

Technical and Bibliographic Notes/Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

- Coloured covers/  
Couverture de couleur
- Covers damaged/  
Couverture endommagée
- Covers restored and/or laminated/  
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée
- Cover title missing/  
Le titre de couverture manque
- Coloured maps/  
Cartes géographiques en couleur
- Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/  
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)
- Coloured plates and/or illustrations/  
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur
- Bound with other material/  
Relié avec d'autres documents
- Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/  
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distortion le long de la marge intérieure
- Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/  
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.
- Additional comments:/  
Commentaires supplémentaires:

- Coloured pages/  
Pages de couleur
- Pages damaged/  
Pages endommagées
- Pages restored and/or laminated/  
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées
- Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/  
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées
- Pages detached/  
Pages détachées
- Showthrough/  
Transparence
- Quality of print varies/  
Qualité inégale de l'impression
- Includes supplementary material/  
Comprend du matériel supplémentaire
- Only edition available/  
Seule édition disponible
- Pages wholly or partially obscured by errata slips, tissues, etc., have been refilmed to ensure the best possible image/  
Les pages totalement ou partiellement obscurcies par un feuillet d'errata, une pelure, etc., ont été filmées à nouveau de façon à obtenir la meilleure image possible.

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below/  
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	14X	18X	22X	26X	30X
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12X	16X	20X	24X	28X	32X

*To Samuel G. Drake, Esq. M. D.  
from his friend & minister  
Wm. Jenks.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

OF THE

Society for Propagating the Gospel

AMONG THE

INDIANS AND OTHERS IN NORTH AMERICA.

PRESENTED NOVEMBER 5, 1843.

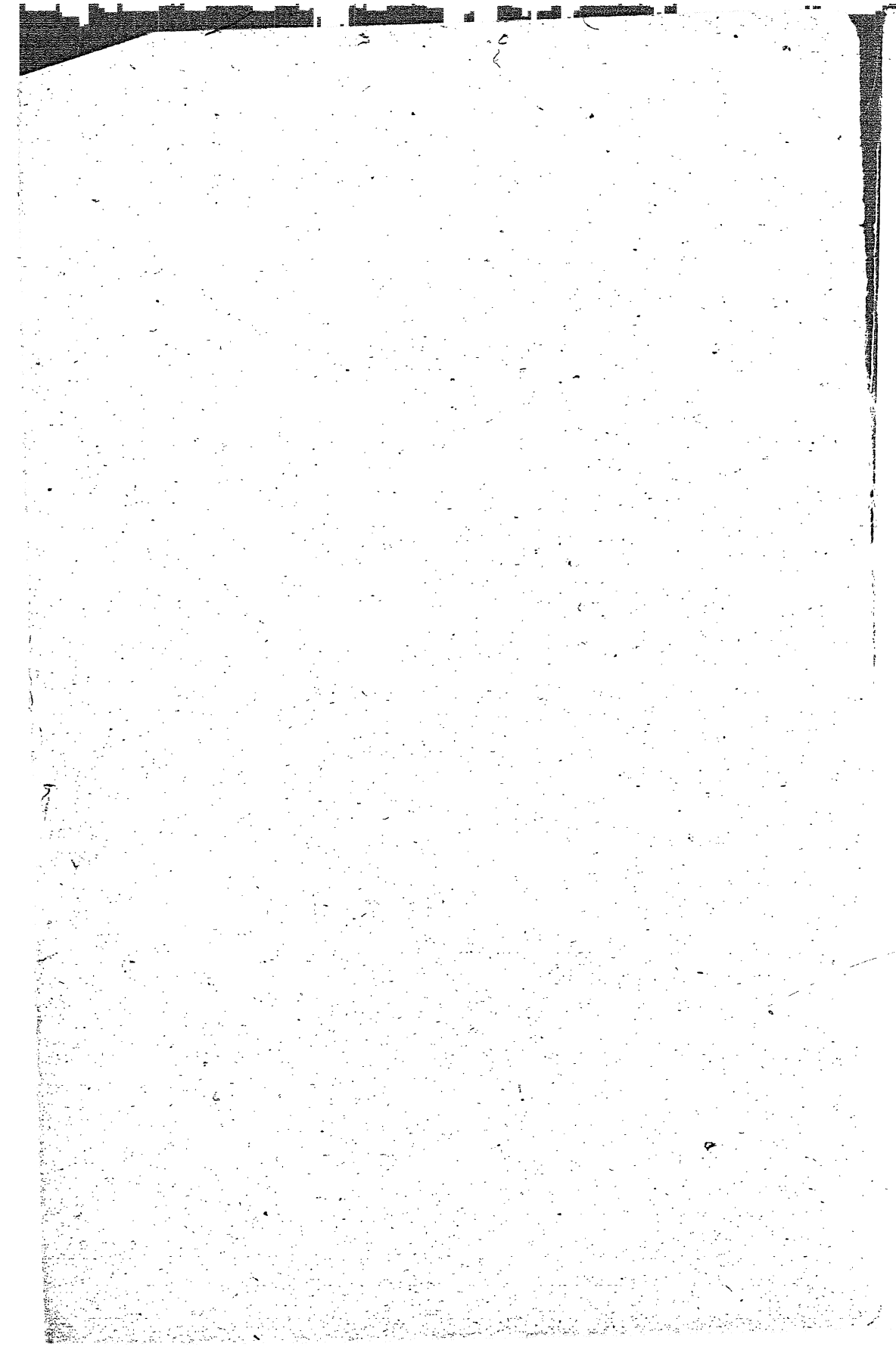
---

BOSTON:

SAMUEL N. DICKINSON, PRINTER,  
52 Washington Street.

1843.

4



TOLL  
MTIO  
67345

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

OF THE

## Society for Propagating the Gospel

AMONG THE

INDIANS AND OTHERS IN NORTH AMERICA.

PRESENTED NOVEMBER 5, 1843.

---

BOSTON:

SAMUEL N. DICKINSON, PRINTER,  
52 Washington Street.

1843.



## OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

1843—4.

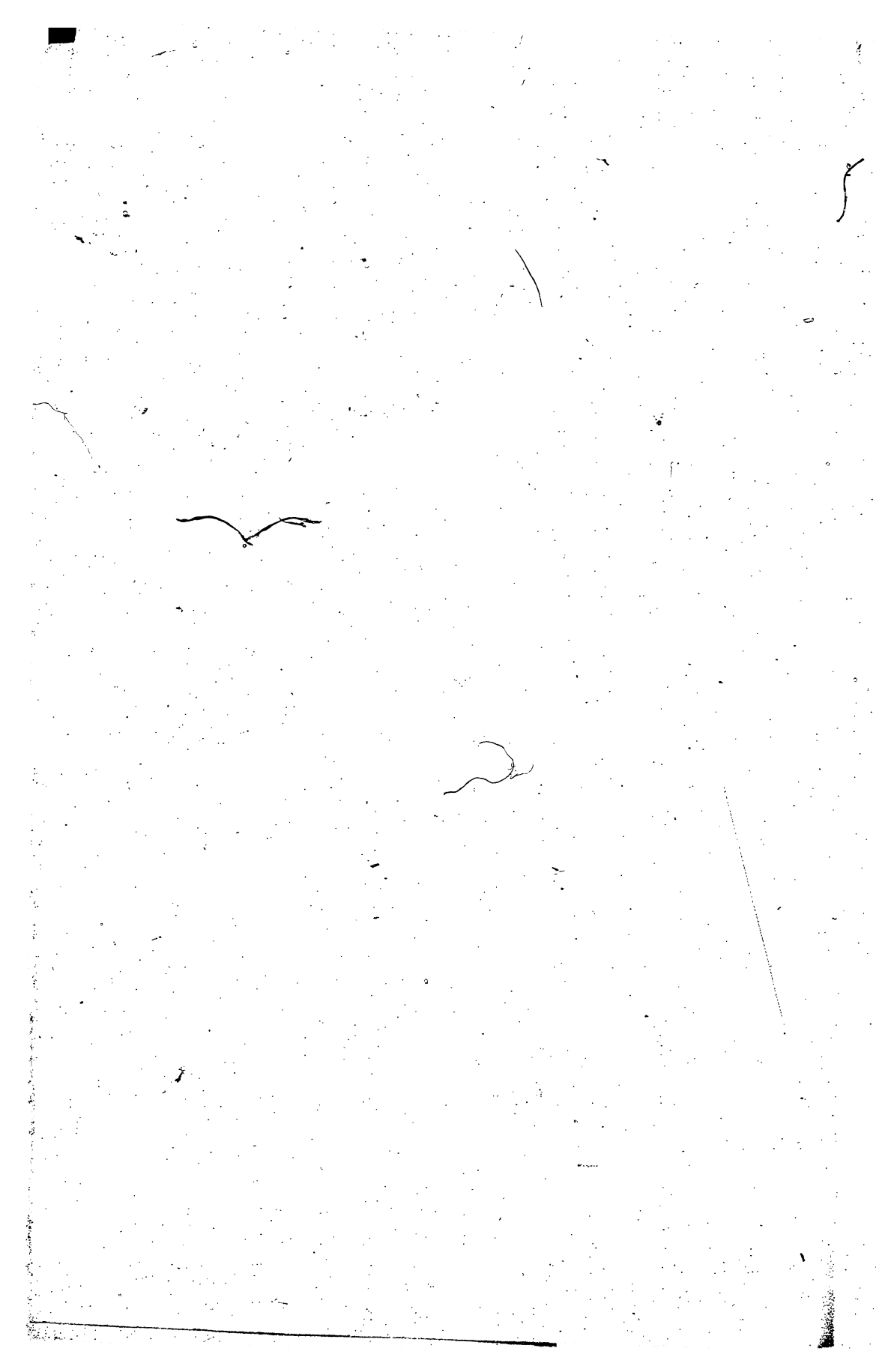
HON. LEMUEL SHAW, LL. D.	PRESIDENT.
REV. HENRY WARE, D. D.	VICE PRESIDENT.
REV. FRANCIS PARKMAN, D. D.	SECRETARY.
HON. JAMES SAVAGE, LL. D.	TREASURER.
REV. S. K. LOTHROP,	ASSISTANT SEC'Y.
BENJAMIN GUILD, Esq.,	VICE TREASURER.
HON. RICHARD SULLIVAN,	
REV. ALEXANDER YOUNG,	AUDITORS.

### SELECT COMMITTEE.

REV. FRANCIS PARKMAN, D. D.    REV. SAMUEL BARRETT,  
REV. ALEXANDER YOUNG,    /    REV. GEORGE PUTNAM, and  
REV. CONVERS FRANCIS, D. D.

### MISSIONARIES IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. TIMOTHY F. ROGERS, Bernardston, and destitute vicinity, Mass. and Vermont.  
Rev. WILLIAM G. ELIOT, St. Louis, and destitute vicinity, Missouri.  
Rev. WILLIAM P. HUNTINGTON, Hillsborough, and destitute vicinity, Illinois.  
Rev. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, Chicago, and destitute vicinity, Illinois.  
Rev. GEORGE MOORE, Quincy, Tremont, and destitute vicinity, Illinois.  
{ Rev. Messrs. HALL and RITSON, Isle of Shoals.  
{ Miss MARY A. DAVIS,    Teacher of the School.  
Rev. JOHN HUSS, a native Cherokee, and Missionary to his own Tribe.



## R E P O R T .

SINCE the Society have deemed it necessary to discontinue its Missions to the Indians of the Narraganset and other tribes, once flourishing but now rapidly disappearing in New England, the employment of the Indian Fund has been the frequent subject of their inquiry and deliberation. The Select Committee, therefore, to whom was intrusted the appropriation for the present year, failed not to give their early attention to this duty. Having, agreeably to their instructions, conferred with a respected member of the Society,\* who had taken a lively interest in the subject, and having communicated, personally and by letters, with the Secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, they found several distinct objects presented to their choice.

*First,* The support, in part, of Rev. John Huss, a native preacher among the Cherokees.

*Second,* The aiding of a Boarding School, or Seminary at Dwight, within the Cherokee territory.

*Third,* The Choctaw Mission generally, or either of the stations under the charge of the respective Missionaries, appointed by the American Board.

*Fourth,* The Mission to the Sioux Indians, for whom various portions of the Old and New Testaments, including more than half of the latter, have already been translated.

\* Rev. William Jenks, D. D.



*Fifth*, The Mission among the Chippewas, for whose use, also, large portions of the New Testament have been translated, and the remaining portions are in a state of forwardness.

*Sixth*, The printing and circulating the Scriptures among the Indians generally.

Of these various objects the Committee felt no hesitation in selecting the two former, namely, the supporting, in part, of Rev. John Huss, the native Cherokee preacher, and the aiding of the Seminary in Dwight. Of the former it is said, in a statement furnished by the Rev. Secretary of the American Board for the Indian department: 'Huss is a man of strong mind, good sense, and great native eloquence. He is energetic and laborious; greatly respected by his own people; and has held some of the highest judicial offices under the native government. He has for more than twenty years been an exemplary Christian. Having a clear and active mind, and a thirst for Christian knowledge, he availed himself of every accessible means of obtaining it; and such was his proficiency, that for more than fifteen years he has been principally employed in giving religious instruction to his own people; and for about ten years a regularly ordained preacher. He is now the Pastor and preacher to his countrymen, at a place called Honey Creek, in the State of Missouri, and within the new Cherokee country. His allowance for himself and family, and to defray the expenses of his missionary tours, which are considerable, is five hundred dollars a year.'

Of the Seminary or Boarding School at Dwight, we are informed, 'That it embraces between forty and fifty female pupils. The object of the School is of course primarily religious. But at the same time the aim is, to give the pupils a good education in all the common branches of knowledge, and to teach them sewing, and other common domestic arts. The School has been, and still is, popular among the Cherokees. Its annual cost is about \$1800 or \$2000, including the

families of the teachers, farmer, and other helpers. The settlement of Dwight, in which this Seminary is located, is also a preaching station, where there is a Church of Indian members.

Such is the account of these two objects, as presented by the Secretary for the Indian department. And though your Committee were not insensible to the difficulties inseparable from the care of interests so remote, as to preclude personal watchfulness, yet they were gratified in finding adequate reasons to apply the appropriation of the Society to objects, which, though distant, seemed promising, and not discordant, as they believe, with the views of the founder of the Indian Fund, the Hon. John Alford.

The people of the Isle of Shoals have now, for several years past, as formerly in its earliest history, engaged the attention of the Society. The failing health and consequent resignation of our faithful missionary, Rev. Mr. Smith, have already been noticed by the Board. From his successor, Mr. Ritson, and the assistant in the School, Miss Davis, communications of an encouraging nature have been received; and there is good reason to hope, that with advancing knowledge and better habits, more especially in regard to temperance, both the spiritual and the temporal condition of that people is improved.

From an interesting letter written by Miss Davis, the teacher of the school, we select the following extracts :

GOSPORT, ISLE OF SHOALS, Feb. 28, 1843.

'The situation of this people is rather peculiar, as their occupation calls many of them from home in summer, which entirely deprives them of the means of grace. In winter they are all at home, and have more leisure to attend meetings. The labors of a Gospel Minister are always of high value, but, if a comparison may be made, they are peculiarly so to *this* people through the cold season.

'Mr. Ritson has been here eight weeks, and all the people have been able to do is just to give him his board, and even this has been done by two or three families. I am told there is more real poverty and want here than usual, as the winter fishery has *entirely* failed, which has in *some* seasons been as lucrative as in summer. I have reason to believe

that there are some families on this island who have not tasted of *bread* for weeks together. But the bread of life is more precious still. It is very desirable that the services of Mr. Ritson should be secured, if it were only for a few months longer, at this important crisis in the history of this people. He appears to be a worthy young man, devoted to his work, but without any pecuniary resources.

Again, she writes, in reference to the state of religious feeling and attendance of the inhabitants on the public worship:

'When I first came here about eight months ago, it was painful in the extreme to witness the indifference and apathy of some of these people to subjects of such infinite importance. But now, the scene is changed. Since December we have had preaching every Sabbath, and evening lectures during the week. Mr. Ritson, from Newcastle, in the vicinity of Portsmouth, who has been licensed to preach by the Christian Baptists there, came over to this island to preach at this place, expecting to remain only two weeks. His efforts have been attended with marked success. The people came out generally to hear him, and their minds appeared to be solemnized. They do indeed appear like new creatures. The intemperate have become sober; the blasphemer has learned to praise the Lord; and some of the young children, I humbly hope, can say "Hosanna to the Son of David."'

From the Rev. A. P. Peabody of Portsmouth, whose congregation have, for a series of years, largely contributed to this Mission, we have also gratifying intelligence, both as to the labors of the Missionary, and the state of the School.

In one of his letters, he informs us,

'We have employed through the entire year, Miss Davis, who has given entire satisfaction, and has done a great deal of good.' 'Mr. Ritson's labors have been blest. He is not an ordained minister; we have therefore procured Rev. Mr. Hall, a Christian Baptist minister of approved character and standing, to aid him in the ritual part. Mr. Hall has baptized eight persons, and with nine others previously baptized, has organized a church of seventeen members, all of whom give promise of being faithful to their profession. The church is organized on the basis of a simple acknowledgment of faith in Christ and the purpose of Christian obedience.'

In another letter, recently received, Mr. Peabody writes, that for some indispensable repairs of the Mission House he had authorized an expenditure of thirty-one dollars, and requests to be allowed for the same, the bills and receipts accompanying his letter. The Committee unanimously recommend this appropriation; and are happy, that under the inconveniences, and for a considerable portion of the year the impracticableness, of their personal inspection, they can rely

with confidence on the intelligence, fidelity, and zeal of a member of the Society, whose local position affords all needed opportunities of judgment.

As the attention of the Society has now, for many years, been especially directed to the West, the Mission of the Rev. T. F. Rogers, to destitute places on the frontiers of Massachusetts and Vermont, together with that to the Isle of Shoals, are the only Missions sustained by us within New England. Of the labors of our missionary, Rev. Mr. Rogers, now for more than fourteen years in the service of the Society, we have continued and highly satisfactory evidence both of their fidelity and acceptance. In his own journals he speaks, though always with characteristic humility, of journeyings often, of Sabbath teachings, of Christian rites administered, of the Poor having the Gospel preached to them, of Sunday Schools and District Schools visited, and of houses of mourning comforted. His ministrations, both as a Teacher and a Pastor, have been signally acceptable. And whether his walks are within his own parish of Bernardston, or over the wider fields of Vernon, Shelbourne, Richmond, or Charlemont, he seems always to go in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace. The people never fail to welcome the feet of him, who, either on their mountains or in their valleys, brings them the good tidings of great joy.

For our Missions in the West, the appropriations which have been made for several years past were renewed at the annual meeting in May last, and the same Missionaries have continued in the service of the Society. From the Rev. Wm. G. Eliot, of St. Louis; from Rev. Wm. P. Huntington, of Hillsborough, Illinois; and Rev. Joseph Harrington, of Chicago, in the same State; as well as from individuals to whom they have ministered, we have received, in the course of the year, various communications, both in relation

to the people of their respective congregations and to the destitute places which they have visited.

Mr. Eliot, our faithful and devoted laborer in Missouri, informs us of some fifteen or twenty settlements, within a circuit of eighty miles from St. Louis, which he either has or shall visit in the course of the year; and he has also, though in part for the recruiting of his health, which by his various and unintermitted labors had been impaired, visited some destitute places of Louisiana. He had likewise been instrumental in establishing some Sunday Schools in destitute places within the neighborhood of St. Louis.

Rev. W. P. Huntington, our Missionary at Hillsborough, and its vicinity, writes, 'I have met with more to encourage me in the work of the Christian ministry during the last six months, than ever before. Those who belong to the church to which I minister, appear to cherish a deep, living, and hearty interest in the subject of religion as a personal concern, and in the appointed institutions of the Gospel.' 'The appearance of our ordinary meetings on the first day of the week; the serious and devout aspect of our congregation; the evidently increasing size of our audience, are all indications of a general spiritual prosperity. But for evidence that the Gospel is preached here with success and efficacy, I should have to enter with you into individual experiences. On such points we must be satisfied with the visible results of preaching upon the life and character of the hearer; and looking at these, I think I can see improvement, though there is room for far greater.'

'We thank you for having given us so large a place in your sympathies and prayers; and for having made us, unworthy as we feel ourselves to be, sharers in the benefits of your exertions for the spread of the Gospel. It is my fervent

- prayer, that this Gospel may be more and more the study, the guide, and the hope of us all.'

From the Rev. Mr. Moore, our Missionary at Quincy and Tremont, and from Rev. Mr. Harrington of Chicago, no official communications have been received since the Annual Meeting of the Society in May last. The place of Mr. Moore, during his visit for several weeks to New England, was supplied by Rev. Mr. Blodget; and both from them, and from Mr. Harrington, the Committee expect shortly to receive the required returns. From other sources, however, particularly from Trustees or Committees of the Churches, to which these gentlemen minister, and from others resident within the more destitute places which they visit, we occasionally receive testimonies highly gratifying of their services; showing, at once, the extent of the spiritual needs, which their mission is intended to supply; the ability and fidelity of their ministrations; and the grateful acceptance of this charity by those who receive it; so that in the words of the Apostle we may say, 'The administration of this service not only supplieth the wants of the saints, but is abundant, also, by many thanksgivings unto God.'

The Committee, in closing this Report, while gratefully acknowledging the signal tokens of the Divine blessing upon their labors, both in past and present times, cannot but recall the successive bereavements, with which it has pleased the sovereign Disposer to visit this Society. Within a few months the ravages of death among our members have been alike frequent and signal. To the list of those whose departure from among us has already called forth the tribute of our respectful regrets,—to the honored names of Harris, Channing, Bond, and Thacher, two of these in succession our faithful Treasurers,—are now to be added those of Henry Ware, and of our late respected Secretary. Even while the notices of this meeting were preparing, Mr. Brad-

ford was removed from labors which he faithfully performed, and from infirmities which he patiently endured, to the rewards, as we trust, of a higher scene. In him, this community laments the loss of an upright and useful citizen, a worthy descendant of the Pilgrim Fathers, whose virtues he revered, and whose history was his filial study and delight, and this Society of its eldest, and one of its most honored members, who for forty-nine years,\* as the punctual attendant of its meetings, its active agent on special Missions, the watchful guardian, at all times, of its interests, and for more than fourteen years its faithful Secretary, rendered it various and important services.

It cannot have escaped the notice of this Board, and it is a circumstance suited to awaken solemn reflection, that in three of the successive bereavements, to which we have adverted, he who offered the tribute of respectful affection and condolence with the family of the departed brother, himself became the next object of our regrets, following next that brother to the grave. Amidst such remembrances and such monitions, it becomes us to listen to the voice of Heaven, and to remember the words of the Master, how he spake, 'Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you.'

Which is respectfully submitted,

By the Committee.

\* Mr. Bradford was elected a member of the Corporation in 1794, being at the time of his death, of all its members the longest in its service by eleven years. During his residence in Maine, and while the Minister of Wiscasset, he was frequently employed either as an Agent or Missionary of the Society; and afterwards, upon his removal to the Metropolis of his native State, undertook repeated Missions of inquiry into the condition of the Indians at Martha's Vineyard, and other Stations.

## APPENDIX.

---

### ACT OF INCORPORATION.

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

AN ACT to incorporate certain persons, by the name of 'The Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America.'

WHEREAS divers persons have petitioned this Court for an act of incorporation, whereby they may be the better enabled to carry into effect their designs of propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others in North America, and it is reasonable that the prayer of said petition should be granted:

Therefore to promote and encourage the same,

I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same.* That Richard Cranch of Braintree, Esq., Rev. John Clark of Boston, Francis Dana of Cambridge, Esq., Rev. Joseph Eckley and John Eliot of Boston, Rev. Nathaniel Emmons of Franklin, Rev. Levi Frisbie of Ipswich, Moses Gill of Princeton, and William Hyslop of Brookline, Esqrs., Rev. Timothy Hilliard of Cambridge, Jonathan Mason of Boston, Esq., Rev. Phillips Payson of Chelsea, Rev. Eliphalet Porter, and Increase Sumner, Esq., of Roxbury, Ebenezer Storer, Esq., Rev. Peter Thacher, and Oliver Wendell, Esq., of Boston, Rev. Joseph Willard, Edward Wigglesworth, and Samuel Williams, Doctor of Laws, at Cambridge, and the Rev. Ebenezer Wight of Boston, be, with such others as they shall elect, and they hereby are incorporated and made a body politic, for the purpose aforesaid, by the name of 'The Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians, and others, in North America;' and the Society aforesaid shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, which it shall be lawful for them to change, break, alter, and make new at pleasure, and may purchase and hold in succession, lands, tenements, and real estate of any kind, the annual income and profit not to exceed the value of two thousand pounds. And the said Society is hereby enabled to take and receive subscriptions of charitably disposed persons, and may take any personal estate in succession; and all donations to the Society, either by subscriptions, legacy, or otherwise, excepting such as may be differently appropriated by the donors, shall



make a part of, or be put into the capital stock of the Society, which shall be put out on interest, on good security, or otherwise improved to the best advantage, and the incomes or profits applied to the purposes of propagating the Gospel among the said Indians, in such manner as they shall judge most conducive to the design of their institution; and also among other people, who, through poverty or other circumstances, are destitute of the means of religious instructions: and the said Society is hereby empowered to give such instructions, orders, and encouragements to their officers, and those they shall employ, as they shall judge necessary; and the persons employed as teachers in any capacity, shall be men of the protestant religion, of reputed piety, loyalty, prudence, knowledge, and literature; and of other Christian and necessary qualifications suited to their respective stations.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Society shall meet at some convenient place in the town of Boston, on the first Thursday of December, and then choose a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other officers as they shall judge proper, and may make by-laws and orders for the regulation of the said Society; provided such by-laws and orders be not repugnant to the laws of the land, and act upon all matters which they apprehend needful to promote the end of their institution: and the officers so chosen shall continue in their office, until the Thursday next succeeding the last Wednesday of May next following the time of their appointment.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be a general meeting of the members of the said Society at Boston aforesaid, or in any other place within this Commonwealth (unless some extraordinary occurrence prevent the same) on the Thursday aforesaid in May, and first Thursday of November, yearly, for ever, and oftener, if needful, when and where the said Society shall think fit; and any seven of the members (the President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary always to be one) being convened at the said times and places, are hereby declared to be a quorum of the said general meeting; and the said Society at their general meeting in May, in every year, (and in case of any extraordinary occurrence preventing their meeting, then at their next general meeting after,) shall out of their own body, by a majority of the members present, elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other officers as they shall find needful, to continue in office until the May meeting next following their appointment, or until others be chosen to succeed them; and all the officers aforesaid, before they shall be qualified to act, shall be under oath for the faithful performance of their respective trusts; and the said Society, at their first, or any other stated meeting, (and at no other,) may elect into their body such persons as they shall judge qualified to assist them in their good design; provided the whole number of the said society shall at no time exceed fifty members; and may appoint committees to prosecute the orders of any general meeting, audit the Treasurer's accounts, and prepare matters for the Society to act upon; and such committees shall exhibit an account of their proceedings, at the general meetings of the Society.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That the Society aforesaid, by the name aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby declared to be capable to prosecute, pursue, and defend, in all courts and places, and before all proper judges whatsoever, all actions, causes, processes and pleas, of what kind or nature soever, in the fullest and amplest manner; and if it shall happen that the said Society shall become seized of lands or tenements by mortgages, as security for the payment of any debts, due to the said

Society, it shall be lawful for the said Society, by deed under the hand and seal of their President for the time being, to sell and convey the lands acquired in either of the two mentioned ways; provided that no such sale shall be made or concluded on, but at some general stated meeting.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Society be, and hereby is empowered, upon the death of their President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or any other officer, to choose others at any stated general meeting, to succeed them; and may also remove any of their officers when they shall judge expedient, and appoint others to succeed them therein. Provided always, that no member shall be removed, or officers displaced, unless at one of the stated general meetings as aforesaid.

And to the end, that the members of the said Society, and all contributors to the said design, may know the state of the Society's stock, and the dispositions of the profits thereof, and of all the donations made to the said Society,—

VI. *Be it further enacted*, That a particular account of such stock and disposition shall be exhibited by the Treasurer, at every stated general meeting; which accounts the Secretary, or a committee of the said Society (having examined the same) shall certify to be true; and fair entries shall be made in proper books, to be provided for that purpose, of all donations made to the Society, and of all the estate, both real and personal, belonging to the Society and of the increase thereof, and also of all transactions, either by themselves, their officers, or committees, for, or on any account of the said Society; and the said books shall be brought to the stated general meetings of the Society, and be there open for the perusal and examination of the members.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That Moses Gill, Esq. be, and he is hereby authorized, by public notification, to call the first meeting of the said Society, at such time and place, in the town of Boston, as he shall judge proper.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY.

In consequence of the above act and a notification from the Hon. Moses Gill, Esq., appointing a meeting of the Society at the Senate-chamber in Boston, at eleven o'clock, A. M. of Dec. 6, 1787, there met at said time and place the following gentlemen:

HON. OLIVER WENDELL, Esq.,  
" RICHARD CRANCH, Esq.,  
WILLIAM HYSLOP, Esq.,  
JONATHAN MASON, Esq.,  
EBENEZER STORER, Esq.,  
REV. DR. JOSEPH WILLARD,  
" " EDWARD WIGGLESWORTH,  
" NATHANIEL EMMONS,  
" TIMOTHY HILLIARD,  
" PETER THACHER,  
" JOHN ELIOT,  
" JOSEPH ECKLEY,  
" EBENEZER WIGHT,  
" ELIPHALET PORTER,

who having accepted the trust reposed in them by the said act of incorporation, proceeded to choose

THE REV. DR. EDWARD WIGGLESWORTH, to be their Secretary,  
PETER THACHER, to be their Assistant Secretary,  
THE HON. OLIVER WENDELL, Esq., to be their President,  
" " MOSES GILL, Esq., to be their Vice President,  
JONATHAN MASON, Esq., to be their Treasurer.

To all of whom, (except Moses Gill, Esq.,) a solemn oath was administered by Richard Cranch, Esq., that they would faithfully discharge the duties of the respective offices to which they had been chosen. The Society then

*Voted*, To appoint a committee of five, namely, Rev. Mr. Hilliard, Rev. Mr. Eliot, Mr. Hyslop, Rev. Mr. Eckley, and the Hon. Mr. Cranch, to prepare regulations for the government of the Society. They again

*Voted*, That the said committee be also desired to consider the measures necessary to be taken by the Society, in order to answer the purposes of their institution, and to make report at the adjournment.

The Society then adjourned to the first Thursday in January next, to meet at twelve o'clock in the Senate-chamber at Boston.

A true copy of the organization and first proceedings of the Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others, in North America.

Attest:

PETER THACHER, *Assistant Sec'y.*

## MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

*From its Incorporation, 1787, to the present time, November, 1843.*

### Named in the Act of Incorporation, 1787.

*Hon. Richard Cranch,	Braintree, (Quincy.)
*Rev. John Clarke, D. D.	Boston.
*Hon. Francis Dana,	Cambridge.
*Rev. Joseph Eckley, D. D.	Boston.
*Rev. John Eliot, D. D.	Boston.
*Rev. Nathaniel Emmons, D. D.	Franklin, (died Sept., 1840.)
*Rev. Levi Frisbie,	Ipswich.
*Hon. Moses Gill,	Princeton.
*William Hyslop, Esq.,	Brookline.
*Rev. Timothy Hilliard,	Cambridge.
*Dea. Jona. Mason,	Boston.
*Rev. Phillips Payson, D. D.	Chelsea.
*Rev. Eliphalet Porter, D. D.	Roxbury.
*Hon. Increase Sumner,	Roxbury.
*Eben'r Storer, Esq.,	Boston.
*Rev. Peter Thacher, D. D.	Boston, (Secretary.)
*Hon. Oliver Wendell,	Boston, (President.)
*Rev. Joseph Willard, D. D. LL. D.	Cambridge.
*Rev. Edward Wigglesworth, D. D.	Cambridge, (first Secretary.)
*Samuel Williams, LL. D.	Cambridge.
*Rev. Eben'r Wight,	Boston.

### Elected in 1788.

*Hon. James Bowdoin, LL. D.	Boston.
*Hon. William Phillips,	Boston.
*Richard Cary, Esq.,	Charlestown.
*Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D. D.	Boston.
*Hon. Thomas Dawes,	Boston.
*Hon. Thomas Russell,	Boston, (President.)
*Thomas Lee, Esq.,	Cambridge.
*Hon. Samuel Dexter,	Dedham.
*Hon. Cotton Tufts, M. D.	Weymouth.

### Elected in 1792.

*Hon. James Sullivan, LL. D.	Boston, (President.)
*Rev. Samuel West, D. D.	Boston.
*Rev. Jedediah Morse, D. D.	Charlestown, (Secretary.)
*Rev. John Lathrop, D. D.	Boston.
*Rev. Simeon Howard, D. D.	Boston.
*Hon. William Phillips,	Boston, (President.)
*Hon. John Lowell, LL. D.	Roxbury.
*Nathaniel Appleton, Esq.,	Boston.
*Mr. William Woodbridge,	Medford.
*Rev. Daniel Little,	Wells, Maine.
*David S. Greenough, Esq.,	Roxbury.

## Elected in 1794.

*Hon. Benjamin Lincoln,	Hingham.
*Rev. Alden Bradford,	Boston, (Secretary.)
*Rev. Abiel Holmes, D. D.	Cambridge, (Secretary.)

## Elected in 1798.

*James White, Esq.,	Boston.
*Dea. Samuel Salisbury,	Boston.

## Elected in 1800.

*Mr. David Hyslop,	Brookline.
*Hon. Dudley A. Tyng, LL. D.	Boston.
*Rev. Elijah Parish, D. D.	Newbury.

## Elected in 1803.

*Rev. David Tappan, D. D.	Cambridge.
*Eliphalet Pearson, LL. D.	Cambridge.

## Elected in 1804.

*Rev. Thomas Barnard, D. D.	Salem.
*Rev. William E. Channing, D. D.	Boston.
*Samuel Eliot, Esq.,	Boston.
*Daniel D. Rogers, Esq.,	Boston.
*Samuel Parkman, Esq.,	Boston.
*Rev. Joseph M'Keen, D. D.	Brunswick, Me.
Hon. John Davis, LL. D.	Boston. Resigned.

## Elected in 1805.

*Hon. John Treadwell,	Salem.
*Benjamin Bussey, Esq.,	Roxbury.
Samuel H. Walley, Esq.,	Boston.
Rev. Joshua Bates, D. D.	Dedham.
*Edward A. Holyoke, M. D. LL. D.	Salem.
*Hon. Thomas Dawes, Jr.,	Boston.
Rev. James Kendall, D. D.	Plymouth.
Hon. Jonathan Phillips,	Boston, (President.)

## Elected in 1808.

*Mr. Josiah Salisbury,	Boston.
------------------------	---------

## Elected in 1811.

*Rev. J. T. Kirkland, D. D. LL. D.	Cambridge.
Rev. Henry Ware, D. D.	Cambridge.
*Rev. Thomas Prentiss, D. D.	Medfield.
*Rev. William Greenough,	Newton.
Rev. John Pierce, D. D.	Brookline.

## Elected in 1814.

*Edward Tuckerman, Jr. Esq.,	Boston.
Rev. Charles Lowell, D. D.	Boston.
*Caleb Gannett, Esq.,	Cambridge.
*Elisha Ticknor, Esq.,	Boston.
*Rev. Samuel Gile,	Milton.

*Rev. John Foster, D. D.	Brighton.
Levi Hedge, LL. D.	Cambridge.
*Rev. Joshua Huntington,	Boston.
*Rev. Joseph McKean, LL. D.	Cambridge.

## Elected in 1818.

Rev. Francis Parkman, D. D.	Boston.
*Rev. Joseph Tuckerman, D. D.	Boston.
*Hon. John Phillips,	Boston.
*Hon. Asahel Stearns, LL. D.	Cambridge.
*Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D. D.	Andover.
Hon. Pliny Cutler,	Boston.

## Elected in 1822.

*Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, D. D.	Dorchester.
*Hon. Judge Parker, LL. D.	Boston.
*Edward Phillips, Esq.,	Boston.
Rev. John Codman, D. D.	Dorchester.
*Hon. William Reed,	Marblehead.
Hon. Daniel Webster, LL. D.	Boston.

## Elected in 1825.

Hon. Richard Sullivan,	Boston.
*James R. Chaplin, M. D.	Cambridge.
*Rev. Henry Ware, Jr. D. D.	Cambridge.
Hon. Samuel Hubbard, LL. D.	Boston.
John C. Warren, M. D.	Boston. Resigned.
*Rev. B. B. Wisner, D. D.	Boston.

## Elected in 1832.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, LL. D.	Cambridge.
*Hon. Peter O. Thacher,	Boston.
Rev. William Jenks, D. D.	Boston.
Rev. James Walker, D. D.	Charlestown.
Thomas W. Ward, Esq.,	Boston. Resigned.
*William Hilliard, Esq.,	Cambridge.

## Elected in 1833.

Hon. Judge Story, LL. D.	Cambridge.
Hon. James Savage, LL. D.	Boston.
Rev. John G. Palfrey, D. D., LL. D.	Cambridge. Resigned.
Rev. George Putnam,	Roxbury.
*George Bond, Esq.,	Boston.

## Elected in 1834.

Hon. Judge Shaw, LL. D.	Boston.
Rev. Ezra S. Gannett,	Boston.

## Elected in 1835.

Hon. Charles Jackson, LL. D.	Boston.
Rev. Charles Briggs,	Boston.
Rev. H. A. Miles,	Lowell.

F 72  
MS  
SA  
1-3  
Boston

Elected in 1837.

Rev. Joseph Field, D. D.	Weston.
Rev. Alexander Young,	Boston.
Rev. George Ripley,	Boston.
Hon. Leverett Salstonstall, LL. D.	Salem.

Elected in 1838.

Hon. Daniel A. White, LL. D.	Salem.
Hon. Samuel A. Eliot,	Boston. Resigned.

Elected in 1839.

Hon. Samuel Hoar, LL. D.	Concord.
Rev. Samuel Barrett,	Boston.
Rev. Ephraim Peabody,	New Bedford.

Elected in 1840.

Rev. A. P. Peabody,	Portsmouth.
Rev. G. W. Briggs,	Plymouth.

Elected in 1841.

Benjamin Guild, Esq.,	Boston.
-----------------------	---------

Elected in 1843.

Charles G. Loring, Esq.,	Boston.
Rev. Samuel K. Lothrop,	Boston.

