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(*Incorporated by Act of the Provincial Legislature in 1850*).

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STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

(Adopted previously to the Act of Incorporation.)

" 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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An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial Church Society.

(Passed the 28th day of March, A. D. 1850.)

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

I. The persons hereinafter named, that is to say : Robert Fitzgerald Uniacke, John W. Ritchie, James G. A. Creighton, William Howe, Henry Ince, Thomas A. Brown, and all such other persons as now are Members of the Society, called the "Halifax Association, in aid of the Colonial Church Society," and their Successors, are hereby created a Body Corporate, by the name of "The Halifax Association, in aid of the Colonial Church Society," and by that name shall have Succession and a Common Seal, and by that name may sue and be sued, and may purchase, take, and hold Real and Personal Estate, and may let, sell, convey, or otherwise manage and dispose of the same, or any part thereof, and shall have power to make Bye-Laws for the rule and good management of the Association, the establishing of the Officers proper for the management of its affairs, and generally for the promotion of the interests of the Society ; but such Bye-Laws shall not be contrary to the Laws of this Province or the provisions of this Act.

II. The Society shall not hold at any time Real Estate of greater value than Ten Thousand Pounds.

III. All persons paying an Annual Subscription of Ten Shillings or upwards, or making at one time a donation of Ten Pounds, when admitted, pursuant to the Bye-Laws, shall be Members of the Society ; but if such Annual Subscription or Donation shall not be actually paid into the Funds on or before the First day of April in each year, such Member shall cease to be a Member of the Society until the same shall be paid, or until such person shall otherwise become a Member thereof, under some Bye-Law or Rule of the Society.

IV. The Association shall be governed, and its affairs managed, by a Committee of not less than Fifteen Persons, comprising a President, Two Vice Presidents, and not less than Ten other Members, a Secretary and Treasurer—the Committee to be henceforth called the Executive Committee ; and such other Officers as the Society may deem proper.

V. The persons who now hold the offices of President, Vice Presidents, Committee, Secretary and Treasurer, shall continue to be the President, Vice Presidents, Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer, until their Successors shall be elected under this Act.

VI. The Society shall have power to appoint its office-bearers at some General Meeting of the Society by a majority of the Members present, being not less than Twenty Members, according to the Bye-Laws to be made under and by virtue of this Act.

VII. All Donations to the Society shall be invested, under the direction of the Executive Committee, as a permanent fund for the benefit of the Society, and the Executive Committee shall be bound to account to the Society for all their Acts, Receipts, and Expenditures, and to make an Annual Report to the Society, at its General Meeting, of the progress and state of the Society, and of its affairs generally.

VIII. A General Meeting of the Society shall be held once in each year, and as much oftener as may be directed by any Rule or Bye-Law of the Society.

IX. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as there may be occasion, and any five of its members may form a quorum.

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THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE "HALIFAX ASSOCIATION IN AID OF THE COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY," was held at TEMPERANCE HALL, ON TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16, 1851.

HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, in the Chair.
The Rev. R. F. UNIACKE offered up prayer.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. TWINING;
Seconded by the Rev. GEO. HILL;

1. That, in adopting the Report now read, this Meeting desire to express their satisfaction at the very encouraging aspect of the Society's affairs, both at Home and in this Province: and while they bless God for the increased favor with which He has caused the Society to be regarded, and more especially for the exalted patronage lately bestowed, they would still recognize their dependance on Him alone, "by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by the Rev. R. F. UNIACKE;
Seconded by P. LYNCH, Esq.

2. That the gratitude of this Meeting is due to the Parent Society, not only for the Christian sympathy and aid so long extended to this Province, but also for its increased liberality during the past year, and for the contemplated enlargement of its operations amongst us.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by the Rev. EDMUND MATORIN;
Seconded by P. C. HILL, Esq.;

3. That, this Meeting sincerely rejoice that the Union of the Parent Society with the Newfoundland School Society, has opened up a prospect of more extended usefulness: and viewing the great spiritual destitution that prevails in the Province, they feel that a fresh necessity is now imposed upon them for more vigorous and self denying exertion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by J. W. RITCHIE, Esq. ;
 Seconded by THOS. A. BROWN, Esq. ;

4. That the thanks of this Meeting are due to his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, for the support he has given to the Society, since his arrival amongst us, and for his kindness in presiding on the present occasion: and that the undermentioned Gentlemen be the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to fill up vacancies: and all clergymen of the Church of England who are members of the Association. For Committee, see list on page iii.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISSIONARIES, CATECHISTS AND TEACHERS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

REV. THOS. DUNN,	<i>Clerical Superintendent,</i>	<i>Eastern Shores.</i>
" A. JORDAN,	<i>Country Harbour,</i>	<i>do.</i>
MR. JOS. ALEXANDER,	<i>St. Mary's, Super. Catechist,</i>	<i>do.</i>
" — RAY,	<i>Superdnt. of Sunday Schools,</i>	<i>do.</i>
MISS C. E. CLARKE,	<i>Schoolmistress, Necum Quoch,</i>	<i>do.</i>
MR. THOMAS WILSON,	<i>Catechist & Schoolmaster,</i>	<i>Three Mile House.</i>
" G. BAINBRIDGE,	<i>Schoolmaster,</i>	<i>Preston.</i>
MISS PARKER,	<i>Schoolmistress,</i>	<i>Nine Mile House.</i>
" GOREMAN,	<i>do.</i>	<i>St. Mary's River.</i>
MR. GEORGE SMITH,	<i>Catechist & Schoolmaster,</i>	<i>Cape John, River.</i>
MISS NICHOLS,	<i>Schoolmistress.</i>	<i>Sackville.</i>
MR. H. L. YEWENS,	<i>Catechist & Schoolmaster,</i>	<i>Shubenacadie R. (West).</i>

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Your Committee desire to record their sense of the Divine goodness in permitting them to meet the members and friends of this Association, under circumstances of encouragement, that even the most ardent could scarcely have anticipated on the last anniversary.

Hitherto, the promoters of this institution have had to encounter many difficulties, chiefly arising from those who have not thoroughly understood the objects or the operations of it.

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Your Committee now venture to hope, that the scruples of those who have thus "opposed themselves" will yet be entirely removed; and they rejoice at the many tokens afforded by recent events, both at Home and in this Province, that the clouds are passing away, and that brighter days are dawning upon the Society.

The most important occurrence to which your Committee desire to refer, is the change that has taken place in the name and position, but not in the principles or the objects, of the Parent Institution, resulting from its union with the "Newfoundland School Society." This latter Society had been in useful operation for more than 28 years, but had confined its benevolent effort, chiefly, if not entirely, to the Island of Newfoundland. Both these Societies having similar objects in view, and their operations being guided by the same principles, it seemed desirable to avoid the expense necessarily incurred by the double machinery of two separate organizations. After much previous deliberation between the respective Committees, the union of the two Societies was happily effected on the 1st of January last. The Report of the Parent Society, published since the union, thus alludes to this event.

"Based, as the the two Societies were, on the same great evangelical principles; maintained by the same class of supporters; and contemplating the same field of missionary labor, their amalgamation has long been an object of mutual desire to many of the subscribers and friends. Difficulties had, however, embarrassed previous negotiations, which an increasing sense of the claim of our Colonies on the sympathy of British christians, and a deeper conviction of the necessity of combined effort for the defence of our Protestant faith contributed alike to overcome; and the proposal of the respective Committees accordingly met with a response, which speedily removed every remaining obstacle, and enabled the united Society to commence operations with an encouraging prospect of success."

"While thus tracing the immediate causes which led to this important measure, the Committee would not omit to recognise the hand of One greater than man, to whom, in humble reverence, they would offer the ascription of praise, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake."

"At this early period, it would be premature to form a definite estimate of the financial results of the union; but the liberality which the occasion has called forth, and the increased interest manifested by the subscribers, and by the Christian public in general, encourage your Committee to contemplate an early enlargement of the Society's operations."

It has been announced to your Committee, that Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen has consented to become the Patron of the united Society; and that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have accepted the office of Vice-Patrons. Several Bishops and Noblemen have also accepted office as Vice-Presidents.

Your Committee, among other subjects of congratulation, have much pleasure in stating, that his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, after due inquiry and deliberation, both before and since his arrival, has seen no cause to disapprove of the principles of the Society, or its operations in this Province; and has declared his approval thereof, by taking the Presidency of the Corresponding Committee, and by kindly consenting to become one of the Patrons of this Association. His Lordship has also been elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Parent Society.

Your Committee have likewise much pleasure in reporting, that the Ven. the Archdeacon of this Diocese has also consented to be placed on the list of the Corresponding Committee.

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Your Committee have every reason to believe, that the efficiency of the Society in this Province will, in future, be very largely increased.

The Parent Committee, yielding to the urgent appeals made to them from the Corresponding Committee, have unanimously decided upon sending out, as Clerical Agent and Superintendent of the Society's affairs in this Province, the Rev. Thos. Dunn, for many years in the employment of the Newfoundland School Society, and one of its most efficient teachers and agents in that Island.

The Rev. A. Jordan, well known in this community, formerly the Society's teacher at the Three Mile House, and subsequently at Pugwash, having been admitted to Holy Orders by the Bishop of Gibraltar, has since been sent by the Parent Committee to this Province; and is now stationed at Country Harbour, on the Eastern Shores. Mr. Jordan, for several years after his removal from amongst us, was very usefully employed as a Catechist, in the Island of Malta. The value of his exertions in that quarter, will be seen by reference to the various printed Reports of the Parent Society.

The Bishop of the Diocese has consented to ordain Mr. Jos. Alexander, the Society's Superintending Catechist on the Eastern Shores. As soon, therefore, as he shall have been admitted to Holy Orders, the Society will have three Clerical Agents in this Province. This new, and encouraging feature in the history of the Society in this Colony, calls for our warmest gratitude to God; and should stimulate us to earnest prayer, that His Holy Spirit may make these men willing instruments in His hands for the promotion of his own glory. The Parent Committee in announcing their satisfaction at this change, state their "intense anxiety to be guided aright in their selection of Agents;" and pray for "a spirit of discernment and wisdom, in the great and holy cause in which they are engaged."

It has also been decided by the Parent Committee, to establish at Halifax, a Depot with a stock of every requisite for School keeping: together with Bibles, books for lending libraries, &c. Also, to establish a Central School at Halifax, for the training of teachers: with a view to obviate, if possible, the necessity of sending to England for them.

In the month of March last, your Committee having received an offer from the Parent Committee, to the effect

that if the Association would guarantee the remittance of £100 stg. for the present year, they on their part would vote the sum of £400 stg. in addition thereto, for the service of the Province for the same year; your Committee at once unanimously resolved to accept this very liberal offer, and they have the pleasure of stating that through the increased liberality of the friends of the Society, they will be enabled to redeem this pledge.

Liberal grants have been voted by the Parent Committee, for several new stations, which it would be desirable to occupy; but it has hitherto been found impossible to procure teachers with the necessary qualifications; for the same reason, several stations formerly occupied by the Society's Agents have remained vacant during the past year.

The Parent Committee state in their report, that they hope to be able "to send out a few female teachers, qualified to introduce into the Society's Schools the improved modes of tuition, which are so largely benefitting the Mother Country."

Your Committee cannot forbear to express their sincere regret for the loss sustained by the Parent Society, in the sudden death of the late Mr. Cavie Richardson, which took place at P. E. Island in March last. Mr. R. spent 12 years in the service of the Society in these Colonies, and will long be remembered for his simple and fervent piety, and for the warm interest he ever took in supplying the spiritual and educational wants of the destitute portions of our country. The people of the Eastern Shores claimed the greatest share of his sympathy and labor, and by them he has ever been, and will long continue to be, held in the most affectionate remembrance. Mr. R. was the successful pioneer of the Society in this Province. The fruit of his exertions can be seen on reference to the report published by himself in 1845; the first ever put forth on behalf of the Society in this Province. Mr. R. did not live to witness the favorable aspects which the affairs of the Society are now assuming. Yet the Committee have been informed, that notwithstanding many causes of anxiety on its behalf, he latterly expressed his confident belief, that better days were approaching, and that the Society would at length be abundantly blessed, both at home, and in these Colonies. Some characteristic extracts are hereafter given shewing his warm attachment to the Eastern Shores.

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Your Committee have also to regret the removal from among their number during the present year of the late Dr. Hoffman, who took an active part in the formation of this Association, and always continued a warm and zealous friend in promoting its objects and welfare.

The Committee express their gratitude to the unknown contributor of £24, as "*a thank-offering to the Colonial Church Society.*" Also to Hon. H. H. Cogswell, President of the Association, for a further donation this year of Ten Pounds in addition to his annual subscription.

THREE MILE HOUSE.

The Sunday and Day Schools at this place are still under the very efficient management of Mr. Thos. Wilson. An examination of the Day School took place in July last, before the Rev. Dr. Twining, the Revds. the Rector and Curate of St. George's, the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee, and the Secretary and several other members of the Association. The scholars exhibited very commendable proficiency in the several branches of common school education, and manifested an intelligent acquaintance with the various subjects upon which they were examined. The visitors expressed themselves highly gratified at the appearance and state of the School, and the orderly and respectful behavior of the children. It is to be regretted that the parents of many of the children should think it necessary to detain them at home so frequently, as the labor of months is often lost by long continued interruption of the regular period of instruction. A short report just received from Mr. Wilson, is given below:—

" November 27th, 1851.

" I now undertake to send a little account of the state of our School at the Three Mile House: and in doing so, I extremely regret that I cannot furnish you with any one particularly interesting event for the encouragement of the Committee of that Society, which has already conferred, and is still conferring, such incalculable blessings upon the rising generation.

" I have enrolled since January last, 73 names on the Day School list; the average daily attendance being about 40. Our Sunday School is not so large, but more regularly attended by about 30 children: the average being about 25, eight of whom do not belong to our Day School; making in the aggregate, 81 children, who receive more or less instruction yearly by means of the Colonial

Church and School Society, without whose aid a permanent School could not be sustained at this place.

"I feel very awkward in attempting to make any report of our School, inasmuch as it falls to my lot to have to say what I am doing, rather than any manifest good being done. But I think that I am laboring with that ability which God has given me; being impressed with the great responsibility under which I do labor, well knowing that I shall have to render an account to Him at the last day, of the manner in which I perform the duties of my station. And, although I cannot give you such interesting details as I would wish, such, as I see by the printed reports, you receive from other labourers of your Society, yet, when I reflect upon the circumstance of 70 or 80 children yearly receiving religious and moral instruction, and that they will necessarily be scattered over this wide world, and that they may carry light and truth to some benighted souls, or, at least, that God's Word, perhaps now imperceptibly received into their hearts, may yet be watered with the dew of Heaven, and produce in them that faith in the merits of a crucified Saviour, which worketh by love, enabling them thereby to live Holy and godly lives, I cannot but feel encouraged, and look to the future, believing that labor in the Lord will not be in vain."

NINE MILE HOUSE.

The Day and Sunday Schools at this place have been satisfactorily conducted during the past year, by Miss Parker. These Schools are attended by nearly every child in the district. The former numbers about 40, and the latter 30. Many of them appear to be remarkably anxious for instruction, and some are very intelligent. All who attend the Sunday School have committed to memory a great number of Hymns, Psalms and chapters of the Bible.

The following account of an examination of the Day School in June last, is copied from one of the city papers:—

"An interesting examination of the School established and supported by the Colonial Church and School Society, near the Nine Mile House, took place on Friday last at 2 p. m.

"Several members of the Halifax Association, and a very large number of ladies and gentlemen from the city and neighbourhood attended, and were kindly welcomed by the Rev. A. Gray, Rector of Sackville, and the Trustees of the School. About 40 children, male and female, receive instruction at this School, under the able direction of Miss Parker. The School house is situated at the head of the Basin, near Ward's Inn, in a quiet corner on the left hand side of the road. The room was tastefully adorned with green

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boughs and wild flowers, and the walls covered with maps, instructive pictures, &c., altogether giving such an impression of cheerfulness, as made the visitor sigh for the sunny days of childhood. The Rev. Mr. Gray having opened the proceedings with prayer, examined the several classes in the various branches of common school instruction, in all which they exhibited very creditable proficiency. We understand that no particular preparation was made for this occasion, but that this was a mere random specimen of the progress and capabilities of the scholars. We noticed some fine manly countenances among the lads, and some sweet intelligent faces among the girls. May they all have a bright and happy career in after life! At the close of the examination, the Rev. Mr. Gray briefly addressed the children, and conveyed to them on behalf of the visitors present, the great pleasure they had received from what they had witnessed.

"The reverend gentleman said, he could not allow this opportunity to pass, without acknowledging the debt of gratitude he owed to the Society for their support of this School. Without their aid these children would be entirely destitute of the means of instruction. He felt that this School was of immense service to him in his parish. He alluded to the objection at one time made to this Society—that it had no Episcopal sanction at home. He was glad to learn that this objection no longer existed, as both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York, had now become members of it.

"The Trustees of the School thanked the visitors for the interest they had manifested, and handed the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee the following address:

Bedford Basin, June 13th, 1851.

"TO THE CORRESPONDING COMMITTEE OF THE COLONIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL SOCIETY.

"Gentlemen.—We, the undersigned, on behalf of the subscribers to the 'Bedford Union School,' hereby tender our grateful thanks for the generous aid received through the Society, towards the instruction of our children, and trust that the progress made by the scholars since the last annual examination is satisfactory. Your choice of Miss Parker as a Teacher, is worthy of notice, as she gives general satisfaction to the parents, and the children are much attached to her.

"The Sunday School under her care is a great blessing to the rising generation. Hoping they will grow up in the fear of God, and in grateful remembrance of the Colonial Church and School Society,

We remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

ALEX. KISSOCH,

JAS. DOYLE,

THOS. BLOIS,

} Trustees.

"Friends of the Society and others interested in the cause of education, will do well to pay a visit to this School, as they pass up the road."

The Committee acknowledge the receipt of 25s. collected and forwarded through the Trustees of this School.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.

Your Committee regret that renewed ill health, together with the laborious nature of the duties imposed upon her, again compelled Miss Nichols to retire from the charge of the Schools at this station.

The Schools will be re-opened, however, as soon as a suitable Teacher can be procured. The Society has granted £20 a year for a male Teacher; or £10 each for two female Teachers, for these Schools.

SACKVILLE.

Upon the urgent request of several of the leading persons of this district, and with the assent of the Society, Miss Nichols was induced in the course of the summer, to undertake the charge of a new School at this place, 13 miles from Halifax; and thus reports, under date 5th Novr. last:—

"I have had many discouragements in commencing the School. Among the worst is the unfitness of the School house, and also the inconvenient room that is now used as a substitute until that is repaired.

"My work, notwithstanding, goes on pretty smoothly and happily. My health has been better, and labor lighter, than in former Schools, and I trust that by and by the richness of the blessing will amply compensate for the toil. The Day and Sunday Schools have numbered about 40 during the three months I have been here. Upon this little nursery of souls I look with a great deal of pleasure, and hope that the Lord will bless it; that from hence may spring up many trees of the Lord's planting."

PRESTON.

Mr. George Bainbridge conducts two Sabbath Schools for the colored children here, numbering about 80. The children have been taught to read the Word of God, and Sunday School books, repeat Hymns, and reply to questions proposed from the Scriptures. Their progress has been satisfactory, and highly creditable to the diligence of Mr. B. Before these Schools were established scarcely one child knew even the alphabet.

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Mr. B. also gives instruction, two evenings in the week, to such of the colored population as choose to attend. Several availing themselves of these opportunities, have acquired a very fair knowledge of writing and arithmetic.

PEGGY'S COVE, FRENCH VILLAGE, BEAVER BANK, HALF WAY COVE.

Small sums have been voted for each of these new stations, but they are as yet unoccupied for want of suitable teachers.

KENNETCOOK, ROCKVILLE, MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOUR.

All these stations have been vacant during the past year, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring suitable teachers.

RIVER JOHN (COUNTY OF PICTOU).

Mr. George Smith, Licensed Lay Reader and Catechist, continues to hold Church services, and to conduct a Day and Sunday School at this station. The spirit in which he is performing the duties devolving upon him, will be seen by his own modest estimate of the results of his labors as set forth in the reports below. Mr. Smith has forwarded the sum of £2 5s., amount of collection made by himself among the poor people of his district, which is gratefully acknowledged. Your Committee have satisfactory evidence of Mr. Smith's usefulness in this sphere of action.

"River John, April 1st, 1851.

"Two years have now elapsed since my appointment to this place. It is only known to Him who knoweth all things, how far I may have been instrumental in advancing the cause of our dear Redeemer. I do feel that my heart is engaged in the work. I am ashamed of myself on account of my numerous past sins, and remaining corruptions, but I think that I am not ashamed of Jesus, that dear friend who shed his precious blood to wash out all our guilty stains. During last summer I was troubled with a bad cough, but was still enabled to attend both to my Sunday services, and day School; but having taken a fresh cold about the end of November last, I became so ill that I gave up my day School. Indeed I did not expect to get better. My illness prevented me from holding Divine Service the two first Sundays in December, since which time I have gradually been getting better, and am now enjoying pretty good health. As I was getting better, I at first held service once on each Sabbath. During the last year I have held forty one services. At four of my stations nearly all the people

kneel at prayer; sometimes our services are very solemn, and I have felt as if the Lord Jesus had indeed met with us, to bless us. It is my earnest prayer that the people among whom I labour, may all be enabled by God's grace, to receive Jesus Christ for their own Saviour.

"It is pleasing to see people join in our service, and listen to the sound of the Gospel, but how delightful it is to know that religion has a salutary influence upon all their thoughts, words, and actions. O! may God increase the number of those who are not only hearers, but doers of His Word. I regret that I am not able to do more for the glory of God; but at the same time I feel encouraged by the prospect of becoming more useful.

"October 1st, 1851.

"It would be delightful to see sinners in great numbers forsaking their evil ways, and becoming humble followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. But how true it is, that "strait is the gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Few comparatively that find it! but, sweet thought! they will not be few that have found it, when they come to be assembled in that happy place, which God hath prepared for them that love Him. It would afford me much pleasure, if I could say that several of those among whom I labor, have, by my instrumentality, been turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. But if I could say so, I might be tempted to be high-minded, and take part of that honor to myself, which belongs to God alone. I believe that God may use persons as instruments in His hands in bringing glory to Himself, and those persons may be ignorant of the good which they have been the means of doing; and may perhaps mourn over what *they* consider to be lost labor. Perhaps the fruit of my labors may be seen when I am laid in the grave, which I have some reason to think may not be at a distant period; though I know, that if it please God, he can renew my strength, and prolong my life. During the last half year, I have held 44 services. I assisted the Rev. Mr. Elliot at two services. One Sabbath morning while reading prayers, I grew faint, and could not proceed. On the afternoon of the same Sabbath I had no service; and on the afternoon of another, I was prevented by lameness from going to the Cape to hold service. One stormy Sabbath morning no persons attended; and on another Sabbath morning we met in the School-house, near the Church, where we joined in prayer and read a portion of the Scriptures, verse about. I also read a sermon. In the afternoon I went to the Cape, but not being expected, none had assembled. So I went to the house of one who is always glad to see me, and who delights to converse about heavenly things. A

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Mr. H. L. Yewens, Licensed Lay Reader and Catechist, is still pursuing his useful labors at this place, and gives very general satisfaction. A few extracts from his journal are given below :—

" *Saturday, January 22, 1851.*—A meeting of the subscribers to the Day School was held this afternoon. All expressed themselves very much satisfied with the School. At the close I addressed them, for a few moments, on the importance of sending their children to School regularly, and interesting themselves in their studies at home.

" *Sunday 16th.*—In the afternoon, I held my usual service at the Back Wood Settlement, which was attended by 36 persons. The inhabitants of this settlement have given proof of their appreciation of the value of these ministrations among them, by putting their School house in better order than it was when I first had service in it.

" I am truly pleased to be able to mention one beneficial effect that has flowed from these services here, namely, that some kind of Sunday labor, that used to be not uncommon among the people who attend, have now quite ceased.

" During the last three months, I have held over 15 services, and have distributed 1497 tracts. On one occasion, as I was going to hold a service, a young man came to meet me, wanting to buy one of the tracts I had previously lent him. Of course I told him to keep it without paying for it.

" *August 17.*—Left home early this morning for Five Mile River, a distance of 14 miles ; in the Church at which place, I read the morning service, and a sermon. The congregation, numbering about 90, were very attentive and responded pretty well. In the afternoon went to Rockville, 4 miles, and held a service, at which 80 persons were present.

" *Monday, August 25th.*—A year having passed since I commenced the Day School, a meeting of subscribers was held this evening at the School house. All expressed themselves highly gratified with the progress of the children in the School. One, a very decided presbyterian, also spoke much in commendation of the Sunday School. The Day School is but small, and has been so for a long time, a great part of the young people being often kept at home to help in farm work.

" It is anticipated that the number in attendance will be very much larger during the winter. That season is indeed the only

time in which anything deserving the name of a School can be assembled in this district. I made collections for the Society in June and July last, and received altogether £2. 4s. 7d. currency. These collections I intend to repeat quarterly. The amount collected is small,—but the people are mostly poor, and but few of them are Church people. Several who subscribed liberally are Presbyterians. The number at the Sunday School is about the same as before. I continue the distribution of tracts after each Church service.— They are thankfully taken and apparently much read.”

NECUM QUOCK (BAY OF ISLANDS).

Mr. Alexander thus reports under this head:—

“*March 1st.*—Spent the greater part of this day with Miss Cynthia Clarke and her scholars at Necum Quock. I was sorry to find that several of her little flock were prevented by sickness, and the weather, from attending School. That a general improvement has been made, is, I think, evident from the books of those who were absent, as well as of those present.

“*March 2nd.*—Met the Sunday School at 9½ a. m., and held Divine service at 11 in the School house. It was said between 70 and 80, besides small children were present. More would have attended had they been apprized of the service yesterday.

“*July 19th.*—Met Miss Cynthia Clarke’s School at Necum Quock. The children appeared to have made considerable advancement in the elementary branches, as in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, and English Grammar. The School at present is rather small, owing to local circumstances at this time of the year. Miss Clarke’s engagement with the people will terminate at the end of the present month.”

MOSER’S RIVER.

Miss A. J. Clarke having retired from this station, and removed to the United States, where she has since been married, the Day and Sunday Schools here have been ever since without a teacher.

Mr. Alexander reports as below:—

“*March 2nd.*—In the afternoon went to Moser’s River Sunday School, which is at present, also conducted by Miss Cynthia Clarke, in the absence of her sister, Anne Jane. The Sunday School numbers something more than 25, a fair attendance, considering the remarkably stormy weather we have had since the commencement of winter. The evening service which I held here was very well attended, as is generally the case at both these places when I visit them.

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"*March 3rd.*—In conversation with several of the inhabitants of Moser's River, I was sorry to hear that doubts are entertained of their ability to renew their engagement with Miss Anne Jane Clarke, or any other teacher this year, in consequence of the poverty of many of the people. They speak and think very highly of her, and will regret very much, should they not be able to raise the necessary sum towards her stipend.

"*July 19th, 1851.*—Moser's River is yet without its Day School. The people are generally very poor, and find it very difficult to obtain food and clothing for their children. A School of from 40 to 50 scholars is therefore likely to continue scattered abroad.

"Miss C. Clarke has endeavoured as far as circumstances would permit, to keep up the Sunday School there, as well as her own at Necum Quock. The number in attendance at these Sunday Schools, as appears in the list furnished me, is as follows, viz. :—
Moser's River School 49, Necum Quock School 27."

ST. MARY'S RIVER.

Miss Goreham has occupied this station very usefully during the past year.

Mr. Alexander in his journal, under date May 14th, thus reports of her labours :—

"Attended Miss Goreham's School according to appointment. The average attendance at the Day School is about 20. Miss G., I am happy to say, has much improved during the past winter, and appears to have acquired more confidence and method as regards discipline and communicating instruction. I re-organized the Sunday School in the afternoon, 24 were entered, more were expected.

Miss Goreham also writes, under date 1st October last, as follows :—

"I have nothing of importance to communicate. Every thing goes on smoothly. The Day School is not very large. But the Sunday School is rather more encouraging, having an attendance of from 30 to 35, when the weather is fine. Indeed, I feel sometimes how much I need teaching myself, when I enter the Sunday School, and see so many looking up to me for instruction. I trust God will vouchsafe a blessing upon my feeble endeavours to advance His kingdom in this place, among the lambs of his flock. I have enjoyed much consolation in committing myself, and all my concerns, into the hands of my covenant-keeping God ; for I know that "He is able to keep that which is committed to his trust until the great day."

A very satisfactory examination of the Schools under Miss G.'s charge was held on the 25th October last; before Mr. Alexander and the Trustees. The children of the Sabbath School in addition to the Church Catechism, were able to repeat all the Miracles of our Saviour as recorded by St. John; besides a great number of Hymns from the "Sabbath School Hymn Book."

COUNTRY HARBOR.

With the exception of the Sunday Schools conducted by some of the people of this district, the inhabitants of this locality have been, for some time past, quite destitute of any regular means of instruction. Indeed the condition of these poor people, not only in spiritual, but also in temporal matters, is much to be deplored.

The Rev. A. Jordan, as previously stated, has lately been placed here by the Bishop of the Diocese; which judicious act of his Lordship, your Committee trust, will be the means of elevating the temporal and spiritual condition of this long neglected spot.

Mr. Jordan, in a letter forwarded since his arrival at this place, thus writes:—

"10th November, 1851.—I am happy to inform you that I have been permitted to commence my labors at this place. I have visited about half the families, and have seen most of the inhabitants. The Revs. Mr. Shreve and Breeding came over on Thursday last to make arrangement for me, not expecting I had arrived. We had a public meeting next day. Divine service was held before proceeding to business. Mr. Shreve urged the necessity of immediately building a house, if the people wished for a clergyman permanently to reside among them. The greatest unanimity prevailed, and all expressed their willingness to contribute to the utmost of their ability for this purpose, and to set about it at once. A Building Committee was appointed to fix upon a site, and make other arrangements for commencing the work.

"This settlement is the most destitute of all the places I have ever visited. Conceive of about 50 families, destitute of all the ordinances of religion, except very occasionally, when the Missionary can pay them a short visit. Without Schools, without a friend to guide or comfort, without any thing to distinguish the Sabbath from other days; children and young persons growing up without order, neatness, or regularity; scarcely knowing their right hand from their left, as regards spiritual matters. The houses and

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"The house is of the first importance, as I am now living with Mr. A——, the only place where I could be accommodated, at a good deal of inconvenience to him. I would therefore strongly recommend the necessity of foregoing the subscriptions for my support, for the first year, in order that these may be appropriated to the building. Our Church will require some immediate repairs, and then again we have no School."

EXTRACTS FROM MR. ALEXANDER'S JOURNAL.

Your Committee recommend to the notice of the christian public, the following illustrative extracts from the journal of Mr. Jos. Alexander, the Society's Superintending Catechist, and Agent along the Eastern Shores.

Mr. Alexander, it is expected, will shortly be ordained to the ministry, and in assuming this more responsible position, your Committee trust, he will exhibit the same untiring devotion to His Master's service, which he has displayed during the many years in which he has so faithfully labored for the spiritual advancement of the people under his superintendence.

TOILSOME JOURNEY THROUGH THE FOREST IN WINTER.

January 1st, 1851.—The day being fine and mild, I was advised by my friends to embrace it, and set out for St. Mary's, especially as three or four persons had gone through the forest on foot, and a track would be thus made for me. A track indeed was perceptible, but the men had not broken through the old crust. My pony did, and I found the snow nearly three feet deep. The pony gave up when he had got about three miles into the forest; I was at a loss what to do. I tried various methods, I had my valise buckled upon my own back, also my overcoat. Sometimes we stood for several minutes, then crawled for a few rods; so that following this plan, by the help of a kind providence we got out to friend T.'s house at the cross roads about dark. I was thankful indeed that I was not left to perish in the woods. Although the distance I had to wallow through the snow was only six miles, I had serious apprehensions. Here, I once more beg to remark, and to be distinctly understood,

that my reason for occasionally being minute in detailing my journeys, is merely to show how much time is necessarily occupied, and physical strength wasted in their performance.

REFLECTIONS ON THE NEW YEAR.

January 3rd, 1851.—Spared and brought safely through the year lately closed, and permitted by the gracious providence of Almighty God to enter upon another, I desire to record this expression of my gratitude for the innumerable mercies vouchsafed to me during the past; and to bless the Lord for all those comforts of His grace, wherewith he has sustained and refreshed my soul in the house of my pilgrimage. I have been suffered to want nothing truly good for me, notwithstanding the toil and weariness which I have often had necessarily to undergo, for during the past year, I have encountered more stormy weather, and been more exposed than in any previous year along this rugged shore. And yet, upon the whole, I cannot but acknowledge that health and strength (with but few interruptions) friends and comforts, both at home and abroad, have been largely conferred on me, and I have only to regret, that I have thought too little of that great and gracious Lord, to whom I owe them all. Before Him I desire to humble myself, and pray that He will pardon my deep and continued unworthiness. I cannot feel sufficiently thankful to God that my imperfect and humble labors in His cause continue through His blessing to be acceptable to the people under my care. And I have a confident, but humble hope, that my poor endeavours have not been unproductive of good. To God be the praise and glory. I desire, through God's assistance, to pursue my way, and "to work while it is day." I feel that I have a great and important work to do. May the Holy Spirit teach me, that I may instruct the poor and untutored, not "*with words of man's wisdom,*" but with that "*wisdom which cometh down from above.*"

NEW EVENING SERVICE AT SHERBROOKE (EAST).

January 8th, 1851.—At the request of our friends and neighbours, I commenced an evening service, to be continued, D. V., every Wednesday evening during the winter, unless the weather permits me to go from home. The service this evening was well attended.

April 9th.—Held Divine Service in the evening which was well attended. These week day evening services, I have reason to believe, have been very beneficial to several individuals who have attended regularly since their commencement.

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January 10th.—Soliciting subscriptions at Sherbrooke. Our friends have to regret that it is not in their power, this year, to do much for the Society. Indeed, I was almost surprised that anything was subscribed, when I so well knew how they had exerted themselves to build the Church, which has cost them (and their number so small) about £120.

SERVICES AT LISCOMB.

January 16th.—Set out early this morning for Liscomb, accompanied by two youths, who kindly offered to go on ahead, and break the path for me. We arrived in time and commenced Divine service at the appointed hour, 11 a.m. The Sunday School was in full operation when we got there. Although I was not expected by several families, about fifty adults attended the service. Being somewhat fatigued with the unpleasant and long walk, I was prevailed upon to remain and hold another service in the evening, instead of returning to Jegoggin. At 7 in the evening the house was crowded with an attentive congregation.

EAGERNESS FOR INSTRUCTION.

January 17th.—Several of the female part of the community about Jegoggin Bay, having been prevented, by the badness of the track, from attending the services yesterday, followed me to the Head of the Bay, whither I had gone to visit a poor sick woman, a member of our communion. Between twenty and thirty individuals attended in the miserable hut where the sick woman lay. I held Divine service which was heartily engaged in by these poor people, who also appeared to "eat the word" as it was spoken. The poor woman was indeed very ill, and destitute of the common necessaries of life. She said, "O! my dear Sir, I suffer a good deal of pain, but, bless the Lord, I'm happy in my Saviour. O! He is good to me, sure I am, He does answer my poor prayers, I prayed he would send you to see me, and he has; O! I thank you for coming and for holding service." I left her in a happy frame of mind, promising when I got home to send something to alleviate her pain, and also something to supply her necessities.

INCIDENTS AT JEGOGGIN.

January 24th.—Went again to Jegoggin, accompanied by Mrs. A., to visit the poor sick woman and other families there. On entering H. R.'s house, she said, "Mr. Alexander, we have had a glorious time since you was here the other day, (the day on which the service was held, 17th) O! that Book, Sir, wot you lent to B. R.

As we were sitting up with the sick woman, and some of her children that are living out had come to see her too, last Friday night it was, B.R. read in that book a'most all night, and there was a something she read that struck poor George (a youth about 20 years of age) so powerfully, that he jumped upon his feet, and said 'the Lord has sent you here with that book this night, and me to hear it, I do believe. For the last five years where I've been living, they'ra been trying to shew me the right way, but I never heard anything in my life like what you have been reading in that ar book; bless the book!' 'O! my dear woman, do pray for me,' he said; so we all sung and prayed, and a happy night we had. Poor George said, O! that blessed hymn! you know it, Sir, where it says—

"This is the way I long have sought,
And mourned because I found it not.
My grief and burden long has been,
Because I could not cease from sin.
The more I strove against its power,
I sinned and stumbled but the more,
Till now I hear my Saviour say,
'Come hither soul,' I am the way."

When we sung that dear hymn, and poor George he cried, and prayed, and sung, and rejoiced, and so did we all. B. R. said, "let us trust in the Lord." Poor Jegoggin! who knows what He will do for us yet." May the Lord indeed bless them, even them. After visiting two other families, with whom we read and prayed, we returned home, much pleased with our visit; and not without receiving, as well as imparting, instruction. Here we saw (I believe) real happiness and contentment, amidst poverty and sickness. How true that Scripture is, "Godliness with contentment is great gain."

LATE MR. CAVIE RICHARDSON.

April 12th.—To-day I was startled on receiving a letter written in the well known hand of our dear departed friend, Mr. C. Richardson, the last letter he ever penned, written only two days before he was struck with paralysis. This, like most other of his letters to me, shows his anxious desire for the prosperity of the Society, and the glory of God in the salvation of souls through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. To me this is a sad bereavement. I feel it most acutely, and the more so, because our views of the Saviour; our anxiety for the souls of the poor and destitute; and our hopes and aims appeared to be the same. And in no one thing, do I ever remember that we disagreed. A few short extracts from his letters will shew how much he was attached to the Eastern Shores of Nova Scotia: "O! how I would like once more to see the Shores! No place like the Eastern Shores! Do give my love to all the people from one end to the other." In another, "I have abundance

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of respects to my shore friends. The EASTERN SHORES! I wish you and I were ordained and had the Eastern Shores, no place to me like the Eastern Shores. Well, we shall reap an abundant harvest from the Eastern Shores; Glory be to thee, O Lord. Let us commit all to God in earnest prayer, be in full stretch for eternity, the day will soon end, let us work 'before the night cometh, when no man can work.' Work, work." At another time he writes, "I see no hope or prospect of visiting the Shores this year. Alas! Alas! The very sound of Eastern Shores does my soul good. Yes, New Harbour, Jegoggin, Hecum Secum, or anywhere if it is only Eastern Shores. Well the best way to meet all events, is to be in the way of duty. 'Blessed is that servant, who, when the Lord cometh, is so doing.' May we enjoy much inward religion and give our lives up for service, active service." And in the last letter he ever penned, he says, "O! Eastern Shores, I do love you! O! for one month to trudge about with you, but it cannot be this year also, do then try and visit us here." Often when travelling together under a scorching sun along this shore, with our luggage on our shoulders, he would say, "Well, this is a bit like Missionary work, but what of a fatigued body! Let us always consider *who* is our Master, and what an honour to work for Christ and souls. Well, we must lean on the Lord, bear our weight on Him, body and soul for time and eternity. What sweet comforting words in Isaiah, sweet soul cheering words! I live on them and such like every day. 'In quietness and confidence is your strength.' 'He taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in them that hope in His mercy. 'Fear not,' says our Lord, 'for I am with thee.'" I believe Mr. R. was a man of God and a faithful agent of the Society. May the Lord raise up many more such labourers for his vineyard.

INCIDENTS OF A TOUR EASTWARD.

June 11th.—Set out on my Eastern tour, via Sherbrooke and Cole Harbour, my baggage consisting of Library books, School books, Tracts, Psalms and Hymn books, Prayer books, Bibles and Testaments, together with a small valise as a Wardrobe, which weighed full 100 lbs. Hence the difficulty, (and what is by some termed hardship,) of getting along at all times with any degree of comfort. The questions, 'why do you take such loads.' "If people want Bibles and other Books, why not let them go for them themselves, and not give you so much labour?" "Oh, friend, (I sometimes venture to say,) I fear you know nothing of missionary work, perhaps but little of the love of Jesus, and if so, you cannot have much love for poor souls." And however much has been done on those shores, nothing comparatively has been done, to what must

be done. Hundreds there are yet, who do not love God's word enough to cause them to go far for a copy; and so long as I am able to go, and to carry that word where it is not, I am resolved so to do. God being my helper. Yes, I must act, in some measure, the Minister's part, the Catechist, the Schoolmaster, the Colporteur, the book pedlar, and the Doctor.—If not, how are these solitary and remote localities to be supplied? And yet, after all our labour and toil, Clergymen and Teachers will come along, perhaps years after our lips shall have been sealed, "and the Wheel shall have been broken at the Cistern," and will say, "what did those men who were before us? Tell them, "they were casting up," casting up, "preparing the way for better and holier men, who should follow them, clearing a way for them, removing the stumbling blocks." Lord give us more grace and strength to labour in thee and for Thee.

Arrived at Country Harbour in the evening, made appointments for my return, D.V. and then proceeded down the Harbor, visited some families, and providentially met with a boat from Island Harbor, in which I took a passage.

ISLAND HARBOR.

Arrived at 4 P. M. on the Island,—at 8 P. M. collected a few people from the opposite shore, together with those already on the Island, for Divine Service, in all about 35 souls. These, although wearied by three days' toil, were very devout and attentive during service.

Friday 13th.—A blowy day, and not being able to get from the Island, I spent it in reading and instructing the children.—In the evening it became more calm, when nearly the same congregation again assembled for Divine Service, for which they all appeared to be thankful, and begged I would not forget them, but visit them again as soon as possible.

NEW HARBOR.

Saturday 14th.—Got a passage in a vessel to "New Harbour," where I arrived early in the day, and met with a cordial reception from a number of the men, who came on board the vessel as soon as she dropt her anchor. During the remainder of the day, I was enabled to call on about 20 families, by every member of which I was heartily welcomed.

June 15th.—On Sunday morning, I met with the Sunday School Teachers, and sundry others, at 7 o'clock, for social and special prayer, for the prosperity of the Sunday School, and the general cause of our Dear Redeemer. About an hour and a quarter was

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occupied in reading passages and texts of Scripture, singing and prayer, I trust to the comfort of many who were present. At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M., assembled for Divine Service, which, as usual, was well attended. At 2 P. M., met to reorganize the Sunday School for the summer. Sixty-one names of scholars were entered on the roll, and nine teachers, (more expected). A good feeling towards each other, and an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the children and youth, according to their ability, was manifest in all; and heartily do I wish them "God Speed." The scholars too, appeared all alive, and to rejoice that they were again visited and called together. After having regulated the classes, and supplied books where needed, we separated for a short time,—and met again, a little after 6 o'clock, for Divine Service, which was again attended by a serious and large congregation.

REMARKABLE CHANGE IN A FAMILY.

June 18th.—Held Divine Service again 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. The congregation consisted chiefly of females and children, (only four men.) After service visited, catechised, read and prayed with two families. In one family which I visited, I perceived a wonderful change since my visit last autumn. The man and his wife were sorely afflicted during a great part of the Winter, so that they could not assist each other. The woman thought death was drawing near, when she began to despair of salvation, and for several weeks, was out of her right mind, took no notice of any one, not even her small children. However, it pleased the Lord, after many weeks, to restore her to her right mind. She was directed to the Word of God, not by any individual, but by the Spirit of God. She read, she prayed, and finally obtained a calm and peaceful mind. During the sick interval in her mind, her children became much distressed about "their mammy." When she came to herself, she immediately, as it were on a sudden, commenced instructing her children, six in number. Of these, four can now read, and repeat their catechism. This has been effected, I think, since last March. Indeed a greater change in a family of children, I have seldom, if ever witnessed. When I visited this family last autumn, the children would scarce approach me, and if they did, it would be with heads hanging down, and perhaps crying aloud, and with difficulty I could sometimes get them to speak; but to day when I entered the house, I saw cheerful countenances; books were purchased, lessons read, questions answered; and all done in so pleasing a manner, that it astonished me. A new nature appeared to possess the whole. Father, mother, children, all happy! Nothing less than the grace of God could have effected this. May He preserve and keep them all

from the power of the enemy, and carry on the good work which He has begun. These two persons have resolved, in dependance on the Divine blessing, to instruct their own, and the other children of this little community, every Sabbath day.

COLE HARBOR, DOLLIVER'S COVE, WHITE HEAD.

Left the settlement at 4 p. m., for Cole Harbor, where I arrived in the evening. I recived several early calls this morning, (from 6 to 7 o'clock.) I spent several hours in Mr. Uloth's day school. There were seventeen children in attendance. Some of the elder ones were being kept at home to assist in dressing and making fish. The children, however, have made considerable improvement under him. At 4, p. m., held Divine Service, which, (with the exception of one family,) all in the Harbor attended. They said, "We rejoice to see and hear you once more; the time appears very long since your last visit, we hope you will pay us a longer visit this time," and "do stop over Sunday with us." I promised to do so, and on Friday 20th, I travelled to White Head Harbor, thence to an out Harbor, called "Dolliver's Cove," to which several families remove for the fishing season.

At this place lay a sick man, to whose house I was directed; and for his benefit especially, after I found he was able to bear it, I held Divine Service there. About 20 adults attended, who were very attentive indeed. Our discourse was from Acts ix. 11th, "Behold he prayeth." The Lord, I hope and pray, will bless His own word to the souls of them who heard it. The sick man is a bachelor, living alone; is a native of the West of England, and says he is a *Churchman*, but alas! he, like too many others, knows but little about his Church, or her doctrine. I regret that I could not get more than about half an hour's private conversation with him. These minutes I endeavoured to improve, speaking closely and faithfully to him. Poor creature! he appeared to be totally ignorant of the meaning of being "born again". May the Lord have mercy on him. I returned to the house where I generally lodge, and have always been hospitably treated, at "White head." There again I met with the aged pilgrim, (mentioned in a previous Report,) whom I found in tolerable good health, (he is 93, not 96 years of age, as I had been given to understand.) still, he said "I am pursuing my way to God," but, said he, with tears trickling down his furrowed cheeks, "I have lost a great prop since I saw you, Sir; yes, my poor old woman, the partner of my joys and sorrows, has been taken from me," the tears still flowing down, "but I know what the Lord does is best, and I hope He will pity my weakness." "I cannot help feeling it, Sir. You see, we've been travelling

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together (I think he said) near three-score years and ten." I was surprised to hear this aged man read in the evening a chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, clearly and distinctly, and also to see him engage in prayer. It was indeed affecting, "This" he said, "has been a practice with me, and my poor old woman, a good many years, always at the going down of the sun." He is the only praying man in this wicked place, O! that the Lord would answer his earnest prayer for the conversion of his ungodly kinsfolk and neighbours.

SALMON RIVER.

June 25th.—Walked the shore, (visiting a few families and distributing tracts,) to Salmon River, between 3 and 4 miles from Guysborough. Here I held Divine Service, at half-past four, P. M., in the house where the Rev. Mr. Shreve preaches once every fourth Sunday. About 40 persons attended, which was considered a good congregation, for so short a notice, (2 hours) in a scattered community like that. The people were very attentive, thankful for the service, and tracts which I distributed, and desired I would try and come that way again soon.

REFLECTIONS.

June 30th.—A day of partial rest and writing, proposing, D. V., to reach home to-morrow. I earnestly entreat my gracious God to make me truly thankful for the innumerable mercies experienced since I have had so important a charge, so many stations and souls to care for, and I pray God to command His efficacious blessing on my weak, sinful, and unworthy labors; most humbly beseeching Him to own the messages of salvation I have delivered from time to time, either in reading his own pure word, or the expositions of it by others; that the seed He has enabled me to sow may spring up, even after many days and bring forth fruit to His Glory. And that His presence, and His blessing, may be the portion of all those among whom I have so long laboured. I feel grateful to Almighty God that a good work appears to have been commenced in several families, and I believe, that He who has begun it will carry it on. In several families I can perceive a growth in spiritual things, and in others many good desires.

CONCLUSION.

Devoutly thankful to Almighty God for the many tokens of encouragement vouchsafed during the past year, and for the increased favor with which He has caused the Society to be regarded, both at Home and in this Province. Your

Committee would not forget the injunction of the inspired apostle: "Let no man glory in men." They feel that no patronage, however exalted, should cause them for a moment to lean upon an arm of flesh. The Lord alone can command a blessing upon the means used to promote his own glory. To Him be the praise for the results of the Society's labors in this Province, during the year; and to Him, they desire to commit all their future exertions in the cause of Gospel truth and christian education. The co-operation of the friends of the Society is earnestly implored, to enable them to carry on, and to extend the good work in which they have hitherto been occupied. The Parent Society found their claim to the support of the christian public, "on their stedfast adherence to the great principles of the Reformation. and on the expressed determination that all its agents shall be, as far as man can judge, persons of decided piety, intelligent acquaintance with the truth, and earnest devotion to the missionary work; uniting a cordial attachment to our Protestant Church, with the exercise of a spirit of love towards christians of other denominations." "Based on such principles," say the Parent Committee, "we feel, that the Society is indeed adapted for its important mission. But while they rejoice in this conviction, they desire to call to mind, that the work is not man's—but the Lord's. That only in proportion to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, can the labors of its agents be made instrumental to the salvation of souls. And that therefore its strength is, not in silver or gold, nor in any human arrangement, however perfect, but in Him whose word connects success with prayer, and whose promises are only effectual to them that believe."

"*There shall be no night there.*" Rev. 21: 25.

No night in heaven! Why is it so?
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McKinlay, Hannah	-	-	0	0	7	Sinclair, Mr W. C.	-	-	0	2	6
McKinlay, Henry	-	-	0	0	7½	Sinclair, Miss C. M.	-	-	0	2	6
McDaniel, Mr. J.	-	-	0	2	6	Sangster, Mr James Jr	-	-	0	2	6
McDaniel, Mrs.	-	-	0	2	6	Sangster, Mr Wm	-	-	0	1	3
McDaniel, Miss S.	-	-	0	0	7½	Surtis, Joseph	-	-	0	0	5
McDaniel, Abigail	-	-	0	0	3½	Surtis, William	-	-	0	0	4
McDaniel, Lydia	-	-	0	0	2½	Surtis, David	-	-	0	0	5
McDairmid, Mr.	-	-	0	2	6	Surtis, Elizabeth	-	-	0	0	2
McDairmid, Mrs.	-	-	0	2	6	Stewart, John	-	-	0	1	3
McDairmid, Henry	-	-	0	0	7½	Stewart, Mrs.	-	-	0	1	3
McDairmid, Elizabeth	-	-	0	0	7½	Synder, Stephen	-	-	0	0	2
McDairmid, Zeba	-	-	0	0	3	Tanner, Mr and Mrs	-	-	0	3	9
McDairmid, Sarah L.	-	-	0	0	0	Uloth, Mrs	-	-	0	5	2½
McDairmid, J. A.	-	-	0	0	2	Uloth, Mr Adam	-	-	0	3	1½
Munroe, William	-	-	0	0	2	Uloth, Adam Jr	-	-	0	0	7½
Munroe, Charles	-	-	0	0	2	Uloth, Lewis	-	-	0	0	2½
Nickerson, Mr. C.	-	-	0	3	9	Uloth, Abigail	-	-	0	0	2½
Nickerson, Mrs.	-	-	0	1	3	Uloth, Jane	-	-	0	0	2½
Nickerson, Mr. N	-	-	0	1	3	Uloth, Mary Ann	-	-	0	0	2½
Nickerson, Mrs.	-	-	0	1	3	Uloth, Emiline	-	-	0	0	2½
Nickerson, Edmund	-	-	0	0	7½	Uloth, Eliza Sophia	-	-	0	0	2
Nickerson, Thomas	-	-	0	0	7½	Uloth, John	-	-	0	0	1
Nickerson, D.	-	-	0	0	7½	Collected in fish at Cole	-	-	2	5	0
Nauffts, Mr. Jacob	-	-	0	1	6	Harbour	-	-			
Nauffts, Mrs.	-	-	0	1	6		-	-			

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
OF THE
Colonial Church and School Society in Nova Scotia.
FOR 1851.

By amount of Collections, Subscriptions, and Donations, obtained by the Association, in Halifax - - - - -	£110 7 11
“ Amount collected at Nine Mile House - - - - -	1 5 0
“ “ “ by Miss Nichols, (St. Margaret's Bay) - - - - -	1 6 10
“ “ “ by Mr. G. Smith, (River John) - - - - -	2 5 0
“ “ “ by Mr. H. L. Yewens, (Shubenacadie) - - - - -	2 4 7
“ “ “ by Mr. J. Alexander, Eastern Shores - - - - -	15 0 0
Further amount subscribed by the Shore people, but not yet collected by Mr. A. - - - - -	} 5 0 0
	£137 9 4
Less expenses of the Association at Halifax, as per Treas- urer's Account - - - - -	19 15 3
	£117 14 1

EXPENDITURE.

Amount expended during the year, under the direction of the Corresponding Committee at Halifax, in payment of the Salaries of Teachers, Catechists, &c. }	£306 16 3
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