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THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island took place at Charlottetown on the 14th of July, 1846. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir Henry Vere Huntley, Patron of the Society, took the Chair. The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Vice President of the Society, read prayers.

The Chairman then called upon the Rev. L. C. Lloyd to read the following

REPORT:

THE time having arrived at which the Diocesan Church Society concludes its year, it becomes the duty of the Committee to furnish this Meeting with an account of its proceedings since the last Anniversary. These have not been of a very extended nature, owing to the existence of other agents, by

which some of the objects embraced in its standing rules have been attended to, without directly engaging the Society in their operations. And these agents, though not employing the Society's means or aid, have nevertheless performed the Society's work in a more perfect manner probably than the Society could have performed it, and may, therefore, be reckoned among its best allies, their strength having been employed on similar or parallel grounds of usefulness. Among these are to be reckoned the congregations of the Church of England generally throughout the Island, whose members testified a ready desire to meet the wishes of the Society for the Promotion of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, as expressed in their communication through the Bishop of the Diocese, and to take upon themselves a portion of the burden so long borne by England alone. Of a character corresponding with these public expressions were the efforts of individuals to support Sunday or other Schools: to aid in raising Churches, or in any other manner to promote the spiritual advantage of the people. These are coinciding influences which act sensibly upon the general welfare of the Church, and therefore tend to narrow the immediate operations of this Society. In such cases, its sympathy and approval are due, and your Committee feels assured will not be withheld. Statements have been received from some of the Clergy which give a favorable view of the position of the Church in this Island, as compared with former years. At Georgetown and Cherry Valley there is an increased estimation of religious ordinances. In the former place, there is an Infant School, described as in a most thriving state, the usefulness of which is much appreciated by the Clergyman. Another School was

projected sometime since on rather an expensive plan, and difficulties have in consequence risen in its way which it is to be hoped will soon be overcome. A grant towards the removal of these difficulties was last year made by your Society; funds, however, appear still wanting to effect that object. Within the limits of this Mission, a congregation lately gathered at Vernon River, and solicited the services of the Rev. Mr. Lalley, in consequence of which he found his labours so much increased, as to be almost incompatible with his health; and while he rejoices in the addition of a fresh congregation to those already attending his ministrations, he regrets his inability to give sufficient care to the large space over which his mission extends, not only on account of the labour, but of the expenditure also required of him. From Westmorland Harbour, and other localities of that portion of the Southern Shores, the prospects are represented as encouraging. The attendance of Congregations is regular, and an increased good feeling towards the Church is observed. The day and Sunday Schools are in a satisfactory state, and likely, under God's blessing, to be useful auxiliaries to the Church. In that district two Churches are in contemplation, and will be erected as soon as funds and eligible sites have been prepared—one at Tryon, 5 miles, the other at Bedeque, 16 miles from the Church at Westmorland Harbour. Mr. Thompson, Proprietor of that part of the land at Bedeque, where the best site was to be found, has answered a request made to him on this subject, by handsomely giving 4 acres of land for that purpose, and £25 towards the erection of the building—which sum is to be augmented, in case the people make corresponding exertions.

The latter have already subscribed £120, which is said to be but an earnest of what they intend. This strengthens the hands of the clergyman, and seems calculated to rouse a spirit of praiseworthy emulation among other destitute localities. Such accounts are indeed the more cheering, at a time when the calls on those societies by which grants were formerly made, are known to be very greatly increased; and while the voice of destitution still sounds from quarters in which the Gospel only now begins to set its peaceful foot.

At Milton and Rustico a growing attachment to the principles, ministrations and ordinances of the Church of England has likewise been perceptible during the past year. The Church at Milton has been improved by the acquisition of an organ, imported for the congregation; and at Rustico, a new Church of chaste appearance and commodious arrangement is now ready for consecration. The day Schools at these places are conducted generally on church principles, and are under the jurisdiction of the Clergyman. The Sunday Schools also are in a flourishing condition. At Charlottetown, the Church has been enlarged, so that an addition of many free sittings has been made to the general accommodation. Here, also, the advantages of the Infant School system have been exemplified, in the orderly rule, religious training, and moral construction of those early habits, which, usually tending to impart their colour to our future lives, are unhappily but too often vitiated by ill example, and by the negligence of those natural guardians upon whom the formation of the Infant mind so much depends. The Sunday School at Charlottetown has long been an object for the admiration of the philanthropist;

and it is to be hoped that the good example of those who originated, and of those who have maintained it, will be long followed. From the appearance and prospects of the Church in our own neighbourhood, the Committee would turn the attention of this Meeting for a moment to the great features of its progress in other parts. The opening of new fields in our Lord's harvest ground, has given fresh occupation to His laborers in almost all portions of the globe; and the Church of England would bear its portion in the heat and burden of the day. England's treaties with China, and with fresh nations bordering on her Indian Empire, will, it is trusted, extend, under God's blessing, her power, as an instrument in His hands for breaking up the rocky soil of the corrupted human heart. Fresh scope is given to our hopes; and the sanguine lover of his kind finds reason to believe, from the external appearances of the world, that our Lord's Gospel will, ere long, be preached in the remote parts of Asia, as it has already again been proclaimed in the places which first witnessed its Divine promulgation. Jerusalem has received within her limits an English Bishop, devoting himself, under God's mercy, to the revival of the work of the Nazarenes, and yielding his life in the great enterprize which he conducted: another has trodden in his path. Let us trust to find fewer difficulties than those which arose before his predecessor. In the Madras villages, the great work of evangelizing the Heathen has proceeded; and if some fail of answering the expectations formed of them, we have no good reason for doubting that many Native Congregations will turn permanently to the Lord; and that (under God) the energetic characters of our Indian Bishops, and the



faithful efforts of their Clergy and Catechists, will be found to work a mighty change in those regions. North America, in common with other Foreign parts, continues to experience the good effects of that untiring zeal with which the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel endeavours to support the Church of England in the British Colonies; and they who avail themselves of the services of her Missionaries, will, it is to be expected, always do so with feelings of respect and gratitude, and with prayer to Him who alone can sanctify the heart, that the objects for which that Society was first incorporated may be successfully and religiously carried out, that all its efforts may be directed according to His will. In the Mother Country, continual instances arise, of great personal sacrifices being made by individuals, to promote the cause of Foreign Church extension. Enormous sums of money are devised also by will, for the same purpose; and this without detracting in any visible degree from the general interests of the Church at Home, where stately houses of worship are rising up day by day, and societies of worshippers collected, where formerly the Sabbath obtained but small respect. These are signs of the times, to which your Committee would urge you, with devout gratitude to God, to direct your notice, as a Church Society, in the hope that they may prove but harbingers of a more extensive evangelization of the world; and that the way of the Lord may be known upon earth, His saving health among all nations.

The Committee, reverting to its own duties during the year just expired, finds them easily enumerated. It has, in pursuance of the Resolutions passed at the last Annual Meeting, appropriated

£10 to the Church addition at Charlottetown, £5 to the School at Georgetown, £15 to the purchase of Books and Tracts, which have not yet arrived, and £10 6s. 8d. for the student at the Collegiate Establishment of Windsor. An account of sales at the Depository of the Society, since September, 1843, has been furnished, and appears among the accounts of the year, which will be read over for the information of this Meeting.

In conclusion, your Committee see much reason for especial praise to God, in the mercy with which He continues to behold his Church, and desire to ascribe that praise where alone it is due. They would say to each member of this Society, in the language of the Psalmist, "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem," knowing that the Peace of God will ever prove most fitting for His Church, and that He who has established that Church beyond the power of the Gates of Hell, will never leave it, nor forsake any portion of it, unless it wilfully leave and forsake him. Thus, with an offering of gratitude for God's goodness in His beloved Son, and with a trust in His future mercies to the Church of Christ, the Committee render up their trust into your hands, conscious of the little force with which they have been empowered to press its interests, yet rejoicing in the general circumstances of true religion, which will witness to an enlarged appreciation of Divine Truth throughout the world.

THE Report having been read, the Accounts of the Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. Holl, were passed.

After which—

The following Resolutions were proposed and adopted:—

1st. Moved by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Henry Swabey—

That the Report now read be adopted.

2d. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Read, seconded by the Hon. Captain Swabey—

That this Meeting gratefully acknowledges the goodness of Almighty God, by which the Established Church in this Island has, during the past year, been upheld in a condition of peace and usefulness.

3d. Moved by the Hon. the Chief Justice, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Brecken—

That this Meeting recognizes with much satisfaction the readiness and good-will manifested by members of the Church, to support and strengthen her interests in this Colony to the best of their ability.

4th. Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hensley, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Holl—

That in noticing with regret the inability lately expressed on the part of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, to extend the benefits of their support as widely as they could wish, this meeting expresses its hope, that the means of that Society may be continually enlarged, that their good designs be not impeded; and returns them its sincere thanks for what they have during so many years accomplished on behalf of this Island.

5th. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Cooper, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins—

That all applications for money grants from this Society be made to the Secretary, on or before the preliminary meeting—which will in future take place on the last Tuesday in July—and that this Resolution be embodied among the Rules of the Society.

6th. Moved by the Hon. Mr. Brecken, seconded by Mr. Theophilus Desbrisay—

That the Officers of this Society be re-appointed, as far as they may not have disqualified themselves by non-subscribing.

7th. Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hensley, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Holl—

That the preliminary Meeting of this Society shall in future take place on the last Tuesday in July, and the Annual Meeting on the First Tuesday in August; and that this Resolution be added to the Rules of the Society.

8th. Moved by the Rev. L. C. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Henry Swabey—

That the funds of the Society for the present year be appropriated in the following manner, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same for the purposes here stated, viz: £10 to the Rev. Mr. Read, towards the erection of a Church at Bedeque; £10 to the Rev. Mr. Lalley, for the School at Georgetown; and £3 15s. 1d. for closing the Account connected with the Third Standing Rule.

9th. Moved by Captain Cumberland, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Read—

That the thanks of this Meeting be returned to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Henry Vere Huntley, for presiding on this occasion, and for the firm support which he has given to the interests of the Society on all past occasions.

The Meeting terminated with the accustomed benediction by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins.

# **P. E. Island Diocesan Church Society;**

*in Account with the Treasurer.*

<i>Dr.</i>	1845—1846	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	1845—1846.	£	s.	d.
To Cash, grant to Church in Charlotte-					By Cash balance in hand, 15th July, 1845,		41	3	2½
town, - - - - -	- - - - -	10	0	0	Do. Collection at Milton Church, 5th				
Do. to Rev. Mr. Lalley, for School					July, 1846, - - - - -		2	0	0
at Georgetown, - - - - -	- - - - -	5	0	0	Do. do. at Rustico Church, -		1	0	3
Do. remitted for Books, &c. by 3d of					Do. per Collector, - - - - -		15	17	10½
April Steamer, £10 sterling,					Do. per H. Haszard, on account of				
Do. Grant for the use of the Rev.					sale of Books, &c., - - - - -		9	19	7½
Mr. Cooper, - - - - -	- - - - -	10	6	10½	Do. Collected at the Church at				
Do. Mr. J. Ings, for printing Report,					Westmorland Harbour, by Rev.		1	10	0
Do. Balance of account for the use of					H. Reade, 12th July, 1846,				
the late student at Windsor, N.S.					Do. Collected at St. Paul's Church,		7	16	3
Do. Balance in hand, - - - - -	- - - - -	32	5	3	Do. Charlottetown, - - - - -				
							£79	7	2½

Correct,

W. CUNDALL, Auditor.  
JOHN BRECKEN, Auditor.

20th July, 1846.

JOHN M. HOLL,  
Treasurer.

**DR:**

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£ s. d.

To Cash to Mr. R. Finlayson, order 30th

June, 1845, £6 12s. Halifax curry.

Do. do., order dated 6th Dec.,

1845, £6 5s. Halifax currency,

Mr. Cochran, order dated 25th

August, 1845, £6 5s. Halifax

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**Correct;**

WM. CUNDALL, Auditor,

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**JOHN BRECKEN, Auditor.**

20th July, 1846.

**JOHN M. HOLL,**  
Treasurer.



## STANDING RULES

OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY OF PRINCE  
EDWARD ISLAND.

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

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

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

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

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

6th. The Members of the Church, in every part of the Island, shall be invited to co-operate with this Society by joining Committees of it, which shall be formed under the direction of their respective Clergymen, either in each Mission or Parish, or in more than one Mission or Parish united, as shall be deemed most convenient, and in strict accordance with the designs and rules of the Society; and it is recommend-

ed to the Committees to forward their funds as they may be collected to the General Committee, who will faithfully apply them to the general objects of the Society—But when the Local Committees desire it, they shall receive Books at Cost and Charges, to the amount of one-fourth of their remittances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10th. That this Society will gladly receive and forward to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whatever sums may be given for the conversion and instruction of the Heathen; to which object such sums will be strictly confined by the East India Committee of that Society.

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

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

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

14th. That all applications for money grants from this Society be made to the Secretary, on or before the preliminary meeting.

15th. That the preliminary Meeting of this Society shall in future take place on the last Tuesday in July, and the Annual Meeting on the First Tuesday in August.

PATRONS.

His Excellency SIR HENRY VERE HUNTLEY,  
Lieutenant Governor;

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

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge;

PRESIDENT:

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

The Rev. L. C. Jenkins, Rector of Charlottetown;

The Honorable the Chief Justice.

SECRETARY—The Rev. L. C. Lloyd;

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Mr. H. B. Swabey.

TREASURER:

The Hon. John Myrie Holl.

STANDING COMMITTEE:

All Clergymen of the Established Church, and  
Captain Cumberland, 96th Regiment,

Hon. T. H. Haviland,

Capt. Orlebar, R. N.,

Wm. Cundall, Esq.,

E. Haythorne, Esq.,

J. D. Haszard, Esq.,

Hon. Capt. Swabey,

Hon. C. Hensley,

Hon. J. Brecken,

Hon. R. Hodgson,

Hon. G. R. Goodman.

With power to add to the number.

AUDITORS:

The Hon. J. Brecken,

Wm. Cundall, Esq.

## DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

A Special Meeting of the DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY was held at Charlottetown, on Monday the 3d of August. His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese being present, addressed the Meeting somewhat to the following purport:

His Lordship commenced by expressing himself rather surprised that the objects of the Diocesan Church Society were, to all appearances, so little understood in this community; but expressed a hope that in the progress of time the numbers of its members would be increased, and all classes of society would enrol their names on its lists. Although much had yet to be done, he could not refrain from viewing with an eye of satisfaction the improved state of Church accommodation, not only in Charlottetown, but throughout the Island generally. When he first arrived on the shores of this Island—now 20 years ago—there was but one building, and that in Charlottetown, which claimed the name of a Church; but at the present time there were 10 Churches, six of which were supplied with Clergymen, and he could not but think that the churchmen in this colony should view these things, not merely as sources of comfort, congratulation and encouragement, but as auguring to an abundant harvest for the Church in years to come. His Lordship then spoke of Charlottetown as the only proper centre from which the religious advancement of this Island could be expected to derive its tone: that it was there that the Gospel should be ever well preserved: that it should be a city sending forth a light which should never be hid, and therefore that it was the bounden duty of its inhabitants to advance, to the best of their abilities, the prosperity of the Church in this Island, as it depended principally on them, on their example, whether the cause of religion was to fall or flourish, to live or decay. His Lordship then adverted to the propriety of a separate Book Fund being kept. It was a plan which worked exceedingly well in Halifax; for he spoke from experience. Since its establishment all confusion had been avoided; for as the money was in the hands of a Book Committee, it was then known in what way the books were disposed of, and what persons should be accountable for them. His Lord-

ship then advocated the advantages which would accrue to the Church by each Clergyman, in his own locality, opening a Committee for the enrolment of all the names of Church people, with their families, and for receiving their subscriptions. By this means their infant offspring would be early taught to love and revere the Church of their Fathers, and by paying annually their mite into the treasury, they would feel a daily and increasing interest in that Church, which would grow with their growth, and strengthen with their strength; and besides all this, which no churchman—particularly the females who were present—and for whose exertions in the cause of Charity and Religion he was both grateful and sensible—would deny, that this was a proper method of fostering early in the infant breast a feeling which, if well improved, would not only be calculated to advance the young in their christian course, but would be a means, under God, of laying by a fund which should be appropriated to the support of the Church and its Clergy, when in the course of time all resources from the parent country would be withdrawn, and therefore they could not be better employed than by thus early training a band of Christians who might love and support their Church, and thus by there being gradually instilled in their minds, a sense of the value of their individual support, they might, in the years of their manhood and old age, retain a grateful sense of the religious impressions which their kind instructors had so early implanted in their minds, and be ever ready to succour and assist their Church, under every vicissitude, and might bear fruit, which would redound to the glory of God, and the rising welfare of the Church in this Colony.

The following Resolution was framed from his Lordship's remarks:

Moved by the Hon. T. H. Haviland, seconded by the Rev. M. Lally—

“ That distinct Committees be formed in the several localities of this Island, under the management of the Clergyman, for the enrolment of all the names of Church people, and for receiving their subscriptions; and that the Clergymen be requested severally to report to this Society the success of their endeavours, that the result may be embodied in the Annual Report.

The Meeting terminated with the accustomed benediction by his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese.