

unchristianized, such as you have just heard fully pointed out by his Lordship from the chair, the admirable moral machinery of our national Church, her well-tried standards of doctrine and conduct, her liturgy, homilies, services, and discipline. Secondly, to impart by means of that moral machinery to those same distant lands, if it please God to bless us with his Holy Spirit, the staple of true Gospel piety, well wrought out into holy practice. I feel persuaded that the more these two objects are contemplated in their due relation and dependence, and acted up to by the Society, and brought with correctness before the Christian public as on this occasion, by the Bishop and Clergy and other friends of the Society, the more simply will its wants and dangers be relieved by private succours, greatly as I regret that the Government should have given occasion for them by withdrawing its pecuniary grant. The opinion, however, I am sorry to say, seems to be very prevalent, that the Society does not act up to the latter of the two objects; that its Clerical Agents and Missionaries are inert, are not well chosen nor well qualified for the arduous work, are not efficient servants of the blessed Jesus, in "bringing souls out of darkness to his marvellous light." I have myself been sorry to meet with several persons of piety and intelligence, who have expressed sentiments of this kind. I confess I am not at present sufficiently informed to vindicate the Society as it ought to be vindicated, but permit me to use the fact I am alluding to, as a very powerful argument for your coming forward in meetings like the present. Let us from time to time call the friends of the Society of the Church of England, and of the religion of the Gospel, together. Let us make known the proceedings and character of the Society, the operations, the trials, and the successes of its Missionaries, not ostentatiously, but naturally and from the heart, and in dependence on the blessing and grace of God. Few persons in a city like this, have leisure from their various busy avocations to read long reports of religious Societies, even if fully circulated; but they will listen with interest to select intelligence and summary notices of Missionary enterprises delivered and commented on by the speakers at public meetings. Let the Society be well known, and if I am not much mistaken, it will be found faithful to the truth as it is in Jesus, and conciliate its ample portion of favour and support. I am not discouraged at the smallness of the present assembly when we began, nor at its having somewhat dwindled away since. It is something to have made a beginning—may we not firmly anticipate under the Divine blessing, from small beginnings, an expanded course, perhaps a rapid enlargement from year to year? A former speaker appeared in one single expression to reflect on other Missionary Societies, who have been previously accustomed to give all possible publicity to their proceedings. I am glad to embrace this opportunity of interpreting his meaning, and confidently calculate on his assent to the explanation, which is this, that he merely intended to say that they had anticipated the Society for Propagating the Gospel. But though we have started late in what may be called the race of public Christian charity, we trust in God we shall not be least or lowest in the glorious career, nor be discovered to have substituted in our Missions the shell for the kernel, the outward form for the inward animating spirit. If there be in the Society any faults of this kind, let us not join with others even through they be rulers, in impairing or impoverishing the frame works, but exert ourselves the more to render it fully efficient. I rejoice to see so many Gentlemen present, and gladly join with one of them who lately spoke, in hoping and praying for the purification and confirmation of our national Church, by means of the very storms that seem ready to break upon her, and for that great victory of the Saviour's cause upon earth, which it should seem is to be ushered in by trouble-some times, when "the kingdom of this world shall become the Lord's and his Christ's." I shall have little time to read the last report of the Society, which was only very recently put into my hands, but will, with your permission, read two extracts, which may tend to remove any suspicion respecting its real usefulness. One is a statement of its rules in the selection of the Clergymen whom it employs; the other is from a letter of one of those Clergymen detailing what his actual employment is.

The following is a statement of the Society's rules in the selection of Missionaries:

"The Society, taking into their serious consideration the absolute necessity there is, that such Clergymen as are sent abroad should be duly qualified for the work to which they are apt pointed, desire every one who recommends any person to them for that purpose, to testify his knowledge as to the following particulars:

"1. The age of the person.—2. His condition of life, whether single or married.—3. His temper.—4. His prudence.—5. His learning.—6. His sober and pious conversation.—7. His zeal for the Christian religion, and diligence in his holy calling.—8. His affection to the present Government.—9. His conformity to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England.

"And the Society request all persons concerned, that they recommend no man out of favor or affection, or any other worldly consideration, but with a sincere regard to the honour of Almighty God and our blessed Saviour: as they tender the interest of Christian religion and the good of men's souls."

"But if any person should appear abroad in the character of a Clergyman of the Church of England, and disgrace that profession by improper behaviour, the Society desire their friends to examine, if they can, into his Letters of Orders, and to inspect the list of the Missionaries annually published by the Society, by which if it should be found that he came thither with their knowledge, they will, upon due information, put away from them that wicked person."

The following is a copy of a letter from one of the Clergymen in the Diocese of Nova Scotia:

"As I remarked in my last communication, time thus employed, however fully it may be occupied, and however active the engagement, it affords to the mind and the body of the Missionary, does not present many features of novelty to make its details interesting to the Board. We, in this country, cannot, like the Missionaries in distant lands, send home the cheering news of souls brought, for the first time, to the knowledge of the true God, and, through our meads, blest with the light of the Redeemer's Gospel. Nor can we pretend to awaken such an interest in our behalf as is felt towards those devoted men who go forth, with their lives in their hands, into the dark places of the earth, suffering privations, persecutions, and even death itself, for their Master's sake. But still, Sir, the Society's Missionaries, in the Colonies, it is believed, could fill their annual reports with many an instance of persons awoken, through their means, from the darkness and slumberings of a lifeless and nominal Christianity; and they could tell of the Gospel being preached in places where, but for the messengers whom the so-distant sends, its saving sounds would have diffused little from the seats of heathenism; they could tell also of the comforting ordinances of our holy religion being administered by

them in the remotest parts of our forests, cheering the homely settlers in the midst of his numerous earthly privations; they could tell of journeys on, of perils by land, and perils by sea, and perils in the wilderness, of weariness and painfulness, of cold and fasting, to which our spiritual overseers might well add, "that which cometh upon them daily" and hourly, "the care of all the churches," scattered, as these widely are, over a vast extent of land and water."

I wish to leave on my own and on your friends, in conclusion, the apostolic exhortation—"My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The Lord Bishop of Gloucester.—Ladies and Gentlemen.—Before I put this resolution, I hope you will allow me to say a word or two on the subject which has fallen from the last speaker. I express my cordial concurrence with the opinion, that the Society requires only to be known to be approved, and that any misrepresentation proceeded from its not having been sufficiently brought before the people of this country and the friends of Christianity in the land; and I concur in my hopes that this will not be so for the future, and that the people's energies will be roused, so that good may come out of evil, and that it may become more known and supported; and who knows but we may have to baffle the cause we are now deplored? He has alluded to reflections of an individual kind against the persons of the Ministers of the Church there employed in Nova Scotia. Whether they have been made out, or from whom they were addressed, I have not the slightest idea; but I do join in thinking it is very important that every action done under the superintendence of the Society, should be more generally diffused. The last report to which he has alluded contains the Bishop's Visitation of the island of Newfoundland from the Bishop himself; and as I have an intimate acquaintance with him, I can declare, that I never knew a more pious or apostolic character. If you will read the account of the Bishop's Visitation to Newfoundland, you will derive a pleasure equal to reading the Journal of Bishop Huber in the conclusion of the Report, the words are these—

"In looking to the extent of this Report, I am fearful it most appear tedious. But the peculiarities of Newfoundland are great, and I thought it right that they should be understood, that the labours and the merits of the Missionaries may be fairly appreciated. I know not how this could so readily be effected as by a minute detail of what we saw and attempted; and I could not promise myself that another similar visit, through many difficulties and some perils, would enable me to make any future Report.

"I cannot conclude this lengthened account, without repeating my sense of the goodness of God, in permitting me to accomplish what here related. I was enabled to visit thirty-four different places—to hold thirty-four confirmations, at which 1855 persons were confirmed—to deliver forty-four sermons or addresses—to consecrate twelve churches and nine burial grounds, which makes the whole number of consecrated churches in Newfoundland amount to thirty- and to admit two deacons to priest's orders, and one person to the order of deacons. It was my endeavour also continually to make all my private intercourse conducive to the great objects of my official visitation. To accomplish all this, I sailed 2900 miles in the North Star, and travelled very nearly 200 miles in open boats, by day and by night—the distinct improvement and advancement of the state of the Church in this very interesting island, claim unbounded gratitude to her Great Head; and notwithstanding the many discouragements of the present time, I can doubt that he will assist in calling down a blessing upon their labours. It is my delight to be associated with such persons in the work of my ministry, and I have gladly given them my full confidence and my warm affection. I am sure the fervent prayers of the Society will be continued for blessings from above upon all our labours—for means to extend the Gospel and the light, through the ministry of the Church, to the places which are still destitute—and for that continual light, and direction, and blessing, without which all our labour will be in vain.

"JOHN NOVA SCOTIA."

The Meeting concluded with the usual Prayer.

ROYAL GAZETTE.
FREDERICTON, DECEMBER, 25th 1833.

ALMS HOUSE AND WORK HOUSE.
Commissioner for J. HENRY SMITH, Esq.
next week,

SAVINGS BANK.
HENRY G. CLOPPER, Esq.
Trustees for JAMES TAYLOR, Esq.
next Week; & MR. PETER FISHER,

By Authority.


THE Sale of Crown Lands advertized to take place at Saint Andrews, on the 20th of January next, is postponed until further notice.
JOHN A. BECKWITH,
Acting Commissioner General.
Surveyor General.
Department for Crown Lands,
Fredericton, 23 Dec. 1833.

The usual Examination of the College and Collegiate School, which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday last week, afforded gratifying evidence of the steady progress which the Students and Scholars continue to make, in the several branches of a sound and liberal education.

The proceedings of the meeting held in the City of Gloucester, which we have extracted from an ample report in the Gloucester Journal of Oct 29th, will be read with lively interest. Should the deprivation of Parliamentary support be the occasion of awakening the zeal of the Christian people of England for the propagation of the Gospel in these Provinces, the friends of religion will probably find little reason to regret the exchange. We are sorry to observe that the Society, to which we are mainly indebted for the extension of the Church of England to this part of the world, labours under a measure of obliquity and suspicion, from which we shall rejoice to see it speedily and effectually relieved.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—We select the following extracts from the Message of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, assembled at Washington on the 3rd inst.—

"With Great Britain the interesting question of our North-eastern Boundary remains still undecided. A negotiation, however, upon that subject, has been renewed since the close of the last Congress, and a proposition has been submitted to the British Government with the view of establishing, in conformity with the resolution of the Senate, the line designated by the Treaty of 1783. Though no definitive answer has been received, it may be daily looked for, and I entertain a hope that the outcome may ultimately lead to a satisfactory adjustment of this important matter.

I have the satisfaction to inform you that a negotiation, which, by desire of the House of Representatives, was opened some years ago with the British Government, for the erection of light-houses on the Bahama Islands, has been successful. Those works, when completed, together with those which the United States have constructed on the western side of the Gulf of Florida, will contribute essentially to the safety of navigation in that sea. This joint participation in establishments interesting to humanity and beneficial to commerce, is worthy of two enlightened nations; and indicates feelings which cannot fail to have a happy influence upon their political relations.—It is gratifying to the friends of both to perceive that the intercourse between the two people is becoming daily more extensive, and that sentiments of mutual good will have grown up, befitting their common origin, and justifying the hope, that by wise counsels on each side, not only unsettled questions may be satisfactorily terminated, but new causes of misunderstanding prevented.

"With all the other European powers with whom the United States have formed diplomatic relations, and with the Sublime Porte, the best understanding prevails. From all I continue to receive assurances of good will towards the United States, assurances which give me no less pleasure than the hope, that by wise counsels on each side, not only unsettled questions may be satisfactorily terminated, but new causes of misunderstanding prevented.

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"It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of the finances of the country, as will appear from the report which the Secretary of the Treasury will in due time lay before you. The receipts into the Treasury during the present year will amount to more than thirty-two millions of dollars. The revenue derived from customs will, it is believed, be more than twenty-eight millions, and the public lands will yield about three millions. The expenditure will, for all objects, including \$2,572,240,99 on account of the public debt, will not amount to twenty-five millions; and a large balance will remain in the Treasury after satisfying all the appropriations chargeable on the revenue for the present year.

The measures taken by the Secretary of the Treasury will probably enable him to pay off, in the course of the present year, the residue of the exchanged four and a half per cent Stock, redeemable on the first of January next. It has therefore been included in the estimated expenditure of this year, and forms a part of the sum above stated to have been paid on account of the public debt. The payment of this stock will reduce the whole debt of the United States, funded and unfunded, to the sum of \$4,760,082.08. And as provision has already been made for the four and a half per cent above mentioned, and charged in the expenses of the present year, the sum last stated is all that now remains of the national debt; and the revenue of the coming year, together with the balance now in the Treasury will be sufficient to discharge it, after meeting the current expenses of the Government. Under the power given to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, it will, I have no doubt, be purchased on favourable terms within the year.

From this view of the state of the finances and the public engagements yet to be fulfilled, you will perceive that, if Providence permits me to meet you at another session, I shall have the high gratification of announcing to you that the national debt is extinguished.

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The many distressing accidents which have of late occurred in that portion of our navigation carried on by the use of steam power, deserve the immediate and unremitting attention of the constituted authorities of the country. The fact that the number of these fatal disasters is constantly increasing, notwithstanding the great improvements which are everywhere made in the machinery employed, and the rapid advances which have been made in that branch of science, show very clearly that they are in a great degree the result of criminal negligence on the part of those by whom the vessels are navigated, and to whose care and attention the lives and property of our citizens are so extensively entrusted.

That the evils may be greatly lessened, if not substantially removed, by means of precautionary and penal legislation, seems to be highly probable; so far, therefore as the subject can be regarded as within the constitutional purview of Congress, I earnestly recommend it to your prompt and serious consideration."

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HORRIBLE OUTRAGE.—We have this week to record an incident, of a nature unusual to our community and neighbourhood, Thomas Trueman and John Lee, left Margaret Bay's, in company, for Halifax on Wednesday last.

Trueman resided at the Bay,—Lee, we understand, was a deserter from the Sapphire, Sloop of War, and had been working at the Bay for about five months, during which time he had gained Trueman's confidence. Before setting out, Lee asked a loan of three pounds from Trueman and obtained it. When near Halifax on the road leading to the Citadel Hill, Lee seized Trueman by the head, putting his hand over his eyes, and forcing him violently back with his knee. While in this position, Trueman's neck cloth was cut through with a razor, and his neck wounded, by his perfidious companion, who proceeded to rob his victim of a pocket book, which contained nine or ten pounds. After committing this outrage the ruffian ran away. Trueman was able to proceed to town and give the alarm. We are happy to add that the information has been successful. Lee was arrested and lodged in jail; his career was short, and the wages of sin altogether unenjoyed. This is another of a multitude of proofs, that the marauder often loses even the temporary triumph which he thinks he has secured, and for which he has harboured all that is dear to man.—*Recorder.*

The John Bull says that the despatches sent to Captain Back were very laconic—they run thus:—"Ross is come—Come Back." The following is a copy of a letter from one of the Clergymen in the Diocese of Nova Scotia:

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At Halifax, on Wednesday morning, by the Rev.

Mr. Unisick, Rector of St. George's, Mr. Thomas Taylor, late Wesleyan Missionary, to Mrs. Rebecca Black, widow of the late Mr.

Samuel Black.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—We select the following extracts from the Message of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, assembled at Washington on the 3rd inst.—

Blanks for Sale at this Office.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

On the first Thursday in July next, will be sold by Public Auction, at the Market House in Fredericton, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

A man of David Nichol, of, and to the Farm on which he resides, situate in what is called the Scotch Settlement, Parish of Douglass, bounded on the South by ungranted property, and on the North by ungranted property, and the same having been taken under and in virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court.

At the same time and place,

Will be sold by Public Auction, as aforesaid, all the right, title, claim and demand of Israel Whitlock, of, in and to his proportion of the Estate of his late Father, bequeathed to him, situate on the Pennock Creek, in the Parish of Saint Mary's: The same having been taken under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court.

E. W. MILLER, Sheriff.

Fredericton, 24th December, 1833.

Public Notice.

At the General Meeting of the Stockholders in the Saint John Marine Insurance Company, at the Office of the said Company, on Thursday the 10th day of October instant, convened pursuant to Notice, as by Law required:

Present, the following—

Names. Shares. Names. Shares.

John M. Wilmet, 51 S. Smith, by proxy, 10

Lewis Blin, 31 Thos. Levitt, do 5

William Bowman, 20 Noah Disbrow, do 24

by his Attorney, 20 B. Titon, do 5

John Hanford, 19 Joshua Houghson, do 4

I. L. Beddoe, 42 Wm. Houghson, do 8

H. Bowyer Smith, 40 Mary Machie, do 9

L. Donaldson, 20 Elsa Hansford, do 45

J. M. Hazen, 20 H. Hanford, & do 20

Lewis Burne, 11 Craven Ward, do 20

John Boyd, 20 Hugh Johnston, do 22

W. Wright, 20 L. Bradley, do 20

A. Sands, 5 Sarah Grigor, do 10

G. D. Robinson, 30 W. D. Faulke, do 4

by proxy, 30 Henry Clapp, do 7