

REPORT,

OF

THE YORK COMMITTEE,

OF THE

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge,

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

HELD IN ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

15TH JULY, 1831.

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An Annual Subscription of ten Shillings Currency constitutes a Member. Subscriptions are received by the Treasurer and Depositor at York, and by the several Depositors throughout the Country.



The *Annual Meeting* of the Society, will in future be held in St. James' Church on *Easter Monday*, in each year, at the hour of two o'clock P. M.

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*The Annual Meeting of this Committee was held in ST. JAMES' CHURCH, on Friday, 15th July, 1831.*

*The VENERABLE the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, in the Chair. After Prayers, the following Report was read by the Secretary.*



**REPORT.**

THE YORK COMMITTEE *of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge*, in presenting a Report of their proceedings during the past year, have much pleasure in being enabled to state, that their exertions to circulate the WORD OF GOD, and other Religious Works, have been productive of as successful results as, under all circumstances, could reasonably be expected.— And while they beg to acknowledge their gratitude to the GIVER of all GOOD for the blessing which has hitherto attended their labour, they humbly hope, that through His continued assistance, the designs of

this Institution will be carried on with unabated success.

But previous to entering into any detail of their own proceedings, the Committee doubt not, that it will be gratifying to the friends of this Institution, to learn something respecting the operations of the Parent Society, to which the Committee take this opportunity of expressing their warmest thanks for its kind attention to their wishes, and the benevolent interest which it has at all times evinced in their concerns.

“This Venerable Institution,” it is remarked in the last Report, “has now been actively engaged for more than one hundred and thirty years, in labouring to advance by various methods, and to the utmost extent of its means and influence, the GLORY of GOD and the best interests of Mankind. During this long period, the Society has never been unmindful that its primary duty is to extend the knowledge of the Gospel, as expounded in the Articles and Liturgy of our Church, and to inculcate Christian duties upon Christian principles.” “The labours of the Society,” it is added, “have been continued on a scale of progressive extension, a fact which the present abstract of the proceedings during the past year will tend fully to establish.”

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From that Report we find, that the number of Bibles, Testaments, Common Prayer Books, Psalters, and other Books and Tracts issued during the last year, is 1,715,560 ; a number, this, which greatly exceeds that issued in any former year. A large proportion of these books have been supplied to Parochial, Charity, National and Sunday Schools. The pecuniary receipts for the year amount to £67,018 ; a sum, which, we regret to perceive, is considerably less than that of the preceding year ; it is, however, hoped that the friends of the Society will not relax in their endeavours to furnish it with sufficient means to meet the increasing demands.

Having given this, they trust, not uninteresting account of the operations of the Parent Society, the Committee now proceed to make a brief statement of their own.

The issue of Books from the Depository at York, since the last Annual Meeting has been as follows :—

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Bibles and Testaments,.....        | 211   |
| Prayer Books,.....                 | 268   |
| Church Catechisms,.....            | 348   |
| Other bound Books and Tracts,..... | 1,151 |

Total,.....1,978

These together with the number (2,059) mentioned

in the last Report, as disposed of since January 1st, 1830, make the total issue since that period, to amount to 4,037.

The Committee have lately remitted to England £100 Sterling, in part payment for the large supply of books received in the Autumn of 1829, and this sum, together with the remittance made at the time of giving the order, reduces the debt now owing to the Parent Society, to £661 0 3 Cr'y.

The sums due to the Committee stand thus :

|                                                                                       |             |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| From Schools and Individuals, .....                                                   | £53         | 0         | 5½        |
| Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, .....                                          | 6           | 17        | 0         |
| Collection at Sermon by Rev. Mr. Wenham, .....                                        | 22          | 0         | 0         |
| From Depositories, .....                                                              | 141         | 3         | 2½        |
| Cash in hand of Depositor at York, for books sold, ....                               | 8           | 6         | 2         |
| Books issued on order of the Bishop of the Diocese, to be returned as required, ..... | 38          | 9         | 7½        |
| <b>Total outstanding, .....</b>                                                       | <b>£269</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>5½</b> |
| <b>Subscribers as well as others who may procure</b>                                  |             |           |           |

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books from this Institution, are requested to be punctual in the discharge of their Accounts with the Depositories, at least once in the year, in order that the Committee may be enabled to make further reductions in their debt to the Parent Society with as little delay as possible.

The Committee regret that, not having yet received returns from the different depositories established in the Country, they are unable to notice them more in detail in this report. They are happy, however, to mention, that in addition to those named in the report of last year, applications have been made for the establishment of other Depositories, which applications will shortly be taken into consideration.

The REV. J. WENHAM having kindly offered to preach a Sermon in behalf of this Institution previous to his departure from the Province, is entitled to the thanks of the Committee. The Sum collected in the Church upon that occasion, amounted to £22.

On application to HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR IN CHIEF, the duty levied on the last importation of Books amounting to £18 19 5 Cr'y. has been refunded to the Committee. For this liberality and attention our warmest thanks are due.

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The Committee next proceed to notice the subject of Education, as connected with this Institution.

The following is a correct statement of the numerical strength of the National School as furnished by the Master. :—

|                                                             |       |     |
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| Total number of Boys on the list during the past year,..... | 262   |     |
| Ditto Girls, ditto.....                                     | 152   |     |
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| Total,.....                                                 |       | 414 |
| Total number of Boys in attendance at present,.....         | 170   |     |
| Ditto Girls, ditto.....                                     | 123   |     |
|                                                             | <hr/> |     |
| Total,.....                                                 |       | 293 |
| Average number of Boys present daily,.....                  | 121   |     |
| Ditto Girls, ditto.....                                     | 72    |     |
|                                                             | <hr/> |     |
| Total, do. Boys and Girls, ditto.....                       |       | 193 |

To account for the great disparity between the number of Children on the list during the year, and the number in actual attendance, it is to be observed, that about one-fourth of the number under instruction go off annually to employments, and into the Country.

From this highly satisfactory account, it is gratifying to perceive, that the whole number upon the list at the present time, greatly exceeds that of any previous year.

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In noticing the Sunday School, which has been established for some years past, and supplied with books from this Society, the Committee have to state that the number of Boys at present upon the list, amounts to 70, and that of the Girls 35 ; the average number in attendance is about 25 Boys, and 20 Girls. This low average is no doubt attributable to various causes, but principally, there is reason to believe, to this circumstance, that the Sunday School Children, being all, or the greater part of them, belonging to the National School ; and confined during the whole of the week, are the less urgently required by their Parents to attend on Sundays. Among those who have rendered their services as teachers in the Sunday School, Mr. Wilson, (second Master in the National School) is deserving of the highest praise for his diligence and zeal ; and it is but justice to say, that such of the Children as have been regular in their attendance, have made very considerable progress in acquiring religious instruction. There is therefore, notwithstanding any discouragement which may arise from existing circumstances, sufficient reason to believe, that, if parents and others who feel an interest in the Spiritual welfare of the rising generation, would actively co-operate, the most beneficial results would ensue.

In drawing their report to a close, the Committee earnestly recommend the designs in which they are engaged to the strenuous support of all who desire to promote Christian Knowledge and Christian Practice; acquirements, which, in value and importance, infinitely surpass every earthly pursuit and possession.

Many and powerful are the inducements in this Province at the present day, to stimulate our endeavours in this benevolent undertaking. Especially does the rapidly increasing number of Settlers, (many of them in poor and destitute circumstances) which are now arriving among us, furnish new and additional calls upon the exertions of this Society; but let us not be discouraged at this prospect, rather let us be excited to greater diligence and perseverance, fully assured, that whilst we continue to teach mankind a knowledge of the truth as it is in JESUS, and to exhort them to live as becometh the GOSPEL of CHRIST, we are doing the will of our HEAVENLY FATHER; let us not be weary in well doing, humbly relying on the Gracious promise annexed that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Impressed with these feelings, it only remains for us now and at all times, to supplicate the Divine Blessing upon our feeble efforts, to promote the Glory of God and the Salvation of Man.

By order of the Committee.

J. HUDSON,  
SECRETARY.

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*The following Resolutions were then moved and adopted :—*

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Report be Printed.
3. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Treasurer.
4. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Rev. Jos. Hudson, for his valuable services, and that he be requested to continue in Office.
5. That the Committee be increased, and consist of—
  - The Hon. The Chief Justice,
  - “ Mr. Justice McAulay,
  - D’Arcy Boulton, Esq.
  - Mr. Duggan,
  - James E. Small, Esq.
  - Mr. Murchison,
  - Capt. Phillpotts,
  - J. G. Chewett, Esq.
  - Mr. Atkinson,
  - W. H. Draper, Esq.
  - Together with the Clergy.
6. That the Gentlemen of the Committee be requested, occasionally to visit the Sunday School.
7. That those who have aided this Society, either by Donations or Subscriptions, be requested to continue their support.

8. That it shall be in the power of any member of this Society to leave an order at the Depository for any Book published by the Parent Society, which will be ordered by the first opportunity from England.

9. That it is the opinion of this Society, that a revised arrangement of the Prayer Book, by which the course of the Morning and Evening Services as appointed to be read, might proceed in unbroken succession, would contribute materially to the improvement and assistance of the Members of the several Congregations in this Province; especially those in the humbler walks of life—and would also tend to promote the extension of the Church, and the dissemination of religious instruction throughout the same.

The Meeting then appointed Easter-Monday, as the day on which, in future the Annual Meeting of the Society be held, in ST. JAMES' CHURCH, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Chairman having left the Chair,—the Hon. Mr. Justice McAulay was called thereto—when, on motion made and seconded it was, unanimously—

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, for his conduct in the Chair this day, and for his valuable and unremitting services, rendered on all occasions to the Society.

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The Chief  
Mr. Justice  
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William A  
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James B.  
Dr. Phillip  
William P  
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OF

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| The Lieutenant Governor, .. | £5 0 0  | Reverend Charles Matthews,   | 3 0 0   |
| Archdeacon of York, .....   | 5 0 0   | Stephen Jarvis, .....        | 0 10 0  |
| The Chief Justice, .....    | 3 0 0   | Seneca Ketchum, .....        | 1 0 0   |
| Mr. Justice Sherwood, ..... | 2 10 0  | Hon. John H. Dunn, .....     | 3 0 0   |
| Christopher A. Hagerman, .. | 2 10 0  | Alexander Wood, .....        | 1 0 0   |
| Joseph Wells, .....         | 2 10 0  | Dr. Diehl, .....             | 1 0 0   |
| William Allan, .....        | 2 10 0  | Reverend William Boulton, .. | 1 0 0   |
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| Charles C. Small, .....     | 1 5 0   | Saltern Givins, .....        | 0 12 6  |
| James B. Macaulay, .....    | 2 10 0  | John Powell, .....           | 0 12 6  |
| Dr. Phillips, .....         | 1 0 0   | Simon Washburn, .....        | 1 5 0   |
| William Proudfoot, .....    | 1 5 0   | James W. Padfield, .....     | 0 12 6  |
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| Henry J. Boulton, .....     | 2 10 0  | George Denison, .....        | 1 5 0   |
| William Hutchinson, .....   | 0 10 0  | John Ewart, .....            | 0 15 0  |
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| James Fitzgibbon, .....     | 1 0 0   | James G. Chewett, .....      | 0 12 6  |
| Grant Powell, .....         | 1 0 0   | Major Winniett, .....        | 1 0 0   |
| Robert Stanton, .....       | 1 0 0   | Reverend James Magrath, ..   | 1 0 0   |
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| F. T. Billings,.....   | 0 15 0  | Reverend Dr. Harris, ..... | 1 3 4   |
| George Savage,.....    | 0 10 0  | Mr. Willson, .....         | 0 10 0  |

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☞ The names of Subscribers added to the List during the present year, will appear in a subsequent Report.