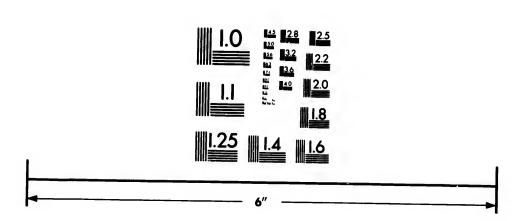


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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

NEWPOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY.

- I. This Society shall be designated THE NEWFOUNDLAND SOCIETY FOR EDUCATING THE POOR.
- 11. The Schools shall be managed by Masters and Mistresses of the United Church of England and Ireland, and conducted, as nearly as circumstances may permit, on Dr. Bell's System.
- III. This Society shall consist of a Patron, Vice-Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Sccretary, or Secretaries, and also of Governors, and Life and Annual Members, and such other Officers as may be deemed necessary for conducting its affairs.
- IV. Each Subscriber of Ope Guinea annually, or upwards, shall be a Member.
- V. Each Subscriber of Ten Guineas, or upwards, shall be a Member for Life.
- VI. Each Subscriber of Five Pounds annually, or of Twenty Guineas at one time, shall be a Governor, and entitled to attend and voca or all Meetings of the Committee.
- VII. An Executor paying a bequest of Fifty Pounds, or upwards, shall be a Member for Life.
- VIII. The business of the Society shall be conducted, and all its Officers appointed, by a Committee of not less than Twelve; of whom Nine, who shall have attended the greatest number of times during the year, shall be eligible for the ensuing year.
- IX. The Patron, Vice-Patron, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretaries, shall be considered ex-officio Members of the Committee, the ordinary Meetings of the Committee shall be beld once every month.
- X. Three Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum; and in case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second, or casting vote.
- XI. Five Auditors, three of them not being Members of the Committee; shall be appointed by the Committee annually, for the purpose of auditing the Accounts of the Society, of whom three shall be a quorum.
- XII. A General Meeting of the Members of the Society shall be held in London annually, on the Third Tuesday in May, when the Proceedings of the foregoing year shall be reported, the Accounts presented, and a Committee chosen.

- XIII. A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time, at the requisition of the General Committee, or any nine Members, by letter addressed to the Secretary.
- NIV. Ten days notice of all General Meetings shall be given in at least three Newspapers. Those Members of the Society, who reside within the limits of the Three-penny Poyt, shall be summoned by letter to attend; and when such General Meetings are Special, the object of them shall be mentioned in the summons.
- XV. At all General Meetings, and at those of the Committee, the Patron, or, in his absence, the Vice-Putron, or should be be absent, the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President first upon the list who may be present, or in the absence of all the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and, in his absence, such Member as shall be voted for that purpose, shall preside at the Meeting.
- XVI. None of the Laws of the Society shall be repealed, or altered, nor any new Law established but at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

PROPER FORM OF A DONATION BY WILL.

Item-I do hereby give and bequeath the sum of unto the Treasurer for the time being of a voluntary Society, meeting in London, commonly called or known by the name of "The Newfoundland Society for Educating the Poor;" the same to be paid within months next after my decease, out of my personal estate, in trust, to be applied to the purposes and uses of that Society.

RULES FOR ASSOCIATIONS.

- 1. That the Object and Constitution of The Newfoundland School Society have our cordial approbation.
- 2. That it is expedient to form ourselves into an Association, to be called The —— Association; the endeavour of which shall be to promote the object of the above Society, by soliciting donations and subscriptions in its favour.
- 3. That this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary; and a Committee, which shall consist of Members.
- 4. That this Association shall furnish the Committee of the Parent Society, on or before the 1st of April, in each year, with a short Statement of its Proceedings, including an Abstract of its Cash Account, with a Remittance of the Balance.

The Clergy are requested to promote the success of this Institution from the Pulpit, as opportunity may occur.

At the Third Annual Meeting of THE NEWFOUNDLAND School Society, held at Freemasons' Hall, May, 1826,

RIGHT HON. ADMIRAL LORD GAMBIER, G.C.B. V.P.

IN THE CHAIR :

The Report of the Committee having been read by Mr. Percival White, one of the Secretaries, it was,

On the Motion of the Right Honourable the Earl of Rocksavage, seconded by the Honourable John James Strutt,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the Report now read be received and printed under the direction of the

On the Motion of Rev. Henry Budd, M. A., seconded by Lieut. Colonel Young,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this Meeting acknowledges with devont gratitude, that the establishment of this Institution, and the good success which it has obtained, are to be ascribed to Him alone, "from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;" and deriving encouragement from the past, and in reliance on the divine promises for the future, this Meeting would call upon the Members of the Society to persevere in faith and prayer, in promoting the Education of the Poor in Newfoundland, notwithstanding the serious disproportion which exists between their present means, and the extent of the labours to which they are pledged.

On the Motion of the Rev. R. Milne, seconded by the Rev. H. G. Watkins, M. A.,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Vice Patron, The Right Honouruble the Earl of Liverpool; the President, the Right Honouruble the Earl Bathurst; and the Right Honouruble and other the Vice Presidents of the Society, for their continued protection: to the Treasurer, John Wells, Esq. M. P. for his assistance, and to such Clergymen and other Gentlemen as have kindly lent their aid to the Society during the last year; and that the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Honouruble the Earl of Roden, the Right Honouruble the Earl of Roden. able the Earl of Roden, the Right Honourable the Earl of Rocksavage, the Right Honourable Lord Farnham, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Honourable John James Strutt, John Reeves, Esq. late Chief Justice of Newfoundland, Samuel Knight, Esq. and Francis Paynter, Esq., be added to the list of Vice Presidents of the Society.

On the Motion of the Rev. R. Morris, seconded by the Rev. John Peers, M. A.,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the cerdial Thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Rev. Edward Cooper, M. A. for his appropriate Sermon, preached before the Society, at the Parish Church of St. Bride, Fleet Street, on Tuesday Evening, the 9th instant; and that he he requested to allow it to be printed.

On the Motion of George R. Robinson, Esq., seconded by Marmaduke Hart, Esq.,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Deputation for their valuable services during the past year, in visiting the various places enumerated in the Report, in behalf of the Society.—To the Auxiliary Societies; and other Contributors to the Funds of the Institution, in England: and to the Clergy, Ministers, Magistrates, and other Gentlemen in Newfoundland, who have favoured this Society with their patronage and support.

On the Motion of the Rev. J. Harris, seconded by the Rev. Thomas Greenwood.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Secretaries and Committee for their diligent attention to the business of the Society; and that the Officers be requested to continue their services, and that the following Gentlemen be the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number:—

John Bacon, Esq.
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Rev. John Shepherd, M.A.
Rev. William Thompson, M.A.
Rev. Daniel Wilson, M.A.
Joseph Wilson, Esq.

On the Motion of S. Codner, Esq., seconded by John Johnson, Esq., RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Ladies who have so kindly and successfully exerted themselves in favour of the Society, and while the Meeting duly appreciates the support of all its friends, it especially anticipates a growing accession to the Funds of the Institution from increasing female interest and exertion; but as all human effort is vain without the divine blessing, it earnestly calls upon the Members of the Society to unite in fervent prayer to God in its behalf for the more abundant effusions of the Holy Spirit on all who conduct its concerns, engage in its labours, or partake of its blessings.

On the Motion of the Rev. Henry Budd, M. A., seconded by John Mortlock, Esq.,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the warmest Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Right Honourable Lord Gambier for his kindness in taking the Chair, and for his Lordship's attention to the business of the day.

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PREACHED AT SAINT BRIDE'S CHURCH, FLEET STREET,

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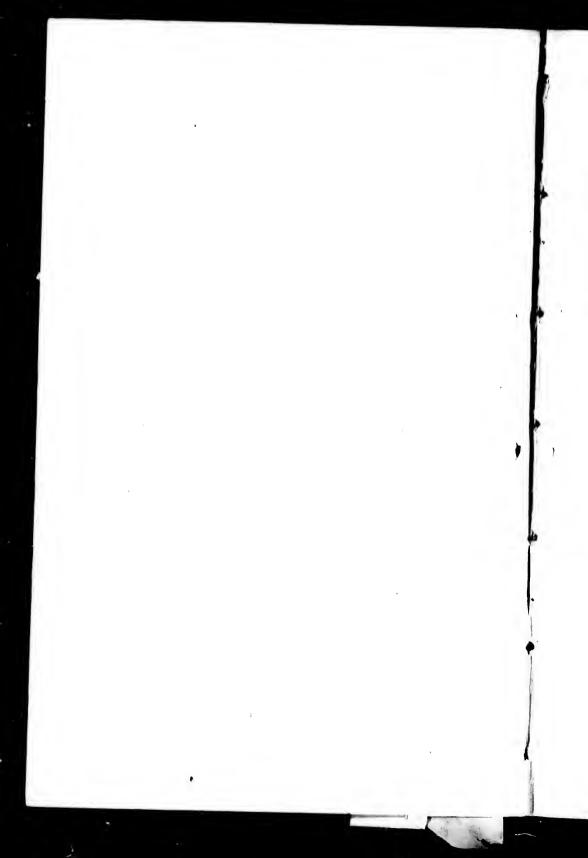
BEFORE THE

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY,

BY

THE REV. EDWARD COOPER, M. A.

RECTOR OF HAMSTALL RIDWARB, AND OF YOXALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.



SERMON.

PROVERBS, III. 27.

WITHHOLD NOT GOOD FROM THEM TO WHOM IT IS DUE, WHEN IT IS IN THE POWER OF THINE HAND TO DO IT.

It is no inconsiderable exercise of true wisdom, clearly to discern present duties, and faithfully and promptly to perform them, while there are two things, which have a strong tendency to counteract this operation; namely, our unwillingness to admit the force of an obligation, when a compliance with it seems to cross our immediate interest, and involves some act of self-denial, and our disposition, when such an obligation is admitted, to procrastinate and defer the discharge of it.—On these accounts, to point out present duties, and to enforce the immediate performance of them, is both a legitimate and an important part of the preacher's office.

Hence result the propriety and pertinence of the admonition in the text: "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." Man is not placed in this world to be idle or selfish. He is required to work; and to work, not for himself only, but for others also. It is his business to "occupy" with his talent, whatever it may be, until the Lord come. There are many ways in which, according to his means, his station, and his opportunities, he is called to exert himself for the Glory of God, and for the benefit of his fellow-creatures. His family and his friends, his church and his country, the Christian world, and the Heathen Nations, have each their respective claims on his sympathies and services; while every day brings with it its own peculiar work, and imposes on him many specific obligations.

Now of all these various duties, Solomon enjoins in the text a prompt and faithful discharge. The good which it is in your power to do to others, is a debt which you owe to them. Be not then backward in paying it. Withhold not the good, which you can and ought to do. Do it—and do it when? Now—to-day, if it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Put not off the performance of it till to-morrow: for you know not what may be on the morrow. To-morrow, it may not be in the power of your hand to do it. The season may be gone by. The opportunity may be lost. Work, therefore, to-day, while it is day: "for the night cometh, when no man can work."

Such are the meaning and force of the admoni-

tion before us. In selecting it for my text on the present occasion, I am desirous of applying the general truths which it contains, to the particular object on which I have undertaken to address you. You are called this day to the performance of a specific act, which appears to me to be a part of that good which is due from you to others; which it is now in the power of your hand to do; and which, therefore, it is your duty not to withhold.

The act in question is that of contributing to the Funds of a Society lately formed in this country, for the benevolent purpose of imparting the blessings of a moral and religious education to the children of the poor, throughout the scattered settlements in our colony of Newfoundland, by the establishment of Schools, to be conducted on the National System. In advocating, therefore, the cause of such an institution, and in urging you to contribute promptly and liberally to its support, I shall proceed,

- I. To set before you the claims which the object proposed by this society has on your benevolence and bounty. It is a part of that good "which is due from you to others."
- II. To shew you that, with respect to this good, it is now "in the power of your hand to do it:" and:

- III. TO ENFORCE YOUR READY COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLAIMS THUS BROUGHT BEFORE YOU. "WITH-HOLD IT NOT."
- 1. I am aware, my Christian friends, that in standing up as the professed advocate of the claims, which I am about to state, I must expect to encounter the disadvantages which such a profession obviously brings with it. You will naturally listen with some degree of suspicion to statements made by a person in this character, and will be disposed insensibly to deduct something from the claims which I shall advance on the ground, that as I cannot but warmly espouse the cause which I have undertaken to advocate, I shall of necessity be tempted to exaggerate its pretensions to your support, and to say more in its favour than it deserves. Let me then begin with requesting you to lay aside every suspicion of this kind on the present I have no intention or desire to heighten. occasion. the picture by any false colouring. I am perfectly aware that nothing is oftentimes more injurious to a good cause, than the indiscreet zeal of its friends in commending it. If in advocating the Society in behalf of which I now wish to interest your feelings, I should be so injudicious as to overstate and exaggerate its claims to your support—if, for instance, I should inconsiderately assure you that the object of this institution is of equal importance and magnitude with that of a Bible or a

Missionary society—if I should thoughtlessly attempt to persuade you that the concerns of some little obscure spot in one corner of the earth are commensurate with those of the collective countries of the world—I might justly expect to disgust instead of attracting you, to provoke your opposition instead of conciliating your favour to the object which I have in view. In fact, with respect to the Society, in behalf of which I purpose to solicit your assistance this day, I have no necessity for resorting to exaggerated statements; nor need I endeavour to excite your interest in its favour, by detracting from the pretensions of any kindred institution, or by suggesting invidious comparisons between the claims of other societies, and those of the one for which I am pleading. There is at this time, in this country, a fund of Christian benevolence sufficient for every emergency; and no object of a charitable tendency, intrinsically deserving patronage, can be brought before the British public, and not in due time be met with corresponding sympathy and support. Feeling, therefore, the ground on which I this day stand, I have no fear for the result of my present appeal. I know that I have a. plain and interesting case to state, which, while it commends itself to your understanding, will find its way to your heart. Satisfied in your conscience of the justice of the demand which I am about to make, you will feel that it is a debt

which you are bound to discharge. Let me then distinctly set before you the grounds on which I found my demand, as it relates both to the good itself, and to the persons for whom I claim it as due.

The good claimed at your hands, is Education, Christian Education—the means of communicating moral and religious instruction to many thousands of the rising generation; who, apparently but for these means, must continue destitute of all the blessings and enjoyments which a Christian education confers.

Happily, my brethren, these are not times in which I have any occasion to defend the general propriety or expediency of the good in question. These are not times in which I am required to expatiate on the benefits and blessings of a moral and religious education; on the claims which the children of the poor have on the bounty of the rich for a participation in these blessings; or on the obligations of the higher classes of society to communicate them to the lower. The days of ignorance and selfishness, in which these points were but little considered, and understood, are now passed away never to return. A brighter and a better state of things has succeeded. To "train up children in the way they should go;" to form their principles, to expand their intellect, to imbue their

minds with Christian knowledge; to bestow on them such a portion of moral cultivation as may qualify them for a proper discharge of the various duties, to which in after life they may be called, and such a measure at least of elementary instruction as may fit them for reading and understanding those sacred depositories of heavenly truth, which "are able to make them wise unto salvation;"-thus to assist and befriend the rising generation, is now so generally recognised as a duty incumbent on us, as men and Christians, and is so extensively practised as such, that I need not intrude upon your time and patience by dilating on the subject, or even by reminding you of the grounds on which the duty itself is founded, or of the arguments by which it is enforced. education, in the sense in which I have been using the term, is a good to those who are the subjects of it, is a truth, which I doubt not that you are all prepared to admit.—And that it is a good, which, generally speaking, is due to those who stand in need of it—a debt, which the common principles of humanity, as well as of Christian benevolence, impose on you is another truth; the intrinsic force of which you cannot but feel in your own conscience, and the practical influence of which you are probably exhibiting in your conduct, by the patronage and contributions which you are giving in support of schools at home or abroad. It is not then any novel and hitherto unacknowledged duty to the discharge of which I am desirous of calling you, but one, of which you already feel and admit the force. It is not any hitherto unallowed obligation that I would require you to fulfil, but one, in which your bounty substantially proves, at the present time, your acquiescence. No: my object is this—to prevail with you merely to enlarge the sphere and exercise of a duty, which you already recognise; to extend to a particular case the application of the general principle; to admit some additional claimants to your bounty on the ground, that the good which they ask at your hands, is as equitably due to them, as it is to many others, whose claims you freely acknowledge and satisfy.

Let me then remind you next of those claimants: who they are; and in what particulars their claim consists.

They are the poor uneducated Children of our Colonists in Newfoundland. This island has been for more than three centuries annexed to the Crown of England; and during that period has been of essential service to this country. By its Fisheries, its Commerce, and the Nursery which it has proved to our Seamen, it has contributed to our national wealth, and maritime ascendancy. So that while it is one of our oldest colonies, it has in some respects been one of our most valuable: for it has been greatly by the resources indirectly derived from this,

that we have been enabled, under Providence, to take and retain possession of others, which, in their actual returns, may have been more directly profit-Originally peopled from the British Isles. able. the inhabitants speak our language and partake our civil and religious liberties. At first, and for many years, they were few in number: but at length fostered by the care and protection of the Mother-Country, they have considerably increased, and in spite of the rocky and rugged soil which they are compelled to cultivate, and of the long and inclement winters which they are destined to encounter, the population now amounts to more than Ninety Thousand Persons, scattered along a shore of six hundred miles in length, in numerous settlements, at the various harbours, creeks, and bays, with which the coast abounds. A population to such an amount, thus situated and circumstanced, adding, by their individual and collective labour, to our comforts and prosperity; fellow-subjects with ourselves, and sharing, not only our common nature, but our common language, government, and laws, cannot but be an object of serious and interesting contemplation to us. What then, it may be asked, is their moral and intellectual condition? What is their spiritual and religious state? My brethren, our knowledge of human nature, derived from the Bible and experience, will enable us too faithfully to answer these inquiries; when we are informed that there is a very inadequate supply of Christian

Ministers in Newfoundland: and a still more inadequate provision for the Education of the rising generation. Numerous as must be the children in such a population—a population not merely so large, but so widely scattered, and spreading over such an extent of coast—there has hitherto been only one free day-school in the whole island; while whatever other means may have been provided for the Instruction of the Children of the Poor, have been of very limited operation, and destitute of all the advantages of modern improvements in the system of instruction.—Under these circumstances, then, need I to remind you what must be the present state of the Children in this important Colony, and what are their future prospects? Brought up in ignorance and irreligion, destitute of the means by which alone, in all human appearance, the torrent of natural corruption can be checked, and the powerful influence of evil example can be counteracted, what probability is there, but that as they advance in years, they will advance in ungodliness and sin, and perish at last in utter obduracy of heart! O then, if the voice of these poor children could be heard from the other side of the Atlantic, in what language would they assail your ears? In what pitiable accents, if they were but duly sensible of their own unhappy condition, would they detail their wants and claim assistance from you? 'Attend' (they would cry) 'to our necessities, and impart to us the ' good which we earnestly look to you to bestow.

Doomed to grow up on these barren rocks, to 'till this sterile soil, and to brave these inclement skies, which nature has assigned to us; separated from all ' the rest of the habitable world by the tempestuous ' ocean, which surrounds our coasts, and to the dan-' gers of navigating which we shall be continually 'exposed; born to a life of toil, of hardship, and ' privation—we stretch out our hands to your more ' fortunate and favoured land, from which we our-' selves are sprung, and to the wealth and prosperity of which our labours and our perils will contri-'bute; and we implore a blessing from you. And ' what is the blessing we implore? We do not 'ask you to ameliorate our rugged soil; to amend our 'unfavourable clime; to abate the severity of our ' protracted winters, or to tranquillize the stormy 'seas around us. No: these are gifts, which it is 'not in your power to bestow. We ask of you a blessing, which it is within the reach and compass ' of your ability to give: a blessing, which will far 'surpass any physical improvement which could be 'conferred upon us: a blessing, which will teach us ' to bear our lot without repining; will reconcile us 'to the difficulties of our station; will open to us ' sources of enjoyment, which otherwise we shall ' never know; and will unfold a brighter day than otherwise we shall ever see-a blessing, which ' will cause the sun of righteousness to rise on our ' benighted land, to cheer and warm our cold and ' dreary solitudes, and to make our deserts blossom

'as the rose. Such is the blessing we implore, -the blessing of Education. We ask to be raised ' from the depths of ignorance in which we now are sunk: and into which, but for your kind and 'friendly interference, we must continue to be ' plunged—to be placed on a level in the scale of ' intellectual, moral, and religious knowledge, with our fellow-subjects in the British Isles, to receive ' this privilege from our native country, together ' with the many others we enjoy. Deny us not this Reflect on the justice of our claim. for how many years this spot has been overlooked by your benevolence; and notwithstanding the ' revived activity of your bounty in the present age 'in respect to other places, how totally this spot has ' been forgotten by you. Are you at length awakened to feel your obligations at home, and dis-'seminating throughout your native country the benefits of general instruction? Are you begin-' ning to recognize and to discharge the debt, which 'you owe to the rising generation in Ireland? Are 'you communicating education to the populations of your distant settlements in every quarter of the ' world—to the children of the Hindoos in India, of the blacks in Western Africa, of the slaves in 'your sugar-islands?—And can you withstand the claim of this British Colony to a participation of ' your bounty? Can you steel your heart against the equity of our demand, when we exclaim, "Give us the good which is due to us: Send

over, and help us." Impart to us the blessings of a factoristian Education!

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I humbly trust, my brethren, that I have so far gained my point; that in thus setting before you the claims, which the object proposed by this Society has on your benevolence and bounty, I have succeeded in convincing you, that it is a part of that good, which is due from you to others. Let me then proceed:

2. To shew you that, with respect to this good, it is now in the power of your hand to do it.

Though I might have succeeded in convincing you of the debt which you owe to the poor, uneducated children of this our Trans-atlantic colony: vet unless I should be able to point out a way by which this debt may be discharged, I must at last fail of my object. For our obligations to fulfil a duty, which it is not practically in our power to fulfil, must, from that single circumstance, lose nearly the whole of their influence upon us. We might, in that case, regret our inability to fulfil it, but we should not feel ourselves responsible for the omission. In fact, it is the measure of facilities vouchsafed to us for the performance of any duty, which binds us more or less strongly to the performance of it: and there may be debts, which only actually become so, by the means which we

have of paying them. What, for instance, might you be supposed to say in reference to the case before us? You might individually say,—'I feel for these ' poor children in Newfoundland. They ought not to ' be in this destitute and forlorn condition. They 'have a strong claim upon us for Christian education. ' I admit that it is a good which is due to them; 'a debt which ought to be paid; and in paying which I am ready to bear my part. But how ' can I bear it? What means have I in my power of ' fulfilling this duty? I cannot go myself to this ' distant colony. I have no influence, no acquaint-' ance there. I have no reason to suppose that any ' remonstrance of mine on this subject, even if I ' could send one thither, would procure attention, ' and advance the object. There is nothing then ' that I can do for these claimants on my bounty. . They have my commiseration and my prayers: 'They should have more—my assistance and ' pecuniary support; if I had but the means of ' imparting them. I owe this to them; but the ' impossibility of paying the debt, releases me ' from the necessity of paying it.'—Such, my brethren, might actually have been your language, if three years ago you had been led by any circumstance to the consideration of Newfoundland: but it cannot be your language now. You have not now this plea to urge in your defence, if from this time you should omit to commence the payment of your debt to these poor Islanders.

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good, which is due from you to them, it is now in the power of your hand to do.—The Society, whose advocate this day I am, has furnished you with this power. It has provided you with the opportunity, which, before its formation, you needed; and which, unless it were now formed, you would still need, for the performance of this duty. avowed and specific object of the Society in question is, to communicate the very boon which this colony so imperatively wants; to diffuse through every part of the island, into every settlement, and throughout the whole of its scattered and extended population, the blessings of scriptural instruction, by establishing schools on the improved plan of modern education, as the peculiar and local circumstances may admit the introduction and application of this system.—Originating in the benevolent exertions of some merchants connected with this colony—to whom the miserable deficiency of education prevailing throughout it, and the moral and religious evils resulting from this deficiency, were too practically known—the Society has already attracted considerable patronage; and under the means and auspices hitherto vouchsafed to it, has commenced its operations. Not only have the local authorities, and the principal inhabitants in the colony afforded substantial encouragement to the Society's plans; but the government in this country have also taken it under their

protection, and have liberally contributed to its support by a grant of land for the erection of schools in any part of the island, by the gift of a considerable sum towards the expense of building a central school, and by an annual allowance to the master of the same. By these and other aids the Society has already opened six schools in different settlements; and in the space of two years has sent out five masters and four mistresses, who, at this time, by their united labours in daily and Sunday schools, are dispensing the blessings of education to at least 800 scholars, children and The conduct indeed of the poorer classes ådults. of the inhabitants, and especially of the children, gives the strongest encouragement to the undertaking, and augurs the most happy success. Wherever the schools are instituted, the parents manifest their anxiety to send their children to them, and embrace with gratitude the opportunity offered. Many of the younger persons request permission to frequent the evening schools; and the children are not only eager to attend, but shew by their diligence and acuteness, and by their general proficiency, that they by no means come behind those of the mother-country in intellect and ability. These all are favourable circumstances; and though at present it is but the seed-time with this institution, yet there is abundant promise, even from present appearances, of what the future harvest may be. At least there is ample encouragement to proceed with vigour in this labour of love, for thus far, it 'has not been in vain in the Lord.' -Much, however, still remains to be done; and much need is there of increasing and persevering application in the prosecution of the work. Considerable means will be requisite at first to put the whole machine into full and efficient motion; and no small exertions will afterwards be wanted for maintaining it in such a state. It must be obvious, from local circumstances and the dispersed state of the settlements, along so extensive a line of coast, that much larger supplies will be necessary for beginning and carrying on a general system of education, than would be the case, if the same population were more condensed, and occupied fewer stations. More school rooms must be built: and more masters and mistresses must be provided and maintained: and though at present six opened, yet only one schools have been building has been erected as the central school in the capital, while the remaining five are dependent on temporary accommodations, and often experience much inconvenience from the want of sufficient room. It appears, therefore, notwithstanding the assistance which has hitherto been received through the kindness of government or the efforts of the colonists themselves, or may hereafter be reasonably expected from the same sources, that for the successful prosecution of the

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object in question, large supplies must still be sought for from other quarters. And from what quarter can these supplies be more properly sought, than from the mother-country? From what persons can they be more reasonably expected to come, than from those who feel and acknowledge the obligations, which they are under to join in this good work; but who, till this time, have not had the power and opportunity of fulfilling them? To such persons therefore—to all of you, my brethren, who are here present—the Society addresses itself, and says, 'Lo, we furnish you with ' the opportunity of paying the debt, so long due 'to this hitherto neglected Colony. We are re-' ceivers for it. Whatever portion of your property ' you may deposit in our hands, shall be faithfully 'applied to the liquidation of this demand on your 'benevolence and bounty. The progress which we have already made is a pledge of the steps ' which we shall further take, as our means increase. 'Entrust to our management the amount of what 'you feel to be due from you to the object in 'question; and we will bring you back an ac-'knowledgment in the thankfulness and prayers ' of those who will regard as a benefaction, what 'you send as a debt; and will teach you by the expressions of their gratitude to remember, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

What, then, now remains for me to do, but-

3. To enforce your ready compliance with the claims thus brought before you. What says the text? ' Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.' I have proved to you that to assist in promoting the education of the children in Newfoundland is a good which is due from you to them. I have shewed you that by contributing to the funds of this Society, it is now in the power of your hand to do it. me, then, advance one step further, and intreat you to withhold it not. Keep it not back. Consider how long this debt has been due; how long it has continued unpaid. Delay no longer to discharge it. You admit its obligation. You feel the justice of the denrand. The opportunity is before you. means are in your power. Then withhold it not. Think not to put it off to a more convenient season. Say not within your heart, 'I feel that I ought ' to contribute to the establishment and support of 'these schools; but I cannot do it at present. I must 'wait a little longer. I must put it off to another 'year.' My brethren, procrastinate not. not good, when it is in the power of your hand to do it. Do it to-day, while it is called to-day. is not a duty, the discharge of which can with justice or with safety be any longer deferred. Every thing connected with it is fleeting and passing away. The children, in whose behalf I am pleading, cannot wait your time and opportunity. It is now the season of cultivation with them, and if that season

be lost, your offer will come too late. The work of education with them, if ever it is to advance, must commence and proceed without delay. Nothing is standing still with them. Time is not standing still with them. Their corruptions are not standing still. Their temptations are not stand-Their enemies are not standing still. Can you make a covenant with these? Can you prevail with these to remit their exertions, till you are disposed and ready to commence yours? No: while you are supine and dilatory, they will be active and alert. While you are sleeping, the tares will be sown. While you are neglecting to cultivate the soil, a crop will spring up of a quality and a promise very contrary to your wishes, which vain will be the attempt hereafter to eradicate and sub-Be assured that in this work, no further time is to be lost.

Besides, when you think of deferring to another year your performance of this duty, are you certain of living another year to perform it? Time is passing away with you, as well as with the children of whom I am speaking. Before another year is past, and the return of this season shall afford you another opportunity of contributing to their education, you may be laid in the grave to which you are hastening, and in which you will no longer have it in the power of your hand to do the good which is due to them. At any rate, you are wilfully losing an occasion of

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doing a present good, and consequently are reducing into narrower limits that season allowed you, which, at the longest, is but short, for glorifying God your Saviour on earth, and for benefitting your fellow-creatures. O then, my brethren, prize and improve opportunities like the present. Prize and improve the present opportunity. Regard it as a talent committed to your trust, for which you must give an account, and go not out of these walls, till you have fulfilled the trust, and can give an account of it with joy.

I am not ignorant, my brethren, that the present age has been censured as 'a money craving age:' while the Christian preachers, who advocate the cause of public charities, are sometimes accused of being above measure importunate in their demands, and of laying so much stress on pecuniary contributions, as to countenance the supposition, that they calculate the success of their respective causes merely by the amount of money which is collected: and thus may be charged with virtually 'making gold their hope,' and with saying to the fine gold, 'Thou art my confidence.' But, for one, I plead not guilty to this charge. I utterly disclaim the justice of the imputation. Need we to declare, my brethren, that whatever may be our urgency in recommending our several objects to your patronage and bounty, we yet neither ask for contributions, nor use them, when received, but simply as means, which it is

our duty to employ for the attainment of our purpose? We know that it is God alone, who can accomplish that purpose. It is solely to his blessing on the means employed, that we look for the success of our undertakings. It is His spirit alone which can dispose the hearts of any to concur in promoting the education of the rising generation, can prepare and gift the teachers for their work, or can bless it to those who are the subjects of it. 'Paul may plant, and Apollos may water; but it is God alone, who giveth the increase.' But while we bear in mind this truth, let us also remember, that though God alone does give the increase, yet Paul is employed to plant, and Apollos to water. It is by the exercise of means on our part, that the Almighty is pleased to accomplish his purposes of grace and love. And it is in the selection and the use of means, that our wisdom and our duty consist -in selecting such as are best suited to the end, and in using them only in dependence on Him, who alone can give efficacy to them. To expect the end but in the use of means, would be to tempt the Lord our God. He who furnishes the means. intends that we should use them in humility, obedience, and faith; and to look for the end, without using them thus, would be disobedience and presumption. Here, then, is the ground on which I defend my appeal to you this day. for your contributions-not because they will supply the place, or supersede the necessity of the Divine blessing on our undertaking; but because, through the means of your pecuniary contributions, we perceive one facility providentially vouchsafed to us for advancing the object we have in view. It is by pecuniary aid that our school-masters and mistresses must be transported to their distant fields of operation; and there be maintained and remunerated. It is by pecuniary aid that school-rooms must be erected and furnished; and the many contingent expenses of such institutions be provided

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And whence is this aid to be procured, but from the liberality of those whom God hath blessed with the disposition and the power to furnish it? He evidently proposes that you should contribute to the funds of this Institution; and are we then to be censured for soliciting you, even importunately, to comply with His purpose? 'It is not the will of our Father which is in Heaven, that one of those little ones, for whom I plead, should perish.' Yet, without your assistance, their danger of perishing will apparently be great indeed.—But this assistance you can seasonably render. Is it not then our duty to ask it? Taking into account the infinite value of these souls, and the inestimable price which has been paid for them, are we not constrained to urge, to entreat, to importune you not to be backward in giving your assistance, not to withhold this good, when it is in the power of your hand to do it? Give it then, my brethren, this evening, and give it not with a sparing hand. Give it—not to the Society—but to the Lord. Give it to Him who gave himself for you. Give it as a small expression of your gratitude to Him, who hath done and suffered so much for you: and who in reference even to such unworthy proofs of our love, has graciously condescended to say, 'In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto ME.'

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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY.

YOUR Committee have much satisfaction in presenting the Report of their Proceedings during the last twelve months; a period in which they have been favoured by a gracious Providence with such a measure of success, as fully justifies the hope, that The Newfoundland School Society may be permitted to accomplish in due time the important Objects for which it has been instituted.

In the summer of last year, three additional Masters with their wives, and George Browning, an Apprenticed Monitor, having duly qualified themselves at the central National School in Baldwin's Gardens, sailed for Newfoundland, where they arrived in safety, in the month of August, and immediately proceeded to their respective destinations, viz. Mr. and Mrs. Kingwell to Harbour

Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Teulon to Carbonnierre, Mr. and Mrs. Martin to Petty Harbour, and George Browning, to Quidi Vidi.

St. John's.

At St. John's, the purchase of the central School-House has been completed on advantageous terms; and although the expense of alteration and repairs has somewhat exceeded the original estimate, your Committee have no reason to regret such a necessary application of the Funds of the Society. The building is of stone, and fire-proof, and is calculated to contain between four and five hundred Children: it is situated in Duckworth Street, in the most populous and central part of the town, and is commodious, well ventilated, and, in every respect, adapted for the purposes of the Society, as a permanent establishment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeynes continue to fulfil their important duties with increasing approbation and success, and they have received, on several occasions, very gratifying proofs of the general esteem in which the Schools are held. The number of Children now educating in the central School is 244, of which 117 are Boys, and 127 are Girls.

Mr. Jeynes has likewise opened an Evening School during the winter months, for Adults, at which they receive free instruction in the common branches of education; "this School," Mr. Jeynes observes, "is increasing fast." The present number on the books is thirty-five.

The Sunday Schools at St. John's and Quidi Vidi are going on well.

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Quidi Vidi.

Quidi Vidi is situate in the neighbourhood of St. John's, and the free daily School there is conducted by George Browning, under the superintendence of Mr. Jeynes, to whom he has proved "a valuable assistant," and according to the last information received, he had 43 Children under his care.

TRINITY HARBOUR.

Your Committee having received last year, pressing applications for a School-master from Trinity Harbour, which lies to the north of St. John's, and having ascertained that no provision existed there, for the free daily instruction of the poor, they determined upon appointing Mr. Fleet to that station. Upon this occasion, he thus expresses himself in a letter to your Assistant Secretary:—"Central School, St. John's, May 27, 1825. You will be glad to hear that I am now preparing for Trinity, according to instructions, and expect to go on Monday, May 30th. It is indeed a most important undertaking, and one that lies

very near my heart, knowing myself to be a poor weak, and helpless creature; though I feel persuaded, that wherever God has had a work to do, he has accomplished that work, and frequently too by the weakest instruments; my trust is in the Lord, and from Him cometh all my expectation.— O that he may prepare me by his grace, to give myself up entirely to Him, leaning constantly upon his all-sufficient arm, ever seeking the glory of his name, and the advancement of his kingdom."-Under the influence of these sentiments it will be anticipated, that Mr. Fleet has been successful in establishing himself in the affections of the inhabitants of Trinity and laying a solid foundation for the permanent instruction of the poor in that place. By the kindness of the magistrates, who at their own expense have fitted up the Court-house for his accommodation, Mr. Fleet has been enabled to assemble his scholars there, until proper school rooms can be built. He has now

In the Daily School, (Children) - - - - 94
In the Adult School held there twice a week - - 44
In the Evening School for labouring men - - 41

Making a total of Scholars - - 179

And the average number in his Sunday School is 138

"By the kind and loving hand of Providence," he observes, "we have been enabled to get on thus far with success; and though difficulties and trials

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have, as a matter of course, presented themselves, yet I am rejoiced to say, that grace and strength have been given, equal to my necessities; and in no one instance, has the Lord been backward in hearing and answering my poor imperfect breathings; the night School, mentioned before, is very encouraging; we have in it, three descriptions of persons, viz. fathers, young men, and youths; they bring their wood and their candles; this, I intimated to them, would be expected in the outset, and I was happy to observe that not one raised the least objection."

An extract or two from Mr. Fleet's Journal, will afford an interesting view of his proceedings—"Saturday, 27th August, 1825.—Occupied the afternoon in visiting the parents; found much encouragement in this, as several of them were telling me of the delight which their little ones expressed in coming to the School, and of their great anxiety to be ready against the flag was hoisted."

"Saturday, 5th September—With my dear Children in the morning; after which I visited the northward shore of this harbour, could not as yet prevail on the parents living there, to send their little ones over; endeavoured to bring forward various arguments, relative to the advantages the Children would derive from it: the parents expressed much sorrow at not being able to send them, but pleaded that the

distance was too far across; was obliged to leave without present success. Found that there were 18 Children at a proper age to come."

"Friday, 16th September.—The greater part of this day was taken up in preparing the Children for their public examination; endeavoured to bring forward every argument of encouragement, as a stimulus to punctuality and attention; bound themselves under a promise to sit up one hour later at night for the purpose of getting it more perfectly."

"The little dears evince so strong an attachment to the School, that after they leave it in the evening, many of them will meet again after supper in a certain place, generally the porch of some door, and repeat together what they have been engaged in during the day; one will be chosen as a teacher for the purpose of rectifying mistakes, they will then go on with their respective lessons, not leaving off till the whole are finished. May the God of all grace impress upon their hearts the true meaning of these things, that so the seeds of righteousness may spring up in them, and bear much precious fruit, to the praise of God's glory, and to the everlasting benefit of their souls!"

"It has been said here by some persons, they should think I must be very thankful when the labours of the day are over; but this I cannot say, for never do I feel more happy than when behold-

ing one of my boys at the flag-staff, hoisting the colours for School; it would rejoice your hearts to see the dear little creatures mount up a steep hill, upon which the present School stands, some by their hands as well as their feet, and others led up by the greater children, and there they will remain till they see me coming, and then walk with me into School. When I look around me upon all things present, and see how very much there is to be done, it frequently brings to my mind the expression, that 'it is high time to awake out of sleep,' and be doing, for the 'harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.' Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will bless and prosper the work we have in hand, that more labourers may be raised up, and sent forth to us, and that those he has already disposed and sent, may be instrumental in promoting his glory, and extending his blessed salvation far and wide."

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"A large field of labour presents itself to our view, and the wicked one appears to have great power and authority here; but we know that the strength of God is sufficient to overcome that power; and I would be seech you to pray for us continually, and more especially for me, that I may be faithful in the work which God has put into my hands, and that while my lips are daily speaking of his love to others, my own soul may enjoy his favour and presence."

Your Committee have felt it prudent no longer to delay the erection of a permanent establishment for the Society's Schools in Trinity, and they have accordingly given Mr. Fleet the necessary directions to proceed with the work this spring. with much satisfaction they have to record the liberal grant by Messrs. Garland and Sons, of Poole, of a very eligible piece of land in the centre of the harbour, for the site of the proposed building, at a nominal rent of one shilling per annum, for the term of ninety nine years, renewable at the expiration thereof. A lively interest is felt by all classes in Trinity for this Institution, and at the public examination of the children of the schools, referred to in Mr. Fleet's journal, and which took place in December last, the sum of £40 was collected, which was afterwards augmented to £68, and almost every person present of the poorer class promised to go into the woods as soon as the harbour was frozen and paths made, and cut timber for the building. In this way it is confidently expected that considerable saving will be effected to the funds of your Society.

Your Committee have also had for some time another important measure under their consideration, that of sending a School-mistress to Trinity. This step has been strongly urged upon them, and indeed it is now become absolutely necessary on account of the increased number of female Chil-

dren who require instruction; they have accordingly engaged a sister of Mr. Fleet for this interesting service; and from the tried abilities and experience of Mrs. Simmons, as a teacher for twelve years in the Rev. Mr. Crowther's Sunday School, your Committee cannot but anticipate, under the Divine blessing, much good from this appointment.

HARBOUR GRACE.

At the station of Harbour Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Kingwell were received and congratulated by the inhabitants with many expressions of good will and respect, as the representatives of a Society from which they hope to derive so many and such essential benefits.

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In little more than two months from the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Kingwell, at Harbour Grace, and notwithstanding many hindrances, and the want of proper accommodation, the attendance of Children in their daily School increased from 11 to 92, viz. 36 Boys, and 56 Girls. It was not long before they felt encouraged to begin a Sunday School, by receiving at one time applications for the admission of 20 Children, begging to be taught to read.

"On the 18th September," says Mr. Kingwell, "we began our Sabbath labour, supplicating the God of all grace to accompany and follow our instructions, with that divine influence, without which nothing is strong, nothing is holy."

"Our number, he adds, has gradually increased, in about two months, to 120, viz. 54 Boys and 66 Girls, from the age of five to seventeen. In this delightful work, we feel ourselves abundantly rewarded for all the dangers we have been exposed to, and the privations we have suffered.—'O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.'"

"The morning before service is employed in reading and spelling, and the afternoon in learning hymns, chapters, catechetical instruction, &c. In the evening, at six o'clock, the senior scholars assemble to be examined* on the sermons of the day; after which, some question is proposed to them to be considered by the succeeding sabbath. In this part of our labour much does not yet appear, but we would sow in hope, knowing it is the Lord's work, and he can prosper it.—Nothing has been done as to an adult school for want of room; but we hope to make a beginning shortly. We have many

[•] It being the object of this Society to supply the moral wants of the uneducated part of the community of Newfoundland, while it adopts Dr. Bell's System of Instruction, it is cautious of giving offence by insisting on the general introduction of any particular Catechism. The Society intends that all the children of the Schools should receive instruction in the Holy Scriptures, and that upon one or more days in the week, the children of the Establishment should be instructed in the Church Catechism, and that the attendance of all other children at such Seasons should be left to the discretion of their parents.

applications for Bibles and spelling books; it is gratifying to witness the desire that the parents evince for their children's improvement."

By a subsequent Letter, dated 9th January, 1826, Mr. Kingwell writes as follows:—

"It is with peculiar satisfaction and gratitude to Almighty God, the Author of all good, that I am enabled to say, that our schools continue to increase. Our number now, in the Sunday School, is 130, viz. 62 Boys, and 68 Girls, who take great delight in the School; and in the Day School 118: viz. 49 Boys, and 69 Girls, including those admitted this It was truly gratifying to witness the pleasure manifested by the children in their returning to school after their fortnight's vacation; but to see their untutored habits giving way to a more steady and regular deportment, is much more so. One instance, especially, of this nature, I think worth communicating to you.—Swearing is a very common sin here among children. our boys, aged 12 years, was much addicted to it, of which, of course, we endeavoured to break him. We had talked to him at various times, prayed with, and for him; yet he would not give it up, and appeared to consider it a matter of indifference. One day he so far forgot himself, as to blaspheme in a most shocking manner before me. This I considered demanded some decisive measure; and

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after a suitable reproof, according to our judgment, we came to the painful resolution of forbidding his attendance at School until he had left off the habit, lest his example should prove prejudicial to the other children. He was accordingly dismissed: but about five weeks after, on a Sunday evening, as we were about to go into the School, he came up to us weeping, and very frankly confessed he had been a very wicked boy; and begged to be permitted to come with us again. After having had some close conversation with him, during which he told us he had prayed to God to forgive him, we consented, exhorting him to pray to God to change his heart. Since his return, he has given us no cause to regret taking him back."

To the following passage in the same Letter, the attention of the Meeting is particularly requested.

"You must have seen by my last, how likely it was, that we should be straitened for room: though we now have 118 children, not above 100 can be accommodated at one time, the boys and girls being necessarily classed together, which is not at all as it should be. If the Committee think proper to build here next spring, much help may be expected from those interested, according to their ability. Already are given as many beams, and as much clap-board as will make the frame, and close in a building of 42 feet by 20 feet; in addi-

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tion to which, some who cannot go to the woods, have bound themselves for, some three, some five and others six days work, to hew the beams, and fit them for the carpenters' use. Our Subscription list is not yet much; we may hope to receive this season about £10, but have as much as £20 subscribed for next year:—with the assistance the inhabitants would render, the Committee might build a Dwelling-House, and two commodious School-Rooms for about £250.—We hope, and pray, that the Lord may so bless the pecuniary department of the Society, that the work may not be hindered."

From these extracts it is apparent, that at Harbour Grace, your Society is doing its work well, and that God is abundantly blessing its labours. Here too, it is found to be impracticable to carry on our operations with efficiency, or to any extent, without building proper Schools; and, impressed with this conviction, your Committee feel assured, that they have only consulted your wishes, and the best interests of the Society, by directing Mr. Kingwell, to apply to the Government for a grant of land, in order to the immediate erection of suitable buildings thereon.

CARBONNIERRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Teulon, after experiencing some of those difficulties and discouragements incident to new undertakings, are now settled at Carbonnierre, and doing well. "The house which we have, Mr. Teulon writes, is, it appears to us, a particular reserve of Providence; the late occupier and owner died just before our arrival, and other applicants having desired to take it at a higher rate, have been refused; we are informed there has not been such a vacancy here for sixteen years."

"The children are so attached to us, that they cry to be sent to School:—for my part I never felt so much pleasure in any employment I ever had. We are stationed in a land where many things occur to remind us of passages in our blessed Saviour's History; here we can see fishermen, some drying, some toiling at their nets-the sea or lake that separates between us and the other side, and beyond, the wilderness:-here we see flocks, composed of sheep and goats feeding together; here, generally, if we go any where, we must go up into a mountain; here the pine-trees cover the heights; and, if we hunger, and with our Lord inquire, ' Have ve here any meat?' the most natural answer is, We have a little bread and some fishes:-and here stands His (Christ's) Church, which, though the superstructure be of wood, stands upon a rock.— Thus, while we, in a measure, realize the circumstances of his life, may we still in a further measure realize his character of usefulness, tread in his steps, imitate his example, feed upon his promises, and, finally, attain to his reward."

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During the first two months after Mr. and Mrs. Teulon were settled at Carbonnierre, they had only one child under their care; since which, others have been gradually coming to them; and. according to the latest account, they have now in their Schools 70 Children, namely, about 40 Boys and 30 Girls, and are expecting to have more:-twenty five of their children have lost either one or both of their parents. An Adult Evening School also has been opened, at which about twenty attend, and a Sunday School is making progress.—On the whole, Mr. and Mrs. Teulon appear to be satisfied with the improvement of their Scholars, who manifest an increasing attachment to the School, while the parents in general, are daily becoming more anxious to obtain admission for their children.

In reference to the difficulties they have had to encounter, Mr. Teulon observes, "But we reflect that duty is ours, while success is the Lord's, and we hope, we pray, we trust, that while his unworthy and unprofitable servants at one season plant, at another water, He will in his own season graciously send the increase."

PETTY HARBOUR.

On the 6th September last, Mr. and Mrs. Martin arrived at Petty Harbour, and met with a very cordial reception from all classes.

Mr. Martin in his first communication observes, that when he went round the Harbour, he was every where well received, and the common remark of the inhabitants, was, "That they wanted a School-master there very bad:—that the children were ruined, and they were sure it was the best thing that could be thought of for Petty Harbour, and they ought to be very thankful to the good people at home for thinking of them." I took occasion," he adds, "to remind them to give praise to Him who put it into our hearts."

On 28th September last, Mr. and Mrs. Martin opened their daily School, and thus "commenced," as he expresses it, "the all-important work for which Providence had sent them there," with 27 Children viz. 14 Boys and 13 Girls, only three of whom knew the alphabet.—" It is plain," he observes, "that this ignorance is entirely from the want of means of instruction, as I am astonished at the eagerness of the children to learn."—In the same letter he says:— For some time it was very doubtful whether I could obtain either school room or lodging, when, after about three weeks suspense, I obtained two rooms for our dwelling, and a store, 21 feet by 15, for a School-room; but this is already too small; we have as many children as we can conveniently take; the numbers are 24 Boys, 26 Girls total 50-these all attend on the Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening; when I question them

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on the Collect, Catechism, and other instructions of the day.-The parents say their children are never at rest but when they are at School;-we find them waiting at the door three quarters of an hour before the time.—On the 12th a respectable inhabitant called on me, and said, ' he had been conversing with several of his neighbours about building a bridge from one side of the harbour to the other; that it was generally thought necessary, and that there was every reason to believe that the thing would soon be carried into effect.' there is great necessity for it; until it is done, the children cannot come over from the other side; the only way now, is over the Flakes—a sort of stage built by nailing long sticks across some upright poles, and strewing them over with branches of the spruce and fir; these are for the purpose of drying fish, and being repaired but once a year, at the beginning of the season, by this time are so bad as to be almost impassable.*

"The person before alluded to, re-assured me of the interest he felt in the cause, and I have reason to believe him sincere, for he has taken his carpenter from work which he was doing for him, to fit up the place for a School-room, and, to use the words of the people here, 'he is worth twenty shillings a day to him.'"

^{*} The Committee are happy to state, that the bridge referred to, has been commenced.

The following is an extract from another letter from Mr. Martin, dated November 15th, 1825—"We have now on our books 32 Girls and 22 Boys—total 54—the oldest 17, the youngest 4, and our School-room so full that we have been obliged to refuse applications for admission.—In our Sunday School our number is 44.

"You will perceive in looking over the extracts from my journal, that I have been thinking about building:—it is the determination of the people to 'haul out stuff' for the purpose in the winter; and I assure you that all that the people can do towards building a School House, they are most willing to do; that is, to give their labour.— I feel a great concern for the improvement of the young of this place, and confess this to be a most interesting field for labour. There is the greatest necessity for a building here; the people are most willing to receive instruction, and I have reason to think that our numbers would be doubled by next spring, if we had room:—the expression of a boy from the north side, is worthy of notice-' If the bridge was finished, your house would not hold your scholars.'—I expect that the people will beg the Society's attention to this point; here they are all very poor; these two last fishing seasons have turned out so badly, that it is feared many will be starving this winter."-" In conversation with some of the people, I was much encouraged to hear

there was a marked change in the place already—that there was not that cursing and swearing about 'the paths' there was before the School was opened. O that this may prove not merely to arise from a fear of the School-Master.—Let God be magnified, and may we see greater things than these!"

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"Having fixed upon a vacant spot of ground in the most desirable part of the harbour, I have written to St. John's, that if it is thought proper, the necessary steps may be taken to secure it to the Society by grant."

Your Committee deem it to be unnecessary to multiply remarks upon the cheering character of the several communications which have been now laid before you; they will call forth from all the friends of the Society, and from every individual who is watching over the best interests of his fellow creatures, and who is looking with the eye of faith to the speedy accomplishment of the promises of God, fervent gratitude and holy joy.

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In adverting to the domestic proceedings, your Committee have little more to record than a brief notice of the exertions which have been made during the last year, to call forth a more general attention, and excite a warmer interest in behalf of the Society, in several of the most considerable provincial cities and commercial towns in England; which very important object has been in some degree attained by the kindness of the Rev. Messrs. Budd, Bryan, and Leicester, who consented to accompany Mr. Codner, one of your Honorary Secretaries, and to give him their valuable aid. These gentlemen accordingly, visited Leicester on the 8th of August, where a Sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Budd, and a Committee formed to promote the interests of the Society.

At Derby, where a Sermon was preached by Mr. Budd, and at Matlock, and Manchester, they held public meetings; and at the last mentioned town, seven sermons were preached by your clerical friends.

At Liverpool a Committee was held.—The deputation then continued their route to Birmingham, Worcester, Cheltenham, Gloucester, and Bristol, from whence Mr. Codner proceeded alone to Wellington and Exeter; and in the course of the autumn, he visited twenty different places, viz. Lichfield, Burton-on-Trent, Atherstone, Tamworth, Nottingham, Mansfield, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Dewsbury, Liversedge, York, Hull, Doncaster, Bawtry, Retford, Gainsborough, and Oxford. In all of which,

with very few exceptions, collections were made, and in some associations formed; and every where, a friendly feeling has been excited in behalf of the Society, which your Committee are anxious to cherish, as one of the most effectual means, under the Divine blessing, of bringing into full operation the benevolent purposes of the Institution. And they would not quit this part of their Report, without expressing their grateful sense of the hospitality and uniform kindness experienced by the deputation throughout their late journey.

Your Committee likewise desire to advert, with gratitude and respect, to the zeal of the female friends of the Society, by whose liberality and kindness, two sales of work have been supplied and conducted; the produce of which amounted to £81 17s. 10d.

Your Committee lament that it is not in their power to supply the pressing calls they have received from various parts of the colony, to send out more teachers at present, owing to the limited state of their funds. Their income is far short of their expenditure; and, under present circumstances, they do not feel warranted in doing more than completing their engagements of last year, by dismissing a mistress and a master to their stations; the latter of whom, unavoidable circumstances have detained in England.

Your Committee, in conclusion, call upon the General Meeting to unite with them in Thanksgiving to the Author of all good, for the success with which he has been pleased to bless this weak effort to glorify his name. This is only the Third Anniversary of the Society, and already have six Schools been established, containing between 800 and 1000 Scholars-children and adults. Never let it be forgotten, that success, while it stimulates to exertion, demands it also. The six stations already occupied by the Society, have been visited by no equivocal blessings:—attention is awakened; expectation is excited, and these first tokens of your benevolence, have been welcomed as harbingers and as earnests of a general boon to be dispensed to the whole community of Newfoundland. To gratify this expectation is the ardent desire of your Committee, but they would distinctly impress on the Meeting, that their finances are already taxed beyond their power, and that the utmost they can hope to do at present is, to maintain the position they have already taken. The building of Schools, altogether so necessary to the success of the design, creates a certain and heavy expense which, notwithstanding the zeal and liberality of the Colonists, is involving the Society in responsibilities which will far exceed its stated resources. your Committee are pledged, and nothing but the indefatigable exertions of their friends can, under God, meet the exigency of the occasion. To these exertions they invite you: let the people of England do their part; they doubt not that the people of Newfoundland will do theirs. Justice and Charity make an equal demand upon you.

It is true, we do not propose to you to supply the world with Bibles, or with Missionaries to circulate and explain them; we bless God that those fields are cultivated by other societies; but we do present to you immorality and ignorance, real and necessitous, and worthy of your associated efforts to correct and enlighten; and while, on the one hand, we would not ask you to restrain that comprehensive love which embraces the tens of millions of Heathens, yet, on the other, we would call home your Charity to the aid of the poor of Newfoundland, who, though not as numerically important, have yet necessities and claims which, in their character and consequences, are of equal because of eternal moment.

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If it should be objected that their moral wretchedness is neither so abject, nor their ignorance so profound, what is this, we would ask, but to mark the mere gradations of a ruin alike fatal to all who are not rescued from it by redeeming love!

But we will urge our plea no further; confident that He who first engaged the hearts of his people in this 'work of faith and labour of love,' will not disappoint their expectation and their hope, but will accomplish in Newfoundland that animating promise, "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation; I, the Lord, will hasten it in his time."

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