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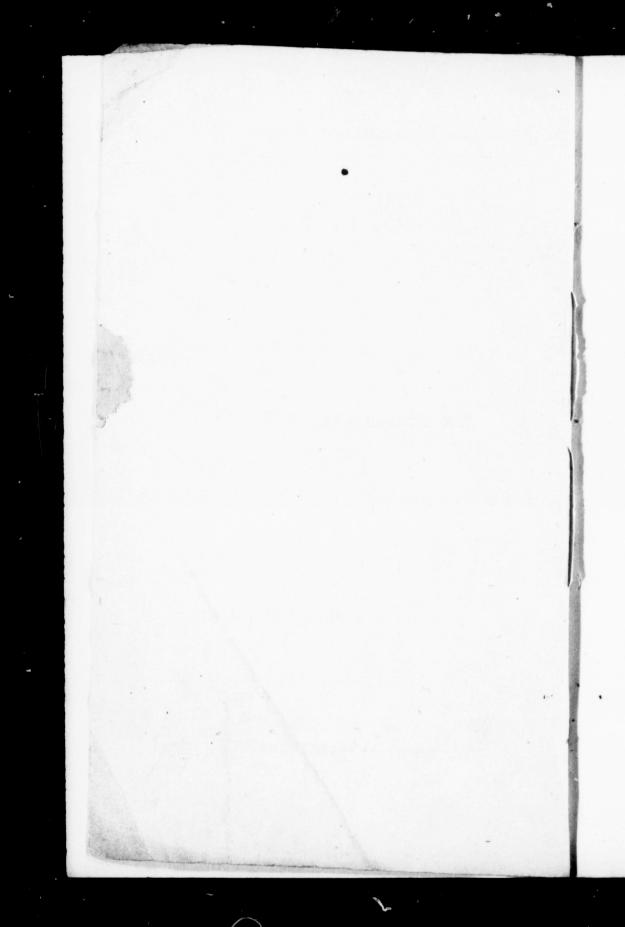
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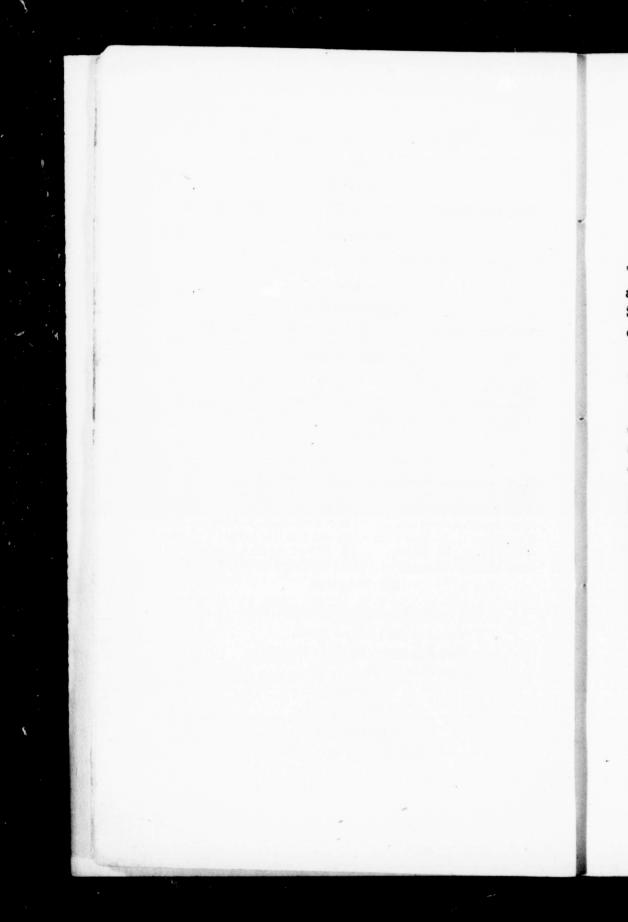
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#### **PROCEEDINGS**

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1892.

York, U. C. November 12, 1832.

THE Society for Converting and Civilizing the Indians, and Propagating the Gospel among the Destitute Settlers in Upper Canada, held its Annual Meeting on the 10th instant, at Upper Canada College.

The Hon. and Rt. Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF QUEBEC in the Chair.

After invoking the Divine Blessing upon the proceedings, his Lordship briefly addressed the meeting; adverting with satisfaction to the present great influx of Emigrants into this Province, whose arrival must necessarily spread more widely the blessings of Religion and Civilization among their white and red brethren, and so assist in promoting the objects of the Society. As to the affairs of the Society, he would not anticipate by any lengthened remarks the more detailed account to be expected in the Report, to which he would now refer the attention of the meeting.

The Secretary here read the Report.

It was then moved by D'AARCY BOULTON, Esq. seconded by ALEXANDER WOOD, Esquire—

1. That the Report now read be received and printed.

The Rev. S. I. J. Lockhart, the Bishop's Domestic Chaplain, moved the following resolution, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Harris.

2. That this meeting approve of the appointment of Mr. William McMurray to be the Society's Agent at the Sault St. Marie, in the room of Mr. J. D. Cameron; and while they feel how highly important such a station is, and how greatly the necessities of the Mission exceed the existing provision, cannot but indulge the hope that ampler means will soon be placed at the disposal of the Society by a benevolent community, for the express purpose of conducting it upon a larger scale.

Both the mover and seconder addressed the Meeting.

The Archdeacon of York rose to move the next resolution, as follows:—

3. That this Meeting approve of the appointment of the Rev. Adam Elliot to be the Society's Travelling Missionary to the Home District, as a measure most likely to conduce to the proposed end—the benefit of the destitute Settlers: and return their grateful acknowledgements to those individuals by whose private assistance the Society has been encouraged to undertake it.

The Archdeacon was seconded by the Solicitor General.

The Rev'd. Dr. Harris, followed by the Rev'd. J. Hudson, introduced the fourth resolution.

4. That a considerable fund having been raised in England by the instrumentality of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and lodged with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in trust for the use of this Society, this Meeting, deeply sensible of the zeal which set on foot, and the liberality which supplied so generous a subsidy, is of opinion that it may be most justly and advantageously applied to the furtherance of the Society's present engagements, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey this Resolution to the Venerable Society, with a request that they will be pleased to place the money at the disposal of this Society.

It was moved by Robert Stanton, Esq. seconded by the Rev. WILLIAM BOULTON—

5. That Alexander Wood, Esquire, be appointed Treasurer to the Society, in the room of F. T. Billings, Esquire, resigned.

Captain Phillpotts, A.D.C., having tendered his resignation as Joint Secretary, the Rev. J. Hudson, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Harris, moved—

6. That the name of Captain Phillpotts be added to the Managing Committee, and the thanks of this Meeting be given him for his services as Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. HARRIS, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Phillips, moved—

7. That a letter from Governor Simpson, of the Hudson's Bay Company, to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, having been communicated by His Lordship to

the Society, in which Governor Simpson expresses his intention of recommending the objects of the Mission to the favorable consideration of the Hudson's Bay Company, this Society desires thankfully to acknowledge the interest thus shown by Governor Simpson in those objects, and to beg the continuance of his friendly co-operations.

Moved by the Archdeacon of York, seconded by the Rev. S. I. J. Lockhart—

8. That the Hon. J. H. Dunn, and the Rev. J. Hudson, be a Committee to audit the Accounts for the year ending October 1832, and report to the next Meeting of the Committee of Management.

The business of the meeting being concluded, and the Bishop having left the Chair, the Archdeacon was called upon to take it, when the Solicitor General, seconded by Capt. Phillpotts, moved—

9. That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Hon. and Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Quebec, for his able conduct in the Chair.

His Lordship briefly returned thanks, prayers were read, and the Meeting separated.

## REPORT.

The Society for Converting and Civilizing the Indians, and Propagating the Gospel among Destitute Settlers in Upper Canada, having completed the second year of its existence, it again becomes the duty of the Committee of Management to submit a statement of its procedings for the information of its friends, who will perceive from thence that the causes which led to the Society's establishment exist in greater force than ever, and that the more notice is conceded to the claims of the Indians and Destitute Settlers, the more they will appear both to deserve and to demand it.

No sooner had the Report for 1831 issued from the Press than it was extensively circulated through both Provinces. Besides those provided as matter of course for Subscribers, copies were distributed to all the Clergy in the Diocese, and an opportunity was eagerly seized, in the return of Captain Phillpotts to England, of forwarding others to the address of the Bishops of the English and Irish Bench; and it is hoped that the attention of the Established Church, already favorably attracted to the Society, may by this means be effectually sustained. At least the information thus circulated will have the advantage of being well timed. The very name of such a Society at a period when England is draining so fast of her

inhabitants, must strike like the accents of hope on the ear of the dejected Emigrant; and the Philanthropist, at a loss for other topics to minister to his consolation, will avail himself gladly of this. surely it cannot be that, with such a host of friends on the other side of the Atlantic, the Church of England will suffer so many of her children to leave her bosom unsolicitous how the maternal nourishment is thenceforth to be conveyed to them, indifferent as to the manner in which they are to subsist without her, or reluctant to assign them some temporary portion of her own inheritance, to meet at least their present exigencies. This cannot be supposed, and therefore neither can it be supposed that such a Society as this will long be viewed with indifference, or remain unnoticed, in England. May the good Spirit of God dispose and open its way into the regards of the pious and benevolent of that favoured country.

It is with the greatest satisfaction that the Committee hail the indications of a rising interest on the part of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in the welfare of this Society, and with gratitude that they mark the kind consideration with which it is recommended to a discretionary share in a most liberal grant lately made by them to the Lord Bishop of Quebec. The affectionate manner in which this recommendation was announced to his Clergy by that estimable Prelate in his last charge, and seconded by an earnest injunction from himself that they should

make every individual and united effort in the same good cause, also claims their warmest acknowledgements. Undoubtedly the Venerable Society were well assured that such a recommendation could not be given to one more rejoiced to receive, or more faithfully disposed to fulfil it.

The resources of the Society still continue to be drawn almost exclusively from York-a place which has been distinguished by greater efforts in the cause, and more liberal appropriations for the relief, of suffering humanity, than might have been expected from cities enjoying a much greater degree of Commercial prosperity and general opulence. It is gratifying here to the Committee to be able to acknowledge the readiness with which this Society has been admitted to its portion of the local bounty, and encouraging to believe, as they have reason to do, that by increasing its responsibility and extending its operations, it shall net more quickly advance new claims to support, than the friends of humanity in York will step forward to meet them: usefulness in the object, and activity in its prosecution, having always been found to be with them a sufficient passport to the warmest feelings of the heart.

But though the Society's resources are still principally local, the Committee cannot bring themselves to conclude that they will long continue to be so. To one obvious source of augmentation they are naturally led to look, as suggested by the following pas-

sage in the charge before alluded to, of the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese:—

"Here, however, I shall mention that I have at "their request promised to give assistance from this "fund (a grant of £500 from the Venerable Society "for Promoting Christian Knowledge) to the Society "formed here for Converting and Civilizing the In-"dians, and Propagating the Gospel among Des-"titute Settlers in Upper Canada. This Society "claims our attention, and I am engaged to recom-"mend it to your consideration and support. It is "unnecessary to enlarge upon the duty of extending "our services to the spiritual benefit of the poor "Indians, a duty which I fear has been too much "neglected by us, and to the prosecution of which "we are now particularly called. The claims on "our services of the Destitute Settlers are not less "obvious; and I cannot entertain a doubt of our in-"clination to meet them to the utmost extent of our "power. For the accomplishment of these purposes, "it will be expedient that Committees, or Auxiliary "Societies, be established in different parts of the "Diocese, and a plan be drawn up and well digested " of co-operation with the Society at York."

These sentiments and expressions harmonize well with His Lordship's wishes, as previously made known in the form of a Resolution of the Committee, published in the last Report, and which is once more introduced to the notice of the Clergy:

Moved by the Archdeacon of York, seconded by Captain Phillpotts, that the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to notify to his Clergy generally, his desire that in future where the circumstances of a Mission shall offer any encouragement, they preach an Annual Sermon, or embrace other opportunities of making collections, in aid of the Funds of the Society: as also his wish that they afford their zealous and active co-operation in forming, where practicable, in their respective neighbourhoods, Branch Societies in connection with the one in York.

The Committee have great pleasure in communicating the consent of the Archdeacon of York, at their invitation, to take the lead in so desirable a movement, from the Pulpit in St. James' Church, at his earliest favorable opportunity.

The transactions of the Society for the year just elapsed may be comprised in small compass. The Committee would have been glad to be able to state that the progress of the Mission at the Sault St. Marie was such as the interval of a twelvemonth might warrant them to expect. It might undoubtedly have been considerable, had no interruption occurred: but unhappily the affairs of the Mission have suffered a serious check from an occurrence as little to have been foreseen as it is greatly to be lamented. The Gentleman who since October, 1830, has been entrusted with its superintendence, now no longer enjoys the confidence of the Society. It will be readily

remembered that this Society labours in strict union with the Church of England, to all the ordinances of which Mr. Cameron felt himself unable to yield a The Committee therefore had conscientious assent. no alternative but to transfer his duties to other hands. and have taken great pains to nominate in his successor a person, of whose present and future conformity to their views, and of whose steadiness of temper, propriety of conduct, and strong private inclination to the particular duties he has undertaken, they have good and safe assurances. At the same time they do not conceal from him or from the Society, the great disadvantages under which he will commence his undertaking. The influence of the former Teacher will for a time embarrass the advances of the new: yet it is believed that the confidence of the simple minded Indian cannot be long withheld from a persevering watchfulness for his good, and devotion to his spiritual welfare. By these means Mr. McMurray will be enabled to overcome existing difficulties. He has been despatched to his station with every outward help that the Committee could devise towards his effectually entering upon the discharge of his duties. The Rev. Dr. Harris lent his particular aid in furnishing him with "an Address from the Society to their Red Brethren at the Sault,"-for which see Appendix. Mr. McMurray's present duties will consist principally in the conduct of a School, at which the children of Indians and Settlers will be invited to attend for the purpose of receiving Chrisn

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tian Instruction, and in the diligent use of whatever opportunities may occur of conveying similar instruction to the adult population. It must be observed that this gentleman has been for some time under the notice of the Lord Bishop, as a Candidate for Holy Orders, his admission to which, while it will make his services more valuable, will also entitle them to a more liberal remuneration than they now Indeed the Committee are painfully aware that the present arrangements for the Mission at the Sault are miserably incommensurate with its necessities. Nor are they surprised to find that such is also the opinion of a great friend to the Indian race, and an ardent promoter of their conversion, Governor Simpson, of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company, who, in a letter, dated Red River Settlement, February 1, 1832, addressed to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, writes as follows :-

"The only field I now see open itself with a prospect of advantage from Missionary labours, besides
Red River, is the Sault St. Marie's, which connects
Lake Huron with Lake Superior. There I think
it would be successful, as the country in the neighbourhood of that place has become so much exhausted in fur-bearing animals that the natives can
no longer maintain themselves by the produce of
the chase; so that very little encouragement would
be required to induce them to form a village there,
and the long intercourse they have had with whites,
now I think, prepares them for religious instruction.

"A young gentleman of the name of Cameron, a "half-bred native of the Country, who has been bred "to the Church in Canada, and is I understand " zealous even to enthusiasm in the object of civilizing "and converting his countrymen, has lately establish-"ed himself there for those ends; but the pittance "he is allowed from a Society in York, amounting "to £100 per annum, is very inadequate, as that "sum at least would be necessary for charitable pur-"poses alone among the Natives, till they got into "the way of raising crops. Another £100 would be "necessary to cover his expenses in moving about "from camp to camp in the neighbourhood until they "became settled, and his own labours, which he "cannot afford to bestow gratuitously, as his means "are very slender, would, I think, be moderately "paid at another £100: so that a Mission even there "cannot be expected to do much good, unless a sum "of about £300 can be procured for it. I mean to "recommend this Mission to the Hudson's Bay Com-"pany, but as the situation is beyond the limits of "their Territory, I do not expect they will do more "towards its support than offer the Clergyman and "his Assistants board and lodging at their establish-"ment there; and as it promises to be productive of "much good, if properly conducted, and well sup-"ported, I beg leave to recommend it to Your Lord-"ship's support and good offices."

The Committee cannot but echo these humane and prudent sentiments, and press upon the Society the

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necessity that must arise in the proper prosecution of the Mission at the Sault, of a larger provision for its maintenance. And as they look forward to the time when the Society's present Representative there will be endowed with higher functions, and stand in a relation of much greater dignity and influence towards the people there, they fondly indulge the hope that such a time will not arrive without bringing with it the desired accession of means. They thus invite before hand the consideration of the Society to this point, that a timely demonstration of additional liberality on the part of its friends may leave them ready to embrace the first occasion that may present itself of placing the Mission upon a more extended footing. At the same time they beg leave to recommend that the funds lately raised in England for the use of this Society, be in part applied to the further prosecution of the Mission at the Sault, and that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, now entrusted with the money, be forthwith requested to place the same at the disposal of this Society, whose present engagements for the benefit of the Indians and Destitute Settlers will easily justify that Venerable Body in complying with the request. See Resolution 4 of the Annual Meeting 1832.

The Committee proceed to give the requisite information on another interesting department of the Society's labours. It is now two years since the Society admitted the destitute settlers of Upper Canada

to a participation of the benefits, which, under God, it should be enabled to dispense. This, however, has been rendered, by circumstances beyond the control of the Committee, hitherto merely nominal, the income of the Society having been insufficient to the effectual prosecution of two great objects simultane-The same obstacle would, indeed, exist up to this moment, had the Committee rested on the actual funds of the Society only. But in the belief that the spirited pledge given to the Destitute Settlers would be amply redeemed by those whose representations prevailed with the Society to include them under their protection, the Committee have taken a bold step towards its immediate redemption in the establishment of a new Mission, for the benefit of a portion, at least, of the comprehensive charge of the Destitute Settlements. In selecting the Home District as the seat of this Mission they were guided by an obvious consideration, arising out of the proposed method of raising the requisite funds for the defrayment of its expenses. The sources of these would for a time lie principally in the capital, and consequently the Home District would have a decidedly prior claim to the benefit of the establishment. proposed method was that of inviting wealthy and benevolent individuals to unite with the Society in this undertaking by pledging themselves to contribute between them such a sum of money annually for the term of three years, as with the allowance made by the Society for the same purpose, should e

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make up a salary of £100. In this plan the Committee are happy to say a ready concurrence, as far as it has been solicited, has been obtained, together with a general acknowledgment of its great utility and singular adaptation to the wants of the country.— When time shall have been allowed for its further developement, and a more general appeal in its behalf to the community, the Committee have but little doubt but its success will be complete. At the same time that the Committee established the Mission, they nominated a gentleman to fill it, recommending him to the Bishop for ordination, a recommendation, to which his Lordship most willingly acceded, and the congregation at St. James Church were witnesses to his solemn consecration to an office, which if entered upon with a befitting sense of its awful responsibility, and conducted under an entire dependence upon God's blessing and the help of his good spirit, may conduce in no small measure to the edification of His Church and the salvation of souls. Rev. Adam Elliot is now only awaiting the instructions of the Committee to commence his duties, which it is proposed shall begin with a rapid tour in the first instance through the entire field of his labours—that having acquainted himself with the respective claims of the townships upon his attendance, he may be able to distribute it most advantageously and equitably at a subsequent and more leisurely It is not designed that his ministrations should be confined to the Sabbath; but while that day is more eminently employed in dispensing the ordinances of the Church to communities more numerous and enjoying greater advantages of assembling together, he will avail himself of other days of the week for the more private performance of divine services in places where his attendance cannot be so beneficially given on the Sabbath. But at all times and in all places he will be ready to assist at the practice, and promote the observance, of family worship and reading the Scriptures, to engage in religious conversation, and awaken religious interests. will baptize children, visit the sick, and dispense such other ordinances as he has authority to do. Nor lastly, will he be unmindful when he sees opportunity, to recommend the Society to the support of the wealthy individuals by whom his ministrations may be well received, and thus become instrumental in enlarging the funds of the institution.

The blessings thus secured for the Home District it may well be anticipated will not be viewed with indifference by other Ditricts of the Province. A happy emulation may in consequence be provoked, and the Society may be encouraged in process of time, upon the guarantee of adequate local contributions, to make appropriation of its funds for the maintenance of travelling missionaries throughout the Province.

The Committee now conclude their task by leaving these humble details to the consideration of an enlightened and generous public, believing that whatever genuine appeal they contain to the fuller exercise of christian benevolence, will readily separate from the unessential parts, and win its way to the truly christian heart.

# APPENDIX.

Address from the Society for Converting the Indians, &c. to their Red Brethren at the Sault St. Marie.

#### BRETHREN:

We have wished to shew our good will towards you by teaching you what will make you happy here and happy for ever with the Great Spirit when you die. We know that nothing can do you so much good as to understand these things: but we also know that you cannot understand them of yourselves. We therefore are some of your White Brethren who have thought thus about you, and have united to send you a Teacher, to instruct you how to please the Great Sprit in every thing you do, and how to pray to Him as we pray. We also desire to teach the white men who are amongt you the same things, that they too may pray to the Great Spirit, and that he may bless you all both now and for ever.

All men, both white and red, if they have not been taught the will of the Great Spirit, do many things to anger Him, and to make Him their enemy; and if he should be their enemy when they die, He will punish them with never-ending misery. We know that this is so, because the Great Spirit has told it to us in His Book. And as we desire to do the greatest good we can to you and all our Brethern, we hope you will hear the Teacher we have sent, He will tell you what the Great Spirit has done to make men that were his enemies his freinds. the Great Spirit sent His Son Jesus Christ upon earth to die because of men's wickedness, and how he will now forgive their bad deeds, if they pray to and love Him and His Son Jesus Christ, and if they leave off all evil doings, and only do what is good. If you listen to the Teacher about these things, and hear all that he will tell you out of the Great Spirit's Book, (which is much more than we can write) the Great Spirit will forgive your former bad deeds, and will make you his friend, and when you die, you shall go where he is, and be happy for ever.

We do not wish any thing but your good in sending a man to teach you, and the Whites among you, these things. We therefore hope you will listen attentively to him; and consider that when he speaks, it is as if we all spoke by his mouth to teach you to make the Great Spirit your friend.

We shall often hear of you, and we hope to hear that you are becoming Christians made happy in mind and orderly in conduct, by what our Teacher shews you about the Great Spirit and His Son Jesus Christ. We pray Him to bless you and make you know Him and love Him.

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# AND DONATIONS, FOR 1832.

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For the year ending October, 1832.

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Paid Mr. Wm. McMurray, Agent at the Sault St. Marie, on account of Salary, Sept. 19,	50	0	0
Books, Tracts, Stationary, &c. furnished to do. at the same time,	9	4	6
Paid the Rev. Adam Elliott, Travelling Missionary to the Home District, on account of Salary, &c. Nov. 15,	37	10	0
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## COLLECTS,

### TO BE USED BY THE SOCIETY

FOR

# CIVILIZING AND CONVERTING THE INDIANS,

AND

# Propagating the Gospel amongst Destitute Settlers, IN UPPER CANADA:

BEFORE THEY COMMENCE BUSINESS.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour; and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good couusels, and all works of piety and charity do proceed, we beseech Thee to visit with Thy favour our Sovereign Lord King William, and to rule his heart that he may in all things seek Thy honor and glory. Prosper with Thy blessing, the designs of this Society.—Comfort with Thy grace those benefactors who contribute to its support. Bless the Ministry of Thy Servants, the Clergy; the endeavours of all who are

engaged in spreading the knowledge of true religion in this Province, and the labours of those Missionaries who are promoting the same in foreign parts. And may Thy Holy Spirit direct all our consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, and the good of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a Sinner, but that he should be converted and live: Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, Blessed Lord, to Thy Flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy Servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men: more particularly for the providential support by which this Society hath been enabled to spread abroad the knowledge of Thy sacred truth. But, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by Thy blessed Son;

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for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory, which Thou hast given us in the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### WHEN BUSINESS IS ENDED.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.