Emigrants, old Soldiers, Widows of Soldiers, and their Children.

Ordered to be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Millidge* presented a Petition of the Trustees for the School on the Madras System, at Gage-Town, in Queen's County, praying for a grant of £80 to enable them to place that establishment in a suitable situation.

Which was referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill, "in addition to an Act for enabling the Justices, in Sessions, for St. John, to raise a further sum for the completion of the Poor-House."

Mr. *Fraser* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Fraser*, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone into consideration of the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same, with an amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted, and the Bill as amended be engrossed.

Friday, 10th March.

Mr. *Smith*, from the standing Committee to examine and liquidate public and private accounts, further reported, that

N, is Edward W. Miller's report, as Supervisor of the Great Road from Fredericton to St. John, up to 1820. He states that the bridge which crosses the Mill Creek, two and a quarter miles below Fredericton, on the Great Road, was not built sufficiently high to clear the freshet in the spring of the year. He has therefore thought it expedient to raise the bridge 6½ feet higher than before, which expense is £195 : 9 : 3. The bridge in the Parish of Lincoln which he was obliged to take down, from its dangerous situation, the last year, has now become a matter of serious inconvenience to the public, as the communication will be entirely stopped for several weeks in the spring; and unless some more extensive aid can be afforded to that particular object, than the small proportion which is allotted to his district out of the grant of the present year, the bridge must remain nearly in its present state; it will require at least £300 to make the bridge, as was intended, of solid materials. With the small balance that was in his hands in the year 1818, he began a foundation and built a water course of 40 feet long, five feet high, and four feet thick, and three feet in the clear, with stones, and covered with large flag stones four feet long, sufficiently strong to support any weight. With the assistance of the statute labour in that small district, he was enabled to make the bridge passable in the summer and winter seasons, having a steep bank to rise on each side. He therefore hopes the Honorable Committee will take this important circumstance into consideration, and give it that attention the case requires. He would also recommend a small sum of 40 or £50, to be appropriated to filling up with brush and stone, a breach in that part of the road on the intervale near the Oromocto. The road from thence to Mr. Currie's, near Gage-Town, is tolerably good---From Mr. Currie's to Gage-Town, will require some assistance. A more particular account is given in a petition hereunto annexed from the Inhabitants of the Parish of Lincoln, of the bridge referred to in this report.

P, is Edward W. Miller's account, with affidavit, for the expenditure of £195 : 9 : 3 ---He credits a balance due the Province in 1818, of £25 : 4 : 11---also money received from the Treasury, £66 : 13 : 4 ---Which leaves a balance due him, £10 : 3 : 11. No vouchers accompany this account.

Q, is N. H. De Veber's report, as Supervisor of the Great Road from Fredericton to Westmorland, up to 1820. He states that in his account of last winter there were some small errors in adding it up, which are now corrected in his present account:

That the principal part of the Road under his direction is in a very bad state, particularly that part between the Washademoac Lake and Belisle. At a very low estimation, it will require £1000 to make a tolerable road for carriages. The cause is, a way on the marsh near Joshua Oakley's, is also in a very bad state, and will require at least £100 in addition to the £50 granted last year, which would enable travellers to pass over that place when they are prevented travelling on the Intervale on the opposite shore, in time of freshet.

R, is Nathaniel H. De Veber's account, with affidavit, as one of the Supervisors of the Great Road from Fredericton to Westmorland, for the expenditure of £795 : 10 : 3½---in which is included £10 for his services as Supervisor in 1819 ---also £3 travelling expenses to St. John to receive the money. He gives credit for £856 : 10 received from the Treasury---which leaves a balance of £60 : 19 : 8½ due the Province. No vouchers accompany this account.

The order of the day being read, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on consideration of a Bill, "allowing the altering the terms of holding the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of King's."

Mr. *Wheeler* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Wheeler*, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone into considerationof the Bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered that the Bill, as agreed to, be engrossed.

Mr. *M'Kay* presented a Petition of John Pendlebury, praying remuneration for his services and expenses in establishing a Packet plying between St. John and St. Andrews.

Mr. *Millidge* presented a Petition of the Wardens, Vestry, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Magerville, praying a sum of £150 may be granted them, to enable them to finish the Glebe House and repair the Church in that Parish.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

The order of the day being read, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, for going into further consideration of Supplies to be granted for the Public Service.

Mr. *Agnew* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. *Agnew*, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone into further consideration of the business to them referred, and had come to the two following resolutions:

Resolved that the following sums be allowed and paid out of the Province Treasury, to the following persons, to wit,

To the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the sum of £150.

To the Members of the House of Assembly, for defraying the expenses of their attendance during the present Session, and travelling charges, reckoning twenty miles for each day's travel, to be certified by the Speaker, 20s. per diem.

Upon the question, the Committee divided, ——YEAS, 17,——NAYS, 2.

An engrossed, Bill, "to continue and amend an Act for raising a Revenue in this Province, and to repeal the one made in amendment thereof," passed and sent to the Council for their concurrence.

Mr. *M'Kay* brought in a Bill, "to repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to regulate the sales of goods sold at public auction or out cry.'"

Resolved, that the resolutions of supply of the 14th February and of this day, be sent up to the Council for their concurrence.

A Message from the Council.

"Mr. *Speaker*.---The Council have agreed to the Bill, 'to exempt the Firemen of the Towns of St. Andrews and Fredericton, from the performance of certain public services,' with amendments; and that they have sent down a Bill, 'to confirm the Charter of the Madras School in New-Brunswick, and to extend the powers of the Governor and Trustees of the same.'

The House went into further hearing of the Parties upon the Petition of Amos Perley and sundry Electors of the County of Sunbury, complaining of an undue Election and false return.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Halifax Diocesan Committee of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, for the year 1819.

THE HALIFAX DIOCESAN COMMITTEE, have pleasure in presenting the following, as the FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT of their proceedings.

ALTHOUGH some little portion of the discouragement, which has grown out of the general embarrassments of the times, has affected even their humble efforts, they are thankful to be enabled, at the close of another year, to assure all who take an interest in the diffusion of Christian Knowledge, that the quiet progress of these important objects which prompt their labours and their prayers, continues under the blessings of Providence, to afford them much comfort, and to demand their lively gratitude.

1. THE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PARENT SOCIETY, which has been full of encouragement, from the first formation of this Committee, still cheers their exertions and animates their zeal.

THE Annual Report of this Committee for the year 1818, "obtained the cordial and unqualified approbation" of the Board in London.

As the benefactions of *all* members upon their admission and their yearly subscriptions also, are the sole property of the Parent Society, and form those funds by which they are enabled humbly to endeavour to promote a knowledge of the Christian Religion through many regions of the earth—the benefactions and subscriptions of all the members within this Diocese, have been regularly transmitted to London.

BUT it was found that this Committee would, in consequence of such an arrangement, not only be left without the means of paying their own ordinary local expense, and the premium upon the bills which are transmitted to England, but would also be unable to make any provision for the gratuitous supply of poor and remote settlements and families, with Bibles, Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts, which always appeared to be a most desirable object.

UNDER this difficulty they had recourse to the benevolence of the Parent Society, who kindly relieved their first embarrassment, by permitting them to retain, for the payment of local expenses, one-third of all collections in Churches, for the purchase of Books; and of all general contributions in Parishes or Settlements, for the same purpose; although these thirds were, by established regulations, the property of the Parent Society, and afford very important help in meeting the boundless demands which are daily made upon their bounty, both at home and abroad.

THE other difficulty of this Committee was as promptly relieved by a gratuitous supply of Books from the Parent Society, to the amount of £100 sterling, for distribution, without any charge, to needy and distant settlements and individuals.

AND if it should be necessary, still farther relief may be obtained by inviting persons to join this Committee, as *local* members only; and in this case, their yearly subscriptions will be the property of the Committee, which indeed is now open for the admission of such members.

IT is most gratifying to learn that, notwithstanding the extensive demands, which are made from every quarter upon the beneficence of the Parent Society, their means of usefulness are not diminished, but, by the blessing of Providence, increase with the calls upon them.

NEW friends are continually coming forward to their assistance; and in the last year they received a most munificent legacy of £20,000, 3 per cent. consols, in aid of their general designs, from the Reverend Edward Parkinson, late Rector of Leighs, in Essex.

AT the request of this Committee, a valuable addition to their general stock of books has been forwarded from the Parent Society, and an ample supply of the Family Bible, of which the sale in this Diocese has already been very considerable. Several new articles have also been added to their stock; and a fresh catalogue of the whole, which form a rich treasury of religious instruction, has been prepared for distribution.

THE names of twenty-five new members have been forwarded to England in the last year.

2. The Committee have the liveliest pleasure in continuing to bear testimony to the enlargement of the several DISTRICT COMMITTEES in different parts of this Diocese; to their unabated zeal; and to the increase of their usefulness.

The Committees at Fredericton and St. John, in New-Brunswick, under the immediate and most zealous patronage of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of that Province, have already become, by a great accession of new members, so extensive, and have had need of so large a supply of books, that they considered it more convenient, especially as it would save them much time, to open a direct communication with the Parent Society, and receive some of their supplies immediately from London, instead of procuring the whole from this Committee. The cause of this change will be very gratifying to every member of the Society, especially as care has been taken to guard against the necessity for any separation from the Diocesan Committee. Indeed, the most affectionate intercourse is kept up between all the Committees, and no endeavours are wanting to make their cordial co-operation extensively useful. Their stock of books is very ample, and easy of access to several surrounding Parishes, and individual members of the Society, who gladly avail themselves of the facilities thus afforded for obtaining such supplies as they required. The demand is very considerable already, and is likely to increase daily.

AT St. Andrews the Committee which had been particularly distinguished by their activity, were some time in recovering from the loss they sustained, in the death of the venerable Rector of the Parish, and several other valuable members; and the delay that arose in obtaining a successor to the living, as well as some little local difficulties, checked the exertions of the Committee for a season. These difficulties are now happily removed, and the Committee are again in active operation under the valuable superintendance of the present Rector.

IN Prince Edward Island, the Committee at Charlotte-Town, continue to enjoy the zealous regard of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of that Colony. They have favored the Diocesan Committee with particular minutes of their proceedings from time to time, which afford honorable testimony to the existence of the same zeal and regularity with which they began their course. This Committee have also received several supplies of Books.

3. THE DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND TRACTS from the stores at Halifax, has hardly been so extensive as in a former year, not because the demand can have been much lessened by former supplies, for an extensive circulation is generally found to increase the call for them; but partly, it is to be feared, from the difficulty which may be experienced in many places, in making payment for them, and partly on account of the direct importations to New-Brunswick by the District Committees there.

BUT notwithstanding these circumstances the distribution has been very considerable. Besides numerous gratuitous supplies to small settlements and individuals, the wants of various places have been more abundantly satisfied. Through the benevolence of His Excellency The Right Honorable the Earl of Dalhousie, a supply of Books, to the amount of £20, has been forwarded to the new military settlement of Dalhousie, at his Lordship's expense, in addition to partial distributions of Books on a more limited scale, by the Rev. John Millidge of Annopolis, when employed upon pastoral visits to this settlement in the midst of the Forest.

AN assortment of valuable books has also been forwarded to the new military settlement of Sherbrooke, near Chester, at the expense of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

A COLLECTION has been made in the Church of St. Paul at Halifax, to the amount of £39 5 2, for the supply of Books to Poor of the Parish.

A COLLECTION amounting to £36 1 6, has also been made in the Church of Trinity, at St. John, New-Brunswick, for a similar purpose in that Parish.

SMALLER collections and subscriptions have been made at different times in other places, from which a particular statement has not yet been forwarded. Fredericton, Kingston, St. Andrews, and Sackville, in New-Brunswick, and Annapolis, Granville, Yarmouth, Chester and Guysborough, in this Province, and Charlotte Town, in Prince Edward Island, and Sydney in Cape Breton, are to be distinguished among these—and even the scattered settlements of Margaret's Bay, where there is neither Church nor Minister, although the people are anxiously desirous of both, have lately sent forward their little subscription of £9 1 0, as their first effort to supply themselves with books of religious instruction.

THE Committee earnestly recommend the repetition of these collections and subscriptions in all places where their benefit has already been felt—and an imitation of their example to all other parishes and settlements.

To be continued.