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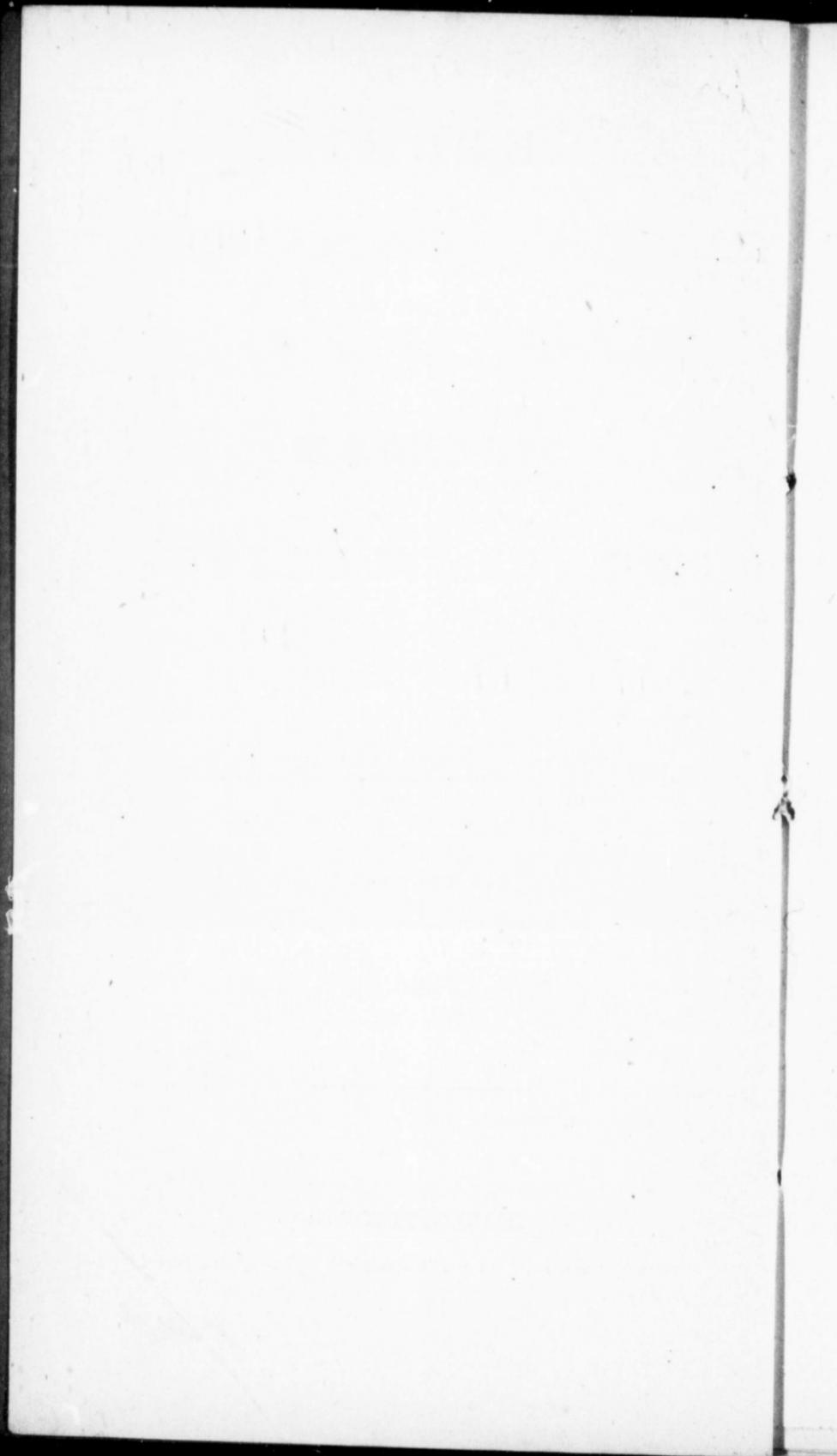
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THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society of Prince Edward Island, took place at Charlottetown on Tuesday the 30th September, A. D. 1845, (being put off from the 14th July.) His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Henry Vere Huntley, Patron of the Society, took the chair. The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Vice President of the Society, read prayers.

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

NOTICE:

The Clerical Secretary of this Society—the Rev. Mr. Panter—having left the Island—whether to return or not, seems at present uncertain—no regular Report of the last year's proceedings has been prepared. But they appear to have been of so ordinary and limited a character, that the absence of a regular Report will hardly be felt as an inconvenience. Your Committee, however, would not be understood to mean, that, although of an *ordinary* character, the operations of the Society have been unimportant, for they humbly conceive that if the Society has been the means, in any way, under God, of promoting Gospel light among the people of this Island, or of even making smooth the way of moral improvement,

that then we have reason to be thankful to the disposer of all merciful events, and should take courage, and proceed with undiminished hope in the accomplishment of the good work which the Society finds placed before it. It would be *presumptuous* on the one hand, and *cowardly* on the other, to believe, that a Society constituted with the views which are proposed as attracting this one, can be otherwise than highly important, and capable of effecting much good. Rather let us believe, that to the want of energy in many among ourselves, or in the want of that happy unity which ought to direct the hearts of christians as of one man, must be attributed any deficiency that may be discovered in the vitality of its functions—or with respect to the extent of its designs. It would be presumptuous to believe that Almighty God will withhold His blessing from the efforts of persons associated together for such purposes as are the avowed ones with which this Society was founded. It would be *cowardly* to believe that our own individual mites of exertion could be of no avail, and therefore to withdraw our support and assistance in despair.

As long as the tendency of our intentions shall be with a single eye to the glory of God—the good of Souls—and the wholesome cultivation of the human intellect, no doubt a blessing will be vouchsafed to our endeavours. And it requires the encouragement of such reflections to enable your Committee to bear with equanimity the want of interest which sometimes appear to attach to the Society, notwithstanding the great importance of its designs; and they grieve to think, that in comparison with similar institutions in other portions of the Colonies, the power of the Prince Edward Island Diocesan Church Society, re-

mains deeply in the back ground. But they have some consolation in being enabled to say, that as far as its means admit, there is no defect in the appropriation of them.

They would rejoice to see it so flourish, as to be empowered to send help to those devoted men who are labouring for the conversion of Heathens to Christianity; and it is indeed a time in which every member of the Church of England is called upon to praise the Great God for His goodness towards it, in making it—at least in ONE of its many branches—an humble instrument towards recovering the Heathen from his Idolatry, and of bringing him in lowliness of spirit, to lay his burden at the feet of Christ.

In a part of the Diocese of Madras, large bodies of the native people have, within the past year or two, renounced their idols, and turned to the living God, under the teaching of men sent by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; and it requires, under Providence, only a reinforcement of the Soldiers of Christ to gain still further triumphs over ignorance and superstition—it requires only fresh laborers to enter that field, already white unto the harvest, that the garners of the Lord may there become full and plenteous—and the native wheat of India be gathered into his barn.

One of the main objects of your Society is to forward such a work as this, and your want of ability to do so can be ascribed to no other cause than a want of zeal in the members of the Established Church. It would be delightful to every single minded servant of Christ connected with the Church,—it would be a sacrifice, we may believe, acceptable to HIM “who wills not the death of a Sinner”—could an offering of

this nature be made—some outpouring of a charitable spirit, which should be free from every tinge of selfishness—which should be placed upon the altar of a Saviour's love—imploing His blessing upon the work which has thus so prosperously commenced, and which affords such bright encouragement to the venerable Society which in this instance has occupied the field of honor. May christianity, under the fostering hand of its Divine founder, go on “conquering and to conquer,” until “the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ;” and the purpose of Messiah's coming have been accomplished in every portion of the globe.

But while contemplating the large field which presents itself in *India*, for the usefulness of the Church, your Committee must not lose sight of what has been *here* done by your Society, however little it can bear to be mentioned after the great things done through the venerable Society abroad. Its means have been but small: as far, however, as they could be made to reach, they have not been spared.

The Bishop's recommendation respecting the gentleman at Windsor, preparing for ordination, has been (to a certain extent) followed: and though it was not deemed practicable to make the grant for that object so large as appeared to his Lordship to be desirable, yet the same amount has been afforded as during the past year; and this was found to be as much as the sums devoted expressly to Missionary training would admit of.

The books remaining at the Depository have been issued at half price, which leaves the shelves empty, and as there is no other source from whence the current demand for books of that peculiar class can be supplied,

it appears necessary to replenish them as soon as may be convenient, with a sufficient stock to meet the requirements of the people. The Church Tracts were handed over to the Clergy of the Island for distribution; and as they also are not to be purchased in this Island, a well selected parcel of them would be almost indispensable. The grants made at the last General Meeting, for School books, and towards the building of Churches, were duly expended, and have no doubt proved beneficial to the extent expected. Who indeed, can look at the Sunday School of this Town—one of its brightest ornaments—and think that the sum expended upon books for its use, can be otherwise than a talent well laid out? In that institution the Church cannot fail to take a deep interest. Every Christian heart must rejoice to behold the order and Christian simplicity of its arrangements.

Connected with the Society's interest in the Christian training of youth, is to be mentioned the appropriation of the Glebe funds to Schools connected with the Church in this Island. Though in some instances the sums are too trivial to give the Church a full command of the Schools, still, even in these, the benefit is considerable, since children connected with the Church are duly instructed in the faith of Christ, according to the creed of their fathers. And in those Schools to which a sufficient grant has been allotted, no doubt the good effect must be increased.

For the coming year this day's appropriations will provide. And one of the most valuable intentions of the Society being the promoting of unity and good will among members of the Church of England in common—may all its works be done in charity. And whether in devising the augmentation of sittings in

the Church, or in issuing forth the Catechism or the Common Prayer—may it not only be *said*, but **FELT**, that “to the Poor the Gospel is preached.”

And your Committee cannot close this notice without expressing a hope that the Church will not, in this Island, forget her responsibilities. They would say to every fellow Churchman who has the hand and the heart to give—be liberal—be generous to *others*—but do not neglect your *own*.

The Treasurer’s statement will furnish the meeting with such information as may be requisite for an understanding of the present prosperity in money matters of the Society.

The Notice having been read, the Accounts of the Treasurer, the Hon. J. M. Holl, were passed—After which—

The following Resolutions were proposed and carried:—

1st. Moved by the Hon. the Chief Justice, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins.

That the Notice now read be adopted and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

2d. Moved by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, seconded by the Rev. L. C. Lloyd.

That it is desirable to remind the Clergy of a Resolution passed at a former meeting, requesting their aid, by Annual Sermons.

3d. Moved by the Hon. the Attorney General, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Lally.

That this meeting is of opinion that no fitter occasion than the present could be made use of to express its thankfulness to the two great Church Societies in England, viz: “The Society for the Propagation of Gospel in Foreign parts;” and “The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge,” for their bounty to these Colonies, than that offered by the recurrence of the general annual meeting of the Society.

4th. Moved by the Hon. Captain Swabey, seconded by Captain Cumberland.

That the Members of this Society are especially bound to offer up their prayers to the Great Head of the Church for the Divine blessing upon its proceedings.

5th. Moved by the Rev. M. Lally, seconded by the Rev. H. Read.

That the Committee hear with much pleasure of the enlargement of St. Paul's Church, in Charlottetown, and of the increased accommodation which will be thereby afforded to the poorer classes of the community; and for this and similar objects, they pledge their firm support and assistance.

6th. Moved by the Hon. C. Hensley, seconded by Rev. M. Lally.

That at the Annual Meeting of the Society a detailed statement be laid before it, shewing how the Books of the Society have been disposed of, and to whom, particularising, as far as practicable, the names of the purchasers.

7th. Moved by the Hon. John Brecken, seconded by the Hon. the Chief Justice.

That the Funds of the Society for the present year be appropriated in the following manner, and that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the same for the purposes here stated, viz: £10 towards the enlargement of St. Paul's Church, in Charlottetown: £15 towards the purchase of Books and Tracts, to be selected by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, the Rev. L. C. Lloyd, the Hon. the Attorney General, and the Hon. John M. Holl: ~~£10~~ 6s. 10½d. to Mr. Henry Cooper, to assist him in furthering his studies at Windsor College: and £5 to the Rev. M. Lally, for the School at Georgetown.

8th. Moved by the Hon. W. Swabey, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney General.

That the attention of the meeting, and of the Society, be called to that part of the Seventh Rule of the Society which empowers the President—or in his

absence, two or more of the Vice Presidents—to call special meetings at any time, and in any place, where it may be considered desirable, in order that meetings may be held in different parts of the Island, to make known the objects and operations of the Society, and that Fourteen day's notice be given before all and each of these special meetings.

9th. Moved by the Hon. J. M. Holl, seconded by the Hon. Charles Hensley.

That the Rev. L. C. Lloyd be requested to act as Secretary, and that the other officers of the Society be re-appointed, as far as they may not have disqualified themselves by non-subscribing.

10th. Moved by the Hon. John Brecken, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney General.

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

*Prince Edward Island DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY,
in Account with the TREASURER, for the Year ending 14th July, 1845.*

<i>Dr.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>
To Cash paid Rev. F. Panter, for Church at Georgetown, - - -	5 0 0	By Cash balance in Treasurer's hands, 84 2 8½
Do. Rev. H. Read, for Church at Crapaud, - - -	5 0 0	Do. paid Collector arrears for 1844, 2 4 4 1845.
Do. for Books, &c. for Charlottetown Sunday Schools, - - -	15 0 0	Do. paid Collector, - - - 16 16 2
Do. Grant to Mr. Henry Cooper, 30 0 0	30 0 0	Do. Collected at St. Paul's Church, 13 0 0
Do. Rev. H. Read, for Church at Tryon, - - -	10 0 0	
Do. Collector for additions, &c. to St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, 10 0 0	10 0 0	
	£75 0 0	
Balance in hand, - - -	41 3 2½	
	£116 3 2½	£116 3 2½

Audited by Hon. J. Brecken.

JOHN M. HOLL.

STANDING RULES

OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY OF PRINCE
EDWARD ISLAND.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The first General Meeting shall be held on the 14th of July—and the preparatory meeting of the Committee on the First of July.

PATRONS.

His Excellency SIR HENRY VERE HUNTLEY,
Lieutenant Governor;

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

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge;

PRESIDENT,

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

VICE PRESIDENTS,

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

The Honorable the Chief Justice.

SECRETARY—The Rev. L. C. Lloyd;

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Mr. H. B. Swabey.

TREASURER,

The Hon. John Myrie Holl.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

All Clergymen of the Established Church, and

Captain Cumberland, 96th Regiment,

Hon. T. H. Haviland,

Mr. Grubb,

Capt. Orlebar, R. N.,

Wm. Cundall, Esq.,

E. Haythorne, Esq.,

J. D. Hazzard, Esq.,

Hon. Capt. Swabey,

Hon. C. Hensley,

Hon. J. Brecken,

Hon. R. Hodgson,

Hon. G. R. Goodman.

With power to add to the number.

AUDITORS,

The Hon. J. Brecken,

Wm. Cundall, Esq.

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