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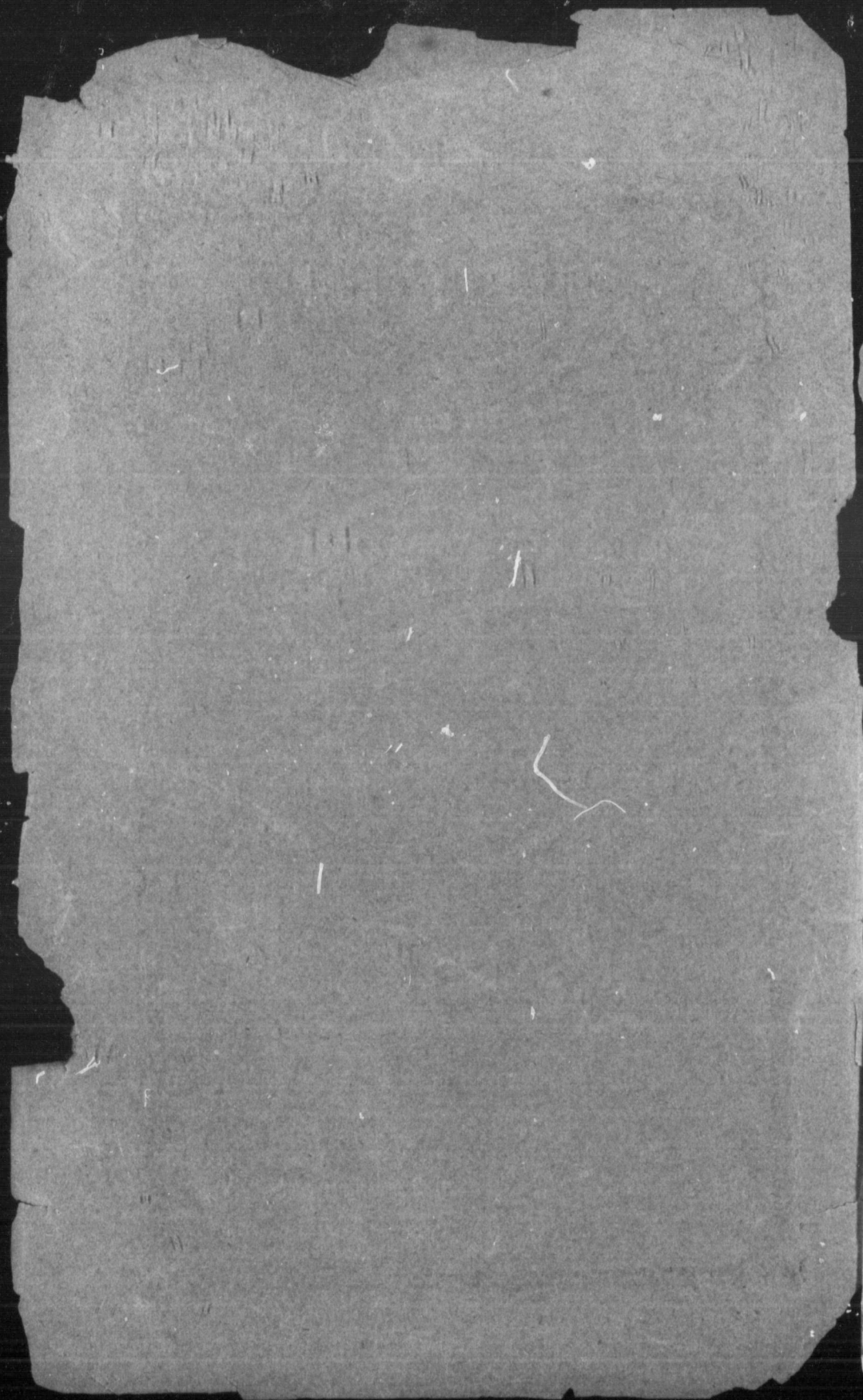
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FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

HON. H. H. COGSWELL, L.L.D.

STANDING RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

“ 5. A General Meeting of the Association shall be held annually on such a 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 eligible to their respective offices. All Officers of the Association shall be Members of the Church of England.”

## EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES.

*At a General Meeting of the "HALIFAX ASSOCIATION IN AID OF THE COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY," held at Mason's Hall, Barrington Street, Halifax, on Friday Evening, Decr. 22, 1848. (Being the first since its formation in Nov. 1847).*

His EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR in the Chair.

Extracts from the Report of the Committee having been read by HENRY INCE, Esq., Principal Secretary of the Corresponding Committee; it was on the motion of the Hon. H. H. COGSWELL, L.L.D., seconded by Deputy Commissary General ROBINSON—

*Resolved unanimously,* That the Report, extracts from which have been now read, be received and adopted, and 300 copies printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

On the motion of S. P. FAIRBANKS, Esq., Provincial Treasurer, seconded by W. C. SILVER, Esq.,—

*Resolved unanimously,* That it is the duty of every Christian to endeavour to promote the glory of God, and the good of mankind, by extending the benefits of a sound and Religious Education to all such as are destitute of these blessings, according to the ability which God has bestowed upon him.

On the motion of the Rev. R. F. UNIACKE, Rector of St. George's Church, Halifax, seconded by JAMES G. A. CREIGHTON, Esq.,—

*Resolved unanimously,* That the Colonial Church Society established in England for the purpose of sending out Clergymen, Catechists and Schoolmasters to the Colonies of Great Britain, are entitled to the best thanks of this Meeting for their benevolent Christian exertions to spread sound Religious Education throughout the Colonies, and more especially for the benefits produced by them in this Province.

On the motion of J. W. RITCHIE, Esq., seconded by PETER LYNCH, Esq.,—

*Resolved unanimously,* That this Meeting will cordially cooperate with the Parent Society in carrying out their benevolent objects in this Province, and will endeavour to obtain the assistance of other persons for the same purpose.

On the motion of the Hon. M. B. ALMON, seconded by WILLIAM HOWE, Esq.,—

*Resolved unanimously*, That the best thanks of this Meeting be presented to His EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR for the countenance which he has given to this Association by accepting the office of its Patron; and for taking the Chair upon the present occasion:

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

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

### Catechists and Teachers in Nova Scotia.

MR. JOSEPH ALEXANDER	. Itinerating Catechist,	Eastern Shores.
" HENRY VILLIERS,	. Catechist and Schoolmaster,	ditto.
" RICHARD PAYNE	. do., do.,	ditto.
" — RAY	. Supertdnt. of Sunday Schools,	ditto.
MISS PARKER	. Schoolmistress,	ditto.
" A. J. CLARKE	. do.,	ditto.
" C. A. CLARKE	. do.,	ditto.
MR. THOMAS WILSON	. Catechist & Schoolmaster,	Three Mile House.
" G. TURNER	. do.,	Sherbrooke.
" BAINBRIDGE	. Schoolmaster,	Preston.
MISS NICHOLS	. Schoolmistress,	Nine Mile House.
" AMBROSE	. do.,	Rockville.
" GOREHAM	. do.,	Musquodoboit Har.
" WOOLVER	. do.,	Kennetcook.



## REPORT.

THE COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY was formed about twelve years ago, by a number of Clergymen and Gentlemen in England, well known for their piety and zeal in the cause of Truth. It has had Teachers and Catechists in this Province for upwards of eight years, who were under the Superintendence of Cavie Richardson, Esq., until the summer of 1847, when he was removed to P. E. Island, and a Corresponding Committee appointed in Halifax. In the month of November of that year the "HALIFAX ASSOCIATION IN AID OF THE COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY" was formed, which, though labouring under some disadvantages, has prospered, through the Lord's blessing, beyond the hopes of its most zealous advocates.

Those who have kindly contributed to this Association, may justly claim some account of the manner in which its funds are disposed of. The Committee have therefore thought it desirable to issue a Report of its proceedings during the past year; which they trust will not only show the working of the Society, but also open to view much spiritual destitution. And surely those who are blessed with the rich advantages of sound Christian instruction for their children, the constant enjoyment of the Ordinances of God's House, their Bibles, and abundance of valuable religious books, will esteem it a privilege to aid this Society in conferring these blessings upon those who so much need them, and who have now become sensible of their destitution.

The Committee will now proceed with some details of the operations of the Society.

### THREE MILE HOUSE.

The Schools at this place, which have the advantage of frequent visits from the Rector and the Curate of St. George's Parish, have been established for eight years, and are among the first which the Society opened in this Province.

The present teacher, *Mr. Wilson* has labored here with much faithfulness and efficiency for the last five years ; he has a Day-school, at which the average attendance is about fifty, and a Sunday-school, which numbers about forty. *Mr. Wilson*, after speaking in his journal of his labours in the Schools, says,

"In addition to the above, besides occasional visits in looking after the children, and in cases of sickness in the settlement ; I visit twice a year all, or nearly all, the families from Sackville Bridge to the Three-Mile House ; thence around the Dutch Village to its extremity, at the North-West Arm ; thence across the peninsula, in a southeastwardly direction, where there are a few families inclosed in our limits, crossing, by the Rope-Walk settlement (leaving it out) till I strike the Narrows at Richmond, and continue around the Campbell Road, to the Three-Mile House—leaving them tracts ; and as opportunity occurs, putting in a word for Christ, urging upon them the necessity and benefit of family prayer, the daily reading of the Scriptures, and the keeping of God's Sabbath-day holy. I have often regretted that it was not in my power to record individual cases of interest, but I must be content, and leave the result of my labours to God. The young are the especial objects of my care, and prayer ; and so deeply impressed am I with the importance of early training (having strong faith in the promises of a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God, and that he will in his own time crown my labours with success,) that I am satisfied when I shall be sleeping in the dust, the good seed now sown in weakness will be raised in power. I myself am convinced that much good is being done, but I am also desirous that those whose benevolent dispositions prompt them to devote their money, time, and talents, to the extending of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth should be so too. And O ! may they have the happiness to know that many of those little ones have become useful members of society, ornaments in Christ's Church, and shining lights in the world, and that their efforts have not been in vain in the Lord."

#### NINE-MILE HOUSE.

*Miss Nichols* has kept a Day and Sunday-school at this place for upwards of three years. The Day-school is in a very flourishing state, neat, orderly, clean and well attended. The children are much attached to their teacher, and appear to be making good progress in learning. The Trustees express themselves as being well satisfied with *Miss Nichols*, and her manner of conducting

the School, as well as with the progress of the scholars. In a note to the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee she says :—

“I have added fourteen to my list of scholars since last April, making seventy-five that have attended within fifteen months. Nearly half of my scholars are Roman Catholics. The average attendance is about thirty, many of them have a long distance to travel, but seldom let any thing trivial prevent their coming. Some of the inhabitants are very anxious for the welfare of their children, and have done every thing in their power to assist in supporting this School, and always speak in terms of gratitude of the Colonial Church Society.

The Rev. MR. GRAY, Missionary at *Sackville*, states—

“I consider *Miss Nichols*' School a great blessing, in a religious and moral point of view, to the neighbourhood.”

Three of the members of the Corresponding Committee have lately paid a visit to this School, and speak of it in terms of the warmest approbation. Indeed they say that a visit to it would do more to establish the reputation of the Colonial Church Society's schools than the most elaborate statements that could be made respecting them.

#### KENNETCOOK.

At this station *Mr. Payne* has laboured for some years as a Catechist and Schoolmaster, with much usefulness. It is now occupied by a female teacher, *Miss Woolaver*; but in consequence of the great poverty of many of the inhabitants (owing to several successive failures of their crops,) numbers cannot afford to clothe their children sufficiently to send them to school, and therefore the School is not as well attended as could be wished, and the Corresponding Committee have been reluctantly compelled to decide on removing *Miss Woolaver* to the Eastern Shores.

#### ROCHVILLE.

At this place, where a large number of men are employed in quarrying and shipping Gypsum, *Miss Ambrose* commenced a School in June 1847, which has been in regular operation ever since, and continues to afford much satisfaction to the people and to the Committee. It is one of those unpretending but efficient Schools, which at a very small expense to the Society is doing a

great deal of good. The number of scholars in attendance is about forty, having greatly increased during the summer. *Miss Ambrose* has also established a Sunday-school, which within a short time has increased from *seventeen* to *forty* scholars.

## PUGWASH.

*Mr. Villiers*, who succeeded *Mr. Jordan*, (now stationed at Malta,) has been laboring here for some years as a Catechist and Schoolmaster, holding services also at the adjacent places; and the Committee trust that it has not been without much usefulness. In his journal at the close of 1847, he says:—

“Such has been the want of copies of the Scriptures that one young man came twenty miles to obtain a Bible from me. Many persons have come seven or eight miles and upwards. There still exists a great need of the Scriptures in families in the back settlements. I have distributed about 30 Bibles and 50 Testaments during the last year, and about 1200 tracts, besides 130 Homilies and a number of Prayer-books and Hymn-books. Many of these have found their way into the log-houses of the emigrants, and into the very recesses of the forest.

“I have walked eighteen miles on the Saturday, held Divine service on Sunday, visited families, and returned in time for my Day-school on Monday morning. A Roman Catholic with whom I often stay, told me that if the Colonial Church Society did no more good than to supply the inhabitants with books, it would merit the support of the public. If such was the opinion of one not very favourable to education, what should the more enlightened Christian feel? Could the friends of Sunday-schools and the true Christian-philanthropist see me going forth on the Lord's-day morn'g with the sun, to visit some lonely settlement where no Clergyman ever calls, with my pockets laden with Testaments, tracts, and other useful publications, and see how pleased the cottagers are, when I enter their habitations, and the young who come to meet me, to receive some little book to direct them to the Lamb of God, it would gladden their hearts. I have four Sunday-schools under my superintendence, containing 196 children, and two of them in settlements where there is no Day-school within ten miles. The Sunday-Schools established in this place have done much good; several parents have informed me that the Sabbath-day was not violated so much as it used to be, and many of the young persons are improved in their morals.”

The Rev. MR. AVERY, having been appointed to this place, and *Mr. Villiers'* services not being so much required here as in other places, the Corresponding Committee have advised his removal to Country Harbour on the Eastern Shore, where he is now labouring earnestly and faithfully.

SHERBROOKE (PARISH OF CHESTER.)

*Mr. George Turner* who is a licensed lay reader, keeps a Day and two Sabbath-schools here. The Day-school numbers thirty, and the Sabbath-schools seventy-five scholars. He also holds services, visits the sick, distributes tracts, and makes himself otherwise useful to the temporal and spiritual interests of those among whom he labors. Owing to the distance of the Church at this place from the residence of the Clergyman of the Parish it can only be visited by him occasionally; and were it not for the services performed by *Mr. Turner* would probably be closed a great part of the year, as will appear by the following letter from the REV. DR. SHREVE to the Secretary of the Corresponding Committee:—

“I would beg leave to state for the information of the Committee that I visit Sherbrooke as often as I conveniently can be spared from my duties here, which will account for the number of the services at the Church performed by *Mr. Turner* being forty-six instead of fifty-two. I find *Mr. Turner's* residence at Sherbrooke a great comfort to me, as at times, even after I have made an appointment, some unexpected call here had prevented my going to Sherbrooke. With my best wishes and prayers for the welfare, the success, and the prosperity of the C. C. Society, I am, &c., &c.”

*Mr. Turner*, in the Report of his labours to the Corresponding Committee says—

“The services at Christ's Church have been regularly kept up during the year, a few Sundays excepted. Part of my time this summer has been devoted to the pleasing duty of assisting to prepare some of the candidates for confirmation;—twenty-two of whom were confirmed by HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP of the Diocese when here in August.”

PRESTON.

*Mr. G. Bainbridge* has two Sunday-schools under his charge at this place, numbering respectively 50 and 30

scholars, and is making himself generally useful among the colored population of this place. A member of the Committee, whose summer residence is in the neighbourhood, speaks in the highest terms of *Mr. Bainbridge's* faithfulness and quiet usefulness. Besides attending the two Sunday-schools, he gives lessons in writing two nights in the week to all who are inclined to come to him for that purpose. Nearly one hundred poor colored children have been taught to read solely through *Mr. Bainbridge's* instructions, and a number have learned to write. The Society's funds are certainly well applied here.

## MUSQUODOBOIT.

*Mr. Alexander*, who is stationed on the Eastern Shore, visited the School in September last, and thus speaks of it :—

“*Miss Goreham* was rejoiced to see me in her isolated situation ; she has necessarily to teach in three different places, which makes it very laborious ; and nearly all the people being very poor, she has to suffer many privations, and that nothing but the grace of God supports this young female, I fully believe ; she appears to rely on God alone, for strength to carry her along, and bear her spirits up under many trials. Happy for her that she experiences the love of God in her heart.

“The people at all these stations are much pleased with her, and are desirous that she should remain with them another year, which I think she is disposed to do rather than leave them destitute. Nothing but a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the best interests of the rising generation could induce a respectable female thus to leave her friends and exclude herself from society as *Miss G.* has evidently done. I spent two days here, and distributed tracts for which the people expressed feelings of gratitude, and pressed me to remain longer. From 13 to 18 scholars are in attendance at the Day and Sunday-schools, now held at *Miss G's* upper School-station ; these are making as much progress as can reasonably be expected.”

## EASTERN SHORES.

*Mr. Joseph Alexander*, Itinerating Catechist and licensed Lay Reader, is stationed at St. Mary's, from whence he makes excursions to hold Divine service, superintend the Sunday and Day-schools, visit the sick, &c. ;—travelling a long distance each way, sometimes on horse-back,

frequently on foot. With reference to the labours of *Mr. Alexander*, the Committee make the following extract from the Twelfth Report of the Parent Society:—

“The natural difficulties with which he has to contend, are of the most formidable character. The shore is indented by numerous harbours; in many cases there are no roads, in others, the highways are of the rudest description, while vast tracts of land are covered with unsubdued forest. One of his letters describes a winter journey, through twenty-three miles of continuous woods, in the midst of a deep snow.

“Although *Mr. Alexander* is provided with a horse and a boat, to facilitate his movements, the nature of the country is such, that he is frequently obliged to travel on foot. The population, for whose benefit he labours, are located in dispersed settlements, consisting, for the most part, of fishermen and their families, who are entirely unable to maintain, for themselves, either Clergymen, Catechist, or Schoolmaster. Among these neglected dwellers in the wilderness, *Mr. Alexander* has gathered several little congregations, which are as fountains in a thirsty land. Fourteen Sunday-schools, embracing between 400 and 500 pupils, *not children only, but adults of all ages*, are among the fruits of his exertions. His work is, however, by no means confined, either to Sabbath-services, or Sunday-schools. Throughout the week he visits from house to house, ever seeking to arouse the apathetic to a sense of sin, to direct the awakened to the Lamb of God, to comfort the penitent, and to strengthen the believer. Bibles, tracts, and religious books are the only companions of his journeys. These, left behind where needed, are salutary monitors in his absence; they inform, quicken, and interest the people, who eagerly await the return of the living messenger of peace.”

*Mr. Henry Villiers*, Schoolmaster and Catechist, lately stationed at Pugwash, is now placed at Country Harbour; *Miss Parker*, Schoolmistress at St. Mary's; *Miss A. J. Clarke*, Schoolmistress at Marie Joseph; and *Miss C. A. Clarke*, if the Committee approve of it, will be placed at some other station on these shores.

*Mr. Ray* is Superintendent of the Sunday-schools, at Little, and Big Liscombe, and Jegoggin.

*Mr. Richard Payne*, also, formerly stationed at Kennetcook, and now studying preparatory to entering the ministry, has laboured on these shores during a part of the summer. The spirit and the manner in which these per-

sons have been labouring, the Committee think will be gathered in a more interesting way from their own journals, from which they have selected the following extracts :

*Extracts from Mr. Alexander's Journal—*

THE DEATH OF A SUNDAY SCHOLAR.

*Wednesday, 17th Nov., 1847.*—Set out for Liscomb's, where I had been requested by *Mrs. H.* to go, she being unwell, and the family in distress in consequence of the death of a boy about thirteen years of age, the favourite of the family. His death was caused by a small wound in the thigh with a chisel. The deceased was one of our Sunday-scholars. I regret exceedingly that I had not been able on account of my lameness to attend him before he died. His grandmother and myself were the only persons he desired to see. It was, however, satisfactory to me, as well as a comfort to his parents and friends, that he died apparently happy in the Lord. During fourteen days previous to his death he was much engaged in prayer, and frequently repeated the whole of the 51st Psalm, which he had committed to memory. He frequently said to those around him, 'How good God was to send his own Son Jesus Christ to die for sinners, and how kind Jesus was in suffering so much for them.' He said, 'I feel that I am a sinner, but I did not always think so.'—He prayed earnestly that God would forgive him, and believed he would, for Jesu's sake. He often repeated with great fervency the 60th Hymn, in our Cottage Hymn Book—'O'erwhelmed with sharp afflictions,' &c. On seeing his friends and parents weeping around him he said, 'Don't weep for me, I am going to Jesus, that dear Saviour, who died for me.' He had been one of the most regular scholars in the Sunday-school since its first organization in 1844. Thus hath it pleased the Lord to take home one of the Lambs of his flock. May this dispensation of Providence be sanctified to those who survive.

*Thursday, 18th.*—Held Divine service at 10 A. M., at H's, had a tolerably large congregation, very serious and attentive ; many were much affected during the service, which I read from James iv. 14, "Ye know not what shall be on the morrow." After service returned to St. Mary's, found it dreadful travelling—in many places, for a considerable distance, a foot deep in mud, moss and water."



## GREAT CHANGE IN AN AGED PERSON.

"*Friday, 19th.*—Was sent for to visit an old woman of 104 years, who was supposed to be dying. When I arrived her sufferings had in some degree abated, and she appeared composed for about half an hour, during which time I read several portions of Scripture, and prayed with her. After which I said, 'I am afraid your pain has prevented your hearing me read and pray.' 'O! no,' she replied, 'I heard it all, and I tried to pray as well as I could, but I am such a poor sinner; O Lord have mercy on me, and take me to heaven for Jesus Christ's sake!' After conversing some time with her, pointing to 'the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world,' I left her apparently free from pain, and in a composed frame of mind. I cannot feel sufficiently thankful to Almighty God for the great change which has taken place in this aged person since the month of July last. On many of my first calls I could get no satisfaction. I invariably found her exclaiming bitterly against every one—all were enemies to her—at least she appeared to think so. She did not appear to have any knowledge of God or a future state; but now she is quiet—docile as a child—thankful for every kindness, and I believe has been convinced of sin, and has felt its burden, and is now hoping for, and seeking pardon through the blood and merits of the Saviour. Truly we may in this place exclaim 'What hath God wrought. To his name be ascribed the praise and glory!'

"*Saturday, 29th.*—Very stormy, snowing and blowing, which brings afresh to my mind a debt of gratitude I owe to God and kind friends in Halifax for contributing to the amount of £3 7s. 6d. towards a stove and pipe for our little Chapel here; without which it would have been useless during the winter season.

"*Sunday, 21st.*—Held Divine service in our own little Chapel, congregation as usual very attentive, but not so numerous on account of the bad state of the roads and weather. In the afternoon held Divine service in the School-house up the river.

"*Tuesday, 23rd.*—Met and examined the Sunday-school up the river, which occupied five hours. The scholars have made great proficiency in reading and reciting their lessons in catechism, Scripture and hymns; the School has been well and regularly attended; the progress which one young woman about 25 years of age has made, I think worthy of remark. When this School was first organized in the autumn of 1846 she scarcely knew the alphabet. She can now read the New Testament, has committed to memory the Church Catechism, Watt's First Catechism, and all his 'Moral and Divine Songs', as also several portions of Scrip-

ture. After the examination I presented her with a Bible, which she received with gratitude and prized it before gold or silver. This person is a servant, so that her time is chiefly occupied in the duties of her station. Since *Miss Parker* went home, the entire management of the School has devolved on *Mrs. Alexander*, who has attended every Sunday, walking two miles each day, there and back to her home.

“*Sunday, 28th.*—Went to Indian Harbour, having been prevented on Friday and Saturday from going there by heavy and incessant rain. The people assembled at two o'clock, when I held Divine service; congregation very good, although many of the men were away from home.

“*Monday, 29th.*—Met and examined the Sunday-school, at 10 A. M., only forty were in attendance, many were prevented from want of shoes: some of those who did attend were without them. although it was a very cold morning, they could not be kept at home. This School, I am happy to say, continues to flourish, particularly the female department; nearly the whole are now reading in the New Testament, and some, I trust, are becoming acquainted with its doctrines. It was an interesting sight this cold, frosty morning to see the scholars wending their way over the distant hills on each side of the harbour, and the large lake at the head of it. Exclamations of delight are constant on my visits, and great anxiety is expressed by many a little one, to be the first to repeat the chapter or Hymn, which they had been directed to learn on my previous visit. After dismissing my juvenile congregation in the School-house, I replaced a library of thirty volumes—twelve persons subscribing each 7½d. for six months, not having it in their power to pay the usual subscription of 1s. 3d., for a year. Towards evening I returned to St. Mary's.

*December 6th.*—This afternoon I received a message from Liscomb requesting me to go, if I could possibly get there, on the morrow, to inter the remains of a child. The messenger found the tracks overflowed, but thought it would be possible to get over in the morning. On the following morning I set out, found the brooks very high, and the bogs half-knee deep, so that I was near leaving my boots in the mud several times; but the day being fine and tolerably calm, with the assistance of men and boats, I got there without much difficulty about 12 o'clock. Between sixty and seventy persons were in attendance. I read part of the burial service in the house, and improved the opportunity by reading a practical sermon from Psalm xc. 3, “Thou turnest men to destruction, and sayest, return, ye children of men;” after which we proceeded to the grave, a short distance from the house. The

people were remarkably serious and attentive throughout: apprehensions of fever were entertained, or, it is said, many more would have attended.

“*December 8th.*—On my return I held Divine service and catechised the Sunday-scholars at Little Liscomb; found all going on well in the School; and as usual, those poor people appeared to drink in the word while I read a sermon from Acts xv. 30, “What must I do to be saved?”

#### GRATITUDE TO THE SOCIETY.

“*Tuesday, 18th.*—I was enabled to hold Divine service at the house of G. M. on the Necum Quoch river. About thirty persons were in attendance. After service, several small contributions were made for the Society. One poor man giving me 7<sup>d.</sup>, said, ‘Will you please accept this mite, sir? it is all I have; if I had dollars to spare you should have them; for the Colonial Church Society has done more for us on this shore than all other Societies and preachers put together; and its a shame we hav’nt begun long ago to give of what little we have; its true, we’re poor enough, and don’t know how we are to make out for bread till spring; but I know what is given to the Lord freely, pays good interest.’”

#### DESTITUTION.

Speaking of a meeting which was held for the purpose of deciding upon the sphere of *Mr. Villiers'* labors, and for ascertaining the amount which would be raised towards his salary, *Mr. Alexander* says—

“Greater destitution, in every sense of the word, cannot surely exist in any part of the British Colonies. When these poor people were giving me their names and the full amount that they could contribute, with the number of scholars that might attend the Day and Sunday-schools, (the number of children was 227, the amount of subscription only £20.) I confess I was surprised, and thought they might have done more. But on enquiry I was informed that were I to collect all the flour, in each house, from one end of the settlement to the other, it would not make two barrels, and that several families had had nothing but herrings and turnips, excepting one barrel of meal from the Government, since last autumn. It is true, there is a want of economy and steady industry; but I repeat what I have said in my former journals, that until these people are well instructed and made sensible of their duty to God and man, by precept, example, and the faithful proclaiming of the Gospel, they must remain in their present condition.”

## A DISTRESSED SOUL.

“ Was invited and enabled to commune with a person who had been for some months very uneasy respecting his soul, and thought his case hopeless. He could take no pleasure in anything ; could derive no comfort from reading the Scriptures, or prayer ; and said, it appeared to be no use to try ; was afraid his soul would be lost. I spent some time in reading, conversation, and prayer, directing him to the only physician of sin-sick souls ; also read frequently the 4th, 22nd, 69th, and 88th Psalms, promising to send him ‘ James’ Anxious Enquirer.’ ”

## SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

*June 6th.*—Walked to Indian Harbour, ten miles from my dwelling, held service, and on the following day arranged the Sunday-schools and walked home.

“ *8th.*—Walked to Little Liscomb ; met and examined the Jegoggin and Little Liscomb Sunday-school. This little nursery, I am happy to say, is in a healthy state, and going on well under the superintendence of *Mr. Ray*. After going through the various lessons, Scripture, catechism, &c., I held service, and although rain commenced falling in torrents, the little hut was stowed full ; several came a distance of two or three miles. The whole congregation seemed to drink in the word with eagerness. After service the wind and rain continued to beat violently upon the house, and I was obliged to remain all night with the family, and several others, who were also detained in consequence of the storm—in all eleven persons hovering around the fire. There was neither oil nor candle to give light ; however the hours were beguiled with religious conversation, which was quite interesting, at least to me, while listening to several of these poor people, telling of the comforts they had derived from various tracts, which had been circulated by us, and discourses delivered to them, during the last four years.

“ *11th.*—Met and examined the Big Liscomb Sunday-school at 10 A. M., which is kept in *Mr. H’s* dwelling, where we hold Divine services. Thirty scholars are entered on the roll, twenty-six were in attendance. This School is also under *Mr. Ray’s* superintendence, and is in a very prosperous state, but would had been extinct long ago had *Mr. Ray* not been engaged. His conduct is very circumspect, and he has been indefatigable in his sphere of usefulness, having attended both the last mentioned Schools very regularly, both summer and winter, and endeavoured to enforce through the week what he has taught the children and

youth on the Sabbath-day. He is assisted in this School by a son and daughter of Mr. H., who, together with their parents take a lively interest in the institution.

“12th.—Set out for Marie Joseph, where I arrived in the afternoon, and in consequence of rain had to remain all night, and on Tuesday morning walked out to Hecum Secum; thence onward to Necum Quoch, being desirous of reaching the Rev. MR. BREADING’S residence at Moser’s River, before he should set out eastward, as he was desirous to accompany me to all my stations. Here I was welcomed by my old friends in the Smith settlement, and particularly by *Miss Clarke*, whom I had engaged when in Halifax, and sent down as a teacher. I found her busily employed in her School with seventeen scholars. The people are highly pleased with *Miss Clarke*. They have entered into bonds to pay her £10 per annum, and to furnish her with comfortable board and lodging, and have engaged to keep the School-house in good repair. *Miss C.* had begun to feel the absence of her friends, want of society, and means of grace; at which I could not be surprised, as it requires much self-denial on the part of a young female accustomed to a comfortable home and good society, to content herself and endure so many privations among strangers. *Miss Clarke* has, I trust, the glory of God, and the best interests of the rising generation in view: May He dispose them to receive her instructions.

“In taking a retrospect of our past labors I have abundant cause to thank God for the continued encouragement I have met with throughout my extensive district; and though my arrangements have frequently been frustrated by sickness and other impediments, yet I am thankful that the blessing of God has, as I trust, crowned our labors with success, in bringing some poor wanderers home to God. Deficient in knowledge and weak in faith as these may be, they are endeavouring, as far as I have observed, to walk as persons professing godliness. One humble individual in lying apparently on her death bed (as the Rev. MR. BREADING informs me, who on his way hither was called to visit her,) when leaving the hut where she lay, she said to him, ‘Give my dying love to *Mr. and Mrs. Alexander*, and tell them I am going to Jesus, and how I owe every thing to them for their good instruction to me.’ This person a few years ago was in the bloom of health, and only twenty-five years of age.

“The following is an extract from a letter sent by a young man, who had been a Sunday-scholar, to the Superintendent:—  
‘I thank you for the books I have been obliged with; and I hope the Lord of heaven will reward you for the instruction you have

given me ; and if it ever lays in my power to do a good turn for you, I shall be happy to do it ; and if the school begins again I hope to attend. Thank God for the Sunday-Schools.'

"From a person who has charge of a Sunday-School :—' I am trying to do what I can to promote the glory of God, and the public good, in this little place, as far as my humble influence will extend, and I am sorry I cannot do more. I hope it will not be long before I shall see you here again—whoever may forget you, we do not ; and if we had the ability as we have the will, we should not be so far behind in assisting your good Society.' Instances of this kind could be multiplied, but I forbear. A work of grace, I hope, is being carried on in many souls, and eventually I hope the fruits will more abundantly appear. With regard to our Sunday-schools I am happy in being able to say, they have, with the exception of three, been in active operation. I must now part with my fellow traveller and labourer MR. BREADING, in whom, during the six weeks we have been together, I have found every thing I could wish, having, I trust, with myself, solely in view the glory of God, and the conversion of precious souls. We travelled together upwards of 430 miles, exclusive of short distances, in going from house to house: 150 of these were travelled in carriages, the rest principally on foot and in boats. Held upwards of forty services, and MR. B. administered the Sacrament at four of my stations, and baptized twenty-seven children, and one adult. But I cannot conscientiously close without mentioning my dear old friend and fellow-labourer, *Mr. Richardson*. He was affectionately spoken of, and enquired after, by nearly all in every harbour: 'Nothing,' say numbers, 'would give us greater pleasure than to receive a visit from him, by and through whom, we have received so many spiritual blessings.'"

*Extracts from Mr. Payne's Journal—*

HECUM SECUM.

"*Tuesday, July 4th.*—Accompanied by my attentive host, I visited the neighbourhood distributing tracts. Visited a person apparently in a deep decline ; he was very attentive to observations on the depravity of man, redemption by Christ alone, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. The poor fellow, who much needed instruction on these points, was much affected during prayer. Both he and his wife expressed their gratitude for my visit, which on my return I promised to repeat."

After visiting Salem River, he says—

“On my return homewards, I stopped at Mosher’s River, and called upon a pious but afflicted Presbyterian, and discoursed upon things which accompany salvation.

“Visted Mr. ———, a venerable Baptist; a cancer in the face appears likely to bring the old pilgrim down to the grave. I was kindly received, and after engaging in prayer, his aged partner summoned a child, and with them I rowed myself over the ferry, and with some anxiety watched the safe return of the infirm old woman, and her juvenile assistant. Called at M———’s, and found the fishermen had set their nets earlier than usual in order to be at my service at the school-house, as announced; whither I at once proceeded. At 6 o’clock a large congregation assembled, principally consisting of the numerous branches of the S—— family; the old gentleman taking his seat as my right hand supporter. Some strangers, from a visit in the offing, were present. *Miss Clarke* is already forming here an effective though juvenile choir.

“*Indian Harbour*. Accompanied by one of the neighbours, who ventured to go with me, I proceeded to this place; left some tracts at the houses of some Baptists, who received them thankfully. Proceeded to the magnificent lake to Mrs. ——’s, who, though a Roman Catholic, received us kindly. Permission to hold service at her house was immediately accorded. As soon as practicable, a room full of people assembled, principally Roman Catholics and Baptists. We had an edifying and gratifying discourse.

“*St. Mary’s, Sunday, 30th July*.—*Mr. Alexander* read prayers, Rev. MR. BREADING preached, and I acted as clerk at the chapel this morning. It, was, I trust, a time of refreshing from the presence of the Most High. The little chapel was crowded with hearers, several from afar. The whole congregation, above one hundred, remained to witness the Communion, and about twenty-five partook of the sacred memorials of a Redeemer’s dying love. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. BREADING and myself proceeded to Sherebrooke for service. I read prayers, and Mr. B. preached.

“In conclusion, I would praise God for having given me utterance among these spiritually-destitute people, and for enabling me to proclaim the efficiency of the cross with some acceptance, notwithstanding much of human infirmity and imperfection. That I had thus been enabled to lead the devotions of many, to reprove the vicious, exhort the lukewarm, comfort the weak, and

stimulate the believer, who otherwise would generally have been destitute of these means of grace, is surely matter of devout acknowledgment to the Giver of all good. The visits to the sick, as they can be so rarely received, are accordingly appreciated by the people as invaluable; and I would thank God for opportunities of thus smoothing the pillow of the sufferer, by directing him to the Great Redeemer. Nor should those ambassadors of grace, the tracts, which I was enabled by the bounty of Christians, freely to circulate, be unnoticed. Such messengers of truth penetrated into many an unfrequented cove, and solitary inlet, faithfully proclaiming 'the unsearchable riches of Christ.'"

*Extracts from the Journals of Mr. W. Villiers, Country Harbour—*

"On Tuesday, 4th July, we, (myself and Mr. Alexander,) visited some of the trustees to make preparation for commencing the Day-school. I found they had appointed me to keep three Day-schools, and remain about four months in each place. One at the lower part of the settlement, several miles from the mouth of the river, one near the church, and one at the upper part of the settlement. The distance in the mean would be about ten miles. This is the only plan that could be adopted to meet the wants of the settlement, and with all the labour of the three schools the people are so poor that only about £20 currency could be raised by subscription to pay for a teacher: this is sufficient to show the poverty of the people and their utter inability to provide for themselves the benefit of moral and religious instruction. The above arrangement leaves about thirty families, below the lower school without instruction, many of whom have children unable to read or write. Some families, in order to procure the means of sending their children to school, have united and bought a boat among them, and every morning about thirteen children may be seen coming by this conveyance to school; and some mornings I feel afraid to see them, for the waves are very strong, the place being only about seven miles from the main ocean.

"On Sunday, 9th July, I commenced another Sunday-school in the church: thirty-seven attended; fifteen of that number could not read; about twelve were capable of reading in the New Testament. This class consisted of young persons between the age of twelve and eighteen; some came between three and four miles.

"On Monday, 10th, I began my labors in the school: I commenced with three scholars; this was all I had for the first week, and having to walk seven miles a day to teach them, I began to



feel quite discouraged; but my number increased next week to nineteen, and the following week to thirty. Among this number I found only one that could write; thirteen did not know the alphabet; only three could read the New Testament, and the remainder in words of one syllable. These remarks do not apply to very young children, for their ages are between six and eighteen years; the greater part of the boys between ten and thirteen: some of them able to row a boat two or three miles.

"I asked them several questions upon the Scriptures, as who were Adam, Noah, Moses, Abraham, &c., and they could only answer me to the first! All this was not to be wondered at, because they never had any means to acquire learning.

"*September 4th.*—To-day I began my services in the middle school, about  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the lower one, and the lower one is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the mouth of the river, opening to the Atlantic ocean; so that the centre school is about 11 miles from the mouth, or commencement of the harbour. It was with very peculiar feelings, and much depression of mind, that I began my labors here. I commenced with eighteen scholars; they were not quite so deficient in religious information as those in the lower part of the harbor; but every sign of labor lay before me, and I very much regretted having to leave the lower school, as I had labored hard for the improvement of the children, and they had entwined themselves around my heart. I carried on the morning school, but at dinner time I felt so much affected when I looked at the church before me, and thought upon my weakness to impart such spiritual and moral instruction as was required by the people, together with the dreariness of the scene, my mind sunk under it; it was more than I could bear. I entered the school, sat upon the seat, (which was an empty box, with a strip of board laid across,) and in an instant I fell back: I fainted; convulsions came on, and I remained in an insensible condition for about twenty hours. When I came to myself I was so weak that I was confined to my bed for six or seven days.

"*Tuesday, 10th September.*—Feeling myself better, I had a service in the church, at 11, A. M.; and during the service I felt that in reality I was a dying man speaking to dying men. I was so ill that I could scarcely stand upright in the reading desk; but it is encouraging to see how anxious many families are for the means of grace. At the close of the service some of the fishermen came to me and offered to take me home in their boat."

After detailing other services, *Mr. Villiers* concludes—

“ My time is fully occupied, having two services every Sunday, a Day-school to attend five days in the week, and a Sunday-school on the Sabbath, and many families to visit.”

Many other interesting extracts might be made from the journals of the different teachers; but the Committee deem it inexpedient to enlarge the Report any further, believing that they have given sufficient evidence of the usefulness of the Society to encourage those who are influenced by a desire for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom to give it their support.

If the eternal welfare of the souls of men, be a desirable thing: if to instil into the minds of the young, those principles of rectitude by which the good order of society will be promoted, and those tumults, and deeds of blood, of which we have lately heard so much, prevented: if to offer to the sick and the dying, the precious consolations of salvation by grace; to open up to the poor, and destitute of this world, “ the unsearchable riches of Christ,” and the hopes of another, and a better country: if, in fact, to assist men to read, to understand, and to enjoy the precious truths of the Divine and imperishable Word, be objects worthy of Christian benevolence; then the designs of this Society, are such as will commend themselves to “ all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.”

The Committee fully believe, that the Teachers and Catechists, employed by the Society in this Province, are persons of real practical piety, who enjoy in their own souls the comfort of those truths, which they endeavour to teach to others; and they all appear to be laboring in the spirit of Christian love—desiring nothing so much as to be the instruments of winning souls to Christ. The time is fast approaching, when the fire will try every man's work of what sort it is, when the wood, hay, and stubble, of mere human opinion, of self-righteousness, and of formalism, will be burned up, and the pure gold and precious jewels of Divine truth, real conversion of the heart to God, and labors flowing from love to Christ, be gathered up from the earth, to shine in the crown of the Redeemer forever. Oh! that all the members, as well as laborers of this, and every kindred Society, may remember that their time on

earth is short; and first, making sure, that they have given their own hearts to God, go forth in the strength of their Lord and Master, to scatter the seeds of Gospel truth over the earth until the "wilderness and solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

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Do. per Library in Sher- brooke	0	12	6	Albert Elliot	0	1	3
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