	-	0	1	3
Elliot, Doctor	-	-	0	5	0	McKinlay, Jesse	-	0	1	3
Elliot, Mrs	-	-	0	5	0	McKinlay, Knight	-	0	1	3
Elliot, Miss	-	-	0	5	0	Mailman, Jacob	-	0	1	3
Elliot, Henry	-	-	0	1	3	Mailman, Mrs.	-	0	1	3
Elliot, George	-	-	0	1	3	Moser, Mr. George	-	0	1	3
Elliot, William	-	-	0	1	3	Moser, Mrs.	-	0	1	3
Elliot, Joseph	-	-	0	1	3	Moser, Hannah	-	0	0	7½
Elliot, Charles	-	-	0	1	3	Moser, Priscilla	-	0	0	6
Elliot, Albert	-	-	0	1	3	Moser, Matthias	-	0	1	3
Hemlow, Mr. H	-	-	0	5	0	Moser, Jacob	-	0	0	7½
Hemlow, Mrs.	-	-	0	1	3	Moser, Sarah	-	0	0	4½
Hemlow, James	-	-	0	2	6	Moser, Matthew	-	0	0	7½
Hemlow, Nancy	-	-	0	0	7½	Munro, Mr. T Whitehead	-	0	5	2½
Hemlow, Elizabeth	-	-	0	0	7½	Mitchell, Walter	-	0	1	3
Hemlow, Mary	-	-	0	0	7½	Nawffts, Mr.	-	0	0	6
Hemlow, Mr. William	-	-	0	2	6	Nawffts, Mrs.	-	0	0	6
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Hemlow, Maria	-	-	0	1	3	Nickerson, David	-	0	0	3
Hemlow, John	-	-	0	1	3	Pride, William	-	0	1	3
Hartland, Mrs.	-	-	0	1	3	Pye, Mrs. L.	-	0	2	6
Hartland, Elizabeth	-	-	0	0	7½	Pye, Matilda	-	0	1	3
Hartland, Sophia	-	-	0	0	7½	Pye, Mary	-	0	1	6
Hunter, Mary	-	-	0	0	3	Pye, Margaret	-	0	0	7½
Jewers, George	-	-	0	1	3	Pye, Elizabeth	-	0	0	7½
Jack, Mr. A.	-	-	0	1	3	Pye, Malinda	-	0	0	3
Jack, Mrs.	-	-	0	0	7½	Pye, Mr. Charles, senr.	-	0	1	6
Jack, Catherine	-	-	0	0	7½	Pye, Mary Ann	-	0	1	3
Jack, Rachael	-	-	0	0	7½	Pye, Catherine	-	0	0	7½
Jackson, Thomas	-	-	0	0	7½	Pye, Sarah Jane	-	0	0	7½
Kirkee, Miss	-	-	0	0	7½	Ryan, Mr. T	-	0	5	0
Lang, Jacob	-	-	0	2	6	Rubar, Mr. John	-	0	1	3
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MacDaniel, Mr. James	-	-	0	2	6	Rudolf, Mr. Alexander	-	0	1	3
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MacDaniel, Lydia	-	-	0	0	2½	Rudolf, Mr. W.	-	0	1	3
MacDaniel, Mrs. John	-	-	0	1	3	Rudolf, Mrs.	-	0	0	7½
MacDaniel, Alfred	-	-	0	0	3	Redman, Mr.	-	0	1	3
MacDaniel, Adelaide	-	-	0	0	3	Redman, Mrs.	-	0	1	3
McDermid, Mr. John	-	-	0	2	6	Redman, Henry	-	0	0	7½

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Smith, Mr. Thomas	0	1	3	Smith, Jemima	-	-	0	0	1½
Smith, Mr. John sen.	0	0	7½	Smith, James U.	-	-	0	0	7½
Smith, Mrs.	0	0	7½	Smith, W. H.	-	-	0	0	7½
Smith, John	0	0	6	Smith, R. F.	-	-	0	0	3
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Smith, George, sen.	0	0	7½	Smith, Susan	-	-	0	0	1½
Smith, George, jun.	0	0	7½	Smith, Martha	-	-	0	0	1½
Smith, Jacob	0	1	0	Smith, Lavina	-	-	0	0	1½
Smith, Mrs.	0	0	6	Smith, W. E.	-	-	0	0	1½
Smith, Harriet	0	0	1½	Smith, W. C.	-	-	0	0	2
Smith, Naomi	0	0	1½	Smith, S. A.	-	-	0	0	2
Smith, Mr. William	0	1	3	Smith, Edward	-	-	0	0	1½
Smith, Mrs.	0	1	3	Sinclair, Mr. W.	-	-	0	5	0
Smith, Thomas	0	0	7½	Sinclair, Mrs.	-	-	0	5	0
Smith, Mrs. T.	0	0	7½	Sinclair, D. A. & W. C.	-	-	0	5	0
Smith, James	0	0	1½	Sinclair, the Misses	-	-	0	5	0
Smith, J. A.	0	0	2	Knodle, Mr. B. H.	-	-	0	5	0
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Smith, J. A.	0	0	1½	Knodle, G. W.	-	-	0	0	7½
Smith, D. E.	0	0	1½	Knodle, E. C.	-	-	0	0	7½
Smith, C. S.	0	0	1½	Knodle, M. A.	-	-	0	0	7½
Smith, J. H.	0	0	1½	MacKenzie, Mr. A. P.	-	-	0	2	6
Smith, Eliza	0	0	1½	MacIntosh, Mr. James	-	-	0	2	6
Smith, Margaret Ann	0	0	2	MacIntosh, Mrs.	-	-	0	1	3

DR. *The Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial
Church Society, in Acct. with Edward Binney, Treasurer.*

		£	s.	d.
1847.				
Decr. 22.	To paid the Secretary of the Association for Blank Book Stationery, &c.	-	0	5 2½
30.	To paid James Bowes for printing 500 Pamphlets	-	4	7 6
1848.				
Jan'y. 27.	To paid the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee expenses of two Meetings	-	0	10 1
Feb. 12.	To paid the Bank of B. N. America for a Bill on London, £50 Sterling	-	62	15 6
March 9.	To paid for Blank Books and Stationery for use of the Treasurer	-	0	8 0
10.	To paid Thomas Hood for candles, fuel and attendance at Committee Meeting	-	0	4 4
June 29.	To paid the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee expenses of a Committee Meeting	-	0	2 6
Decr. 14.	To paid James Bowes for printing 400 Summonses to Meetings	-	0	8 9
	To paid expenses of Quarterly Meetings in September and December	-	0	11 6
19.	To Balance - - - - -	-	18	16 3½
			£88	9 8

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1847.	By amount of Donations and Annual Subscriptions received from November 30, 1847 to November 30 1848, inclusive,	86	4	11
1848.				
April 29.	By Cash from Thos Wilson for books sold on account of the Society	-	1	4 9
Decr. 14.	By Annual Subscriptions to date	-	1	0 0
			£88	9 8
By balance carried to new account		-	18	16 3½
Halifax, N. S. 19th Decr., 1848.				

EDWD. BINNEY, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

M. B. ALMON,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
EDM. F. STEWART,		
P. C. HILL.		

N. B.—This Account was omitted by mistake from the Report of last year.

DR. *The Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial Church Society, in Acct. with Edward Binney, Treasurer.*

		£	s.	d.	
1849.					
Jan. 17.	To paid for advertising, printing, &c., viz:				
	"British Colonist" - - -	£3	15	9	
	"Morning Courier," - - -	0	6	3	
	"Morning Chronicle," - - -	0	5	0	
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18.	To paid for use of Masonic Hall for General Meeting,		4	7	0
Febv. 7.	" Postage on Reports sent to Country		2	10	0
10.	" Printing 300 Reports, &c.		0	5	0
28.	" Paper Case for use of Treasurer		7	14	4
Mar. 22.	" Bill on London, £60 Stg. at 13½ per cent. pre.		75	13	4
June 16.	" Do. do. £20 Stg. at 13½ "		25	2	3
	" Fitting up Masonic Hall for General Meeting				
	Decr., 1848 - - -		1	18	6
	" Expense of Committee Meeting:				
	March - - -	£0	4	9	
	June - - -	0	4	9	
	September - - -	0	2	6	
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Decr. 10.	To Balance - - -		0	12	0
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					£132 4 9

		CR.	£	s.	d.
1848.					
Decr. 20.	By balance from former Account		13	16	3½
22.	By collection at the General Meeting of the Society at Masonic Hall		9	12	8
1849.	By Donations and Annual Subscriptions received from January to December, inclusive		103	15	9½
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	By balance carried to new account		£132	4	9
Halifax, N. S. 10th December, 1849.			£13	2	0

EDW. BINNEY, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

S. A. WHITE, } *Com. for*
W. C. SILVER, } *adjusting Accts.*

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
OF THE
**COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY IN NOVA-SCOTIA,
FOR 1849.**

Subscriptions and Donations collected in Halifax	
by the Association - - -	£113 8 5½
Amount collected on the Eastern Shore -	16 0 6½
	£129 9 0
Less expenses of the Association at Halifax, }	
as per Treasurer's Account, - - - - }	18 7 2
	£111 1 10

EXPENDITURE.

Amount paid to seven Catechists and Teachers	303 15 0
Amount paid to seven Female Teachers -	70 0 0
Amount received from the Parent Committee in	
Books - - - -	72 10 0
Incidental expenses of the Corresponding Com-	
mittee - - - -	6 2 0
Travelling expenses of Mr. Alexander, to	
Kennetcook - - - -	4 7 6
	£456 14 6
