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FOR THE YEAR 1828.

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NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Rev. G. MACKIE,	The Hon. A. W. COCHRANE,
The Rev. E. W. SEWELL,	R. SYMES, ESQ.
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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

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The Subscribers to this Institution are earnestly requested to recommend it to the benificence of their friends, who may not as yet have become contributors, by representing the importance of the charity, the conveniencies which it affords to Subscribers themselves, and the difficulty at the same time of meeting the expenses which it unavoidably involves.

The following brief outline of the objects and the rules of the Institution may be given for this purpose:—

1st. The Parent Society at home, which has existed for upwards of a century and a quarter, supports Missions, or distributes, in a vast variety of languages, Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts, or assists in the promotion of education and religious instruction, in every part of the immense British Empire, and in many other countries besides.

2nd. The funds raised in this Province, however, through the generosity of the Parent Society, are confined to our own local purposes.

3rd. No regulation is imposed respecting the amount of contributions, except that to constitute any person a Member of the Parent Society, with the privilege of receiving the Annual Report of their proceedings, it is necessary to pay an annual subscription of 25s. A Benefaction on admission of the same amount which had originally been required, is no longer insisted upon, but considered as voluntary. The subscriptions are payable in advance to the Treasurer of the Committee, or to the Librarian at the National School, and become due on the 1st of January in each year.

4th. Subscribers to whatever amount not paying a benefaction upon admission, are entitled to purchase books at the reduced prices, to an amount double that of their subscription; those paying a benefaction have the same privilege to an amount which shall be treble that of their subscription.

5th. Subscribers have the choice of restricting their contributions to the support of the National School, or leaving them to be applied to the general purposes of the Committee.

6th. Every Subscriber has the privilege of sending a poor child to the School.

7th. The Clergy of the Church of England, resident in the city of Quebec, are allowed to take books out of the Repository, for gratuitous distribution, to the amount of £2 10s. per annum each.

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8th. Connected with the department of this Institution which relates to Education, is the School Clothing Fund, an object peculiarly entitled in this climate, to the public benevolence.

RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1838.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Quebec Diocesan Committee, was held in the Court House, on Thursday, 15th February, 1838.

The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Montreal in the Chair.

The Report of the Committee having been read by the Secretary, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Major TEMPLE, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Burrage, 1st. That the Report now read, be received and printed.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. MACKIE, seconded by R. SYMES, Esq.

2nd. That this Meeting, in devoutly ascribing to Divine Providence the degree of success which has attended the operations of the Society, would strongly impress upon the members of the Church, the inadequacy of their present means to the field of their operations, and the consequent necessity of farther co-operation with a view to increase their funds, both as respects those of the Committee and those of the National School.

Moved by T. TRIGGE, Esq., seconded by C. S. Bourne, Esq.

3rd. That in furtherance of the foregoing Resolution, and of the general designs of the Committee, the Lord Bishop of Montreal be requested to procure in future the preaching of two annual sermons in the Cathedral Church, one in aid of the funds of the Committee, and the other in aid of the Schools; and that in consequence of the present unprecedented position of the latter institutions, His Lordship be further requested to have sermons preached in aid of their funds during the ensuing year, in the several chapels of this city in connection with the Church of England.

Moved by Lieut. Ford, R. E., seconded by Lieut. ORLEBAR, R. N.

4th. That the warmest thanks of all the Members of the Society in the Canadas, and the friends of Religion generally, are due to the Parent Society, for their liberal grants through the hands of the late Bishop of Quebec and the Bishop of Montreal, and for their munificent appropriation of a sum not exceeding £2,000 to relieve the spiritual destitution of Upper Canada.

Moved by the Rev. W. CHABERTON, seconded by Lieut. Col. KIRBY,

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5th. That the Officers and Members of the Select Committee are entitled to the thanks of the Meeting for their services during the past year, and that the following gentlemen be requested to act as its Officers and Members during the ensuing one.—(See list of Officers and Members, 3rd page.)

Moved by J. G. CLAPHAM, Esq., seconded by WM. McTavish, Esq.

6th. That the thanks of the Meeting be respectfully presented to the Lord Bishop of Montreal, for having presided at this Meeting, and for his continued support to the interests of the Society.

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The termination of another year has closed upon the operations of the Quebec Branch of the "Society for promoting Christian Knowledge," and it again becomes the duty of the Managing Committee to lay before their friends and the public, a Report of their proceedings since the last anniversary. Their operations during that period have been equally extensive with those of former years, and the circulation of the Scriptures has exceeded that of last year. But while the Committee have the satisfaction of announcing this increase in their circulation of books, they regret that they cannot at the same time announce any improvement in the state of their There has been even a slight diminution in the subscriptions, the amount received up to the 31st of last December not exceeding £40 12s. 6d. currency. This decrease, their funds are ill able to sustain at the present period, as they have for the past year been deprived of the usual aid afforded by the annual collection made in the Cathedral Church, the entire amount of the collection having been appropriated to the payment of the salaries of the Master and Mistress of the National School, owing to the failure of the usual grant in their favour by the Provincial Legislature. The debt due to the Parent Society for books has at the same time been much increased. A supply of books to the amount of £147 7s. 3d. stg. was sent out early in the spring, in order to replace those which had been lost in the Iona, wrecked the previous year at Cape Breton. The low state of the stock then on hand, particularly as regards Prayer Books, rendered this supply very seasonable. An additional one, to the value of £34 5s. 4d. stg., was received in the month of July following; and at a more advanced period in the season, a further supply, to the amount of £81 14s. 4d. stg. came to hand. Thus a sum of £263 6s. 11d. stg. has been added to the debt which had previously been due by the Committee to the Parent Society, and which was stated in the last Report to be £289 19s. 5d. stg. This debt has. however, received a partial reduction, a remittance of £100 stg. having been made to the Society last April, which leaves the Committee still indebted in the large sum of £453 6s. 4d. stg. The Repository is now however so well supplied, that but a very small addition to the books on hand will be required for the ensuing year; and it is to be hoped that the sale of the bound books during the same period, will by increasing their funds, assist the Committee to liquidate the debt. With a view to promote the sale of the books, and to accommodate the public in obtaining easier access to the Repository, an alteration has been made in the lower part of the National School Building, by opening a front entrance, and fitting up one of the front apartments as a Repository, which has been thus removed from its former inconvenient situation in the rear of the building, with a circuitous yard entrance, and your Committee have the satisfaction of adding, that their anticipations of an increased sale in consequence of the alteration has already been

in some degree realized.

Through the liberality of the Parent Society, the late Lord Bishop of Quebec had been empowered to draw a certain sum to be employed in promoting the Society's designs within his Lordship's Diocese, and the Society has been further pleased to continue its liberality by placing the unappropriated portion of this grant at the disposal of the Lord Bishop of Montreal. The means are thus afforded of making a large distribution of the Society's books, by purchasing them at the Committee's Repository, and paying for them by drawing upon the Society. There is now a debt of £58 6s. 71d. currency, standing on the books against the late Lord Bishop for books thus procured, and a similar one of £142 Os. 21d. in the name of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, making together a sum of £142 0s. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. currency, for which his Lordship is authorised to draw upon the Parent Society, and which will so far operate as a reduction of the debt now due to it. The balance now in the Treasurer's hands, amounts only to the sum of £256 15s. Od. currency, a sum far from being adequate to liquidate the balance of the debt, which even after the above reduction will still remain due. In the last Report, the sum which remained due by the Treasurer of the National Schools for monies lent by the Committee, at different periods, for the payment of the Master and Mistress, was stated to have been £204 17s. 5d. currency. No part of this sum has been paid, nor is there at present any prospect of its repayment. Of outstanding debts there is a sum of £43 11s. 41d. currency, due chiefly by the clergy, to the collection of which there is no obstacle.

It will be evident from this statement, that the income of the Committee is not sufficient to defray the increasing demands

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upon their funds; and that while each successive year enlarges the sphere of their operations, no extension of their designs can be safely undertaken without a further increase of disposable means. Nothing can be more calculated to produce such an increase than a general conviction of the utility of their labours; and in the hope that such a conviction may in some measure be conveyed by an account of their proceedings during the past year, they submit the following outline of them.

A principal branch of their labours is the dispersion of the Holy Scriptures, the Liturgy, and other pious and judicious books and tracts, on all the leading points of faith and practice. During the past year the Lord Bishop of Montreal has purchased books to the amount of £64 4s. 10d. These have been sent forth for gratuitous distribution throughout the Province by various channels, to administer, it is to be hoped, to the temporal and everlasting comfort of numbers of our countrymen. The following are the Clergymen and Catechists, to whom they have been thus sent, and the amount which each has received:—

CLERGYMEN.

The Rev. Mr. Vachell, Grosse Isle,£4	9	9	
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CATECHISTS.			
Mr. Eden, Gaspé	18	4	
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And through the agency of several other in- dividuals, particularly the ladies of the district visiting Society, a further distri-			
bution has been made, to the amount of 11	1	5	
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The Resident Clergy of the City are allowed by a rule of the Committee to take books out of the Repository for gratuitous dis-

tribution to the amount of £2 10s. each, and they have availed themselves of the rule, in the following proportion:—

The Rev. G. Mackie,	£2	10	0
The Rev. E. W. Sewell,	- 1	7	4
The Chaplain to the Troops,	1	18	3
The Rev. J. Brown,	1	6	3
The Rev. W. Chaderton,	1	2	8
	£8	4	6

The gross amount of sales during the year, is £119 3s. 3d., and the following statement exhibits the entire circulation during the same period, together with the stock of books remaining on

Issued From the Repository. Bibles, 142 Testaments, 55 Prayer Books, 241 Bound Books, 290 Tracts, 2302	Bibles,
Total, 3030	Total, 28,223

Estimating therefore the books which may be required for the ensuing year by the number issued in former years, it would appear from this statement that it will be unnecessary during that period to increase the debt due to the Society by getting out any more books. The only deficiency appears to be in the number of Bibles, a few of which might be solicited in the shape of a grant from the Society, in consideration of the present low state of the Committee's funds. And here it is proper to advert to a communication received from the Montreal Bible Society in the month of May last. The Committee of that Society, impressed with the necessity of the universal circulation and perusal of the Sacred Volume, and with its destitution in various parts of the Province, passed a Resolution to the following purport :-- "That in reliance on God, they would endeavour within the shortest practicable period, to place a copy of the Bible, by sale or gift, in every family willing to receive it." The object of the communication to this Committee was to request their aid and co-operation in a cause equally the pursuit of both. To this call the Committee responded by reciprocating the friendly expressions of the Montreal Committee, and expressing their readiness to co-operate with them for the might 1 assuring in prov Agents membe present withou and an liberali ingly d they fo and to attend on this the us which the gr most 1

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The Schools, forming the second principal branch of your Committee's labours, next claim your attention. Those institutions are in a flourishing condition, and have never been more efficiently conducted than at present. Through them the benefits of education have since their establishment in 1819 been dispensed to 4,310 boys and 2,110 girls, making a total of 6,420 children. The number now on the class list, is 136 boys and 98 girls, and the average daily attendance consists of 104 boys and 64 girls. They have heretofore derived their chief support from an annual appropriation of £100 stg. by the Provincial Legislature. The possibility of a failure of this, their principal resource, was adverted to in the last Report, and the apprehensions which in such an event were then expressed, have been but too fully realized. The National School Fund is already indebted to the Committee in a sum of £204 17s. 5d. currency, and the low ebb of their own financial affairs put it out of their power to afford any further assistance. With a view, however, to render all the assistance in their power, they appropropriated the entire amount of the annual collection in the Cathedral Church, exclusively, in aid of the Schools, the collection having in former years been equally divided between the Committee and the Schools. The net amount which the Treasurer of the National Schools received from this source amounted to £59 10s. 2d. currency, and the total amount of subscriptions up to the 31st of December, was only £11 6s. 2d. cy., forming together a sum of £70 16s. 4d. cy., which has been their only means of support during the year. On the 1st of last January, a sum of £42 8s. cy., became due to the Master, and one of £20 cy., to the Mistress, to meet which there was in the Treasurer's hands only a sum of £20 cy. On the 21st of last November, a public meeting, at which His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal presided, was held for the adoption of measures to prevent the closing of the Schools, in the unprecedented position in which they were placed by the failure of parliamentary assistance. At this meeting an earnest appeal was made on their behalf to the public, and it was resolved that subscriptions should be collected forthwith to meet as far as might be practicable the deficiency in their funds. The gentlemen who were named to carry this resolution into effect, have not yet made any return of the sums collected by them, and it is to be feared that the disturbed and excited state of the public mind will have had an effect rather unfavorable upon their efforts. Considering, indeed, the large arrears due to the Master and Mistress for the half year's salary, ending on the 1st of January, the most sanguine expectations will scarcely admit of the possibility of a sum of any considerable amount remaining in the Treasurer's hands after the liquidation of those claims. And as in the present aspect of public affairs in this Province, no reliance can be placed on Legislative aid, those useful institutions have before them the melancholy prospect of a severe struggle for their continued existence during the ensuing year.

The National Sunday Schools are in a most prosperous state. Great praise is due to the voluntary teachers who have lately taken an increased interest in that department. The whole system has been revised—periodical meetings are held, and friendly visits are made to the parents and children. Their labours have, by the Divine blessing, been attended with results of the most happy character, as is evidenced by regular attendance and marked attention on the part of the children. The average attendance is of

boys 90, and of girls 70.

The excellent Library attached to the School contains no less

than 388 volumes.

In thus rendering an account of the transactions of the past year, it is impossible to forbear from adverting to an event which has occurred since the last annual meeting—an event of solemn importance, not only to this particular Institution, but to every thing connected with the interests of Religion in the Canadas,—the death of that Apostolic Prelate, who was the President of the

Quebec this So Knowle applied chosen during of the I portion Thousa and ma was dis and Ca they co exampl and the with te ters, on charact Quebec Diocesan Committee. In forwarding the object for which this Society is constituted, namely, the promotion of Christian Knowledge, by every means in which the labour of man can be applied to such a purpose, the late Bishop of Quebec was truly a chosen vessel; and of the good in which he was instrumental, during the thirty years in which either as Missionary or as Bishop of the Diocese, he laboured in the country,—it was not a small portion that he effected by means of the resources of this Society. Thousands of copies of the Word of God and of the Prayer Book, and many thousands of the smaller publications of the Society, was distributed by his own hands, or through those of the Clergy and Catechists to whom he confided them; and the lessons which they contain were effectually enforced by his own exhortations and example. He is gone to his reward long before laid up in Christ: and the feeble tribute here rendered to his memory, is mingled with testimonies of affectionate regret and reverence from all quarters, on both sides of the Atlantic, in which his public or private character was known.

Quebec, 15th February, 1838.

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C. S. BOURNE,

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