

Persons who have received casual Relief in Money, Provisions or Wood.

Maurice Curran, Indian River; Mary Ryan; Malcolm Nicholson, Bedeque Road; Hercules Frieze; Catherine Warren, Bedeque; Thomas Delany, near Cavendish; Widow Sullivan; Doull's children; Widow M'Guigan; Mary Coughlan; Samuel Jackson; Walls; Charles Gallant, Rustico; old Squaw.

Persons who have received Relief in Clothing.

The inmates of the Poor House—Widow M'Arty; Widow M'Pherson; Widow Sullivan; Purcell; Ellen Farrell; Mary Duffy; Widow Carson; Cummins, near Bellevue; Widow M'Leod; Doyle's Idiots; Samuel Jackson, and child; Mary Wall; Doull's children; Smith's children; Widow M'Connell; Charlotte Paron; James Flood, Governor's Island; Widow M'Guigan, Charlotte M'Kenzie, Grand River; James Dalton, Covehead; Wyatt, Bedeque Road; Mary Coughlan; Widow Lewis.

COLONIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, March 23.

The Revenue Bill was read a second time, committed, and progress reported.

The Bill to amend the Act relating to Sheriffs was received from the Council, with several amendments. The amendments were, that the whole of the Bill should be struck out, except the clause regulating the fees of those Officers in certain cases.—The amendments were subsequently disagreed to by the House.

The Hon. Mr. Pope, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Act for establishing the Boundary Lines of Counties and Townships, reported to the House a Bill, as prepared by the Committee.

House in Committee—

Mr. Pope submitted the following Resolution:—
Whereas there is now in the Treasury of this Island the sum of £3300 1s. 6d., collected under the Act of the 7th Will. 4th, cap. 31, for levying an Assessment on all Lands in this Island; and whereas, after cancelling £1000 of Treasury Notes, on the First day of May next, as required by said Act, there will remain the sum of £5,300 1s. 6d. of the said Moneys, which might, in part, be made available in payment of Warrants now afloat, and bearing interest, and would tend to sustain the public credit of this Colony, as well as effect a saving to the Government of Interest now payable on said Warrants: Resolved, therefore, That it be recommended to the House to order a Bill to be brought in to authorize the Treasurer of this Island to call in Warrants to the amount of £4000, and to discharge the same out of the Moneys now in hand, and being part of the Land Assessment; and that provision be made in the said Bill for the repayment of the said £4000 out of the General Revenue of this Island, as well as out of the unappropriated Moneys hereafter to be paid under the operation of the said Act.

On the House resuming, the Resolution was carried without a division, and a committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill in accordance therewith.

The House then went into Committee, to consider the suggestions of the Council for a Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, praying that the privilege of a free Warehousing Port might be conferred upon Charlottetown. The proposition was negatived—Yeas, Messrs. Thomson, Palmer, Maclean, Longworth, 4.—Nays, 15.

THURSDAY, March 24th.

The Hon. Mr. Pope, by leave, introduced a Bill authorising the Treasurer to pay off Warrants to the amount of £4000, out of the moneys now lying in the Treasury, collected under the Land Assessment Act, and appropriated towards the erection of a new Colonial Building—the same to be made good, when wanted, out of the general Revenue.—Second reading on Saturday.

Some time was spent in Committee on the Boundary Act amendment Bill. Some routine business was gone through, when the House adjourned over Good Friday.

SATURDAY, March 26.

The Bill to authorize the Treasurer to pay off Warrants to the amount of £4000, out of moneys now lying in the Treasury, was read a second time, and committed. On the House resuming, some amendments were reported, which were agreed to, and the Bill passed to be engrossed, without opposition.

Mr. Rae laid before the House a comparative statement of the measurement of that portion of this Island included between Cape North and West Point, as shown by the fragments of a Map in the Surveyor General's Office, and by a Map in the possession of Captain Bayfield, R. N., as also those deduced from Capt. Bayfield's own survey—furnished by Capt. Bayfield at the desire of a Committee of the House of Assembly.—The document was ordered to be entered in the Journals.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the suggestions offered by the Legislative Council in Conference on the Academy Bill; and thereupon,

The Hon. Mr. Pope moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth;

Resolved, That this House will not agree to the suggestions of the Council for increasing the Salary of the Head Master of the Academy to the sum proposed by the Council; but that a further Conference be requested with the Council on the said Bill; and that the Managers on the part of this House be instructed to state to the Council that the House will have no objections so far to reconsider the Bill as to allow the Head Master of the Academy the sum of £180, the under Master £100, as already provided, and the remaining £20 to be placed at the disposal of the Trustees of the Institution, for the purpose of keeping the Building in repair, and for providing Philosophical Apparatus for the use of the pupils.

Mr. Rae moved, in amendment to the proposed Resolution, that after the word "Resolved," all be struck out, and the following substituted—"That the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Pounds for the Salary of the Teachers of the Academy was more than the circumstances of the Colony would warrant, but was agreed to as the only means of avoiding the continuance of the old grant of £300, and that any intertence on the part of the Council to raise that, whether by free Conference or otherwise, is contrary to the established rule of the Imperial Parliament, and contrary to the practice of this House—a motion to that effect cannot be put; and that it be an instruction to the Committee, to state that the House cannot agree to any increase to the Salary of the Teachers."

The House divided on the motion of amendment: Yeas—Messrs. Rae, Macintosh, Fraser—3. Nays, 13. So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Palmer then moved, in amendment to the proposed Resolution, that the following words be added thereto—"And further, that the said managers be instructed to state, that this House will so far modify the said Bill as to increase the number of Trustees to Thirteen, as suggested by the Council."

The House divided on the motion of amendment: Yeas, 13. Nays—Messrs. D. Macdonald, Macintosh, Rae—3.

So it was carried in the affirmative. It was resolved that no new matter, on which a Bill can be founded, be introduced after Monday next.

MONDAY, March 28.

Mr. Rae moved, that an Address be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to obtain a copy of the Map of the Island given to Capt. Bayfield by the Admiralty.

The House divided on the question: Yeas, 9. Nays, 9.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion. Mr. Pope introduced a Bill to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to superintend the erection of the proposed Colonial Building in Charlottetown.—Second reading on Tuesday.

Mr. Thomson introduced a Bill to authorize the appointment of Coal Meters at such out-ports as may require the same.

Mr. Palmer introduced a Bill to amend the Act relating to Apprentices.

Mr. Palmer also introduced a Bill to compel occupants of farms to cause all Ox-eyed Daisies thereon to be mowed down and destroyed.

Mr. Longworth introduced a Bill explanatory of the rights of Electors for Towns and Royalties.

Mr. Thomson introduced a Bill to prevent the taking and carrying away of Boats, Flats or Canoes, without the consent of the owners, and to repeal the former Act. A motion, that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, was carried—Yeas, 12; Nays, 7.

On motion of Mr. D. Macdonald, a Message to His Excellency was agreed to, requesting that he would cause a Post Office to be established half way between Morel and St. Margaret's—a measure which will be attended with no additional expense; the proposed new Post Office being on the present Post route.

The Hon. Mr. Pope moved, that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Resolution of the House of the 8th inst., appropriating a sum of money for the purchase of One hundred shares in the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company.

The House divided on the question.

Yeas—Hon. Mr. Pope, Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Messrs. Thomson, Longworth, Beck, Hudson, Yeo, D. Macdonald, Clark, Dalziel, Montgomery, Forbes, Macneil, Gorman, Macfarlane—15.

Nays—Messrs. W. Dingwell, Fraser, Macintosh—3. So it was carried in the affirmative.

And then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

On the House resuming, the Chairman (Mr. Hudson) reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's Table, and is as followeth:

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it be recommended to the House, when in Committee of Supply, to vote a sum sufficient to purchase One hundred and fifty shares in the Prince Edward Island Steam Boat Company, subject to the proviso annexed to the Resolution of this House, of the 8th March, inst.

Mr. Rae moved, that it is inexpedient for the Legislature to advance any money for taking and holding shares of the projected Steam Boat Company, and that, therefore, the Resolution be disagreed to.

The House divided on the motion of amendment: Yeas—Messrs. Rae, Fraser—2.

Nays—Hon. Mr. Pope, Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Messrs. Longworth, Palmer, Macneil, W. Dingwell, Maclean, Dalziel, Beck, Macfarlane, Montgomery, Thomson, Forbes, Hudson, Yeo, Gorman, Clark, D. Macdonald—18.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. D. Macdonald then moved, in amendment to the said Resolution, that the words "and fifty" be struck out.

The House divided on the motion of amendment: Yeas—Messrs. D. Macdonald, Rae, W. Dingwell, Macintosh, Fraser, Gorman—6.

Nays—Messrs. Thomson, Dalziel, Longworth, Macneil, Clark, Yeo, Forbes, Pope, J. S. Macdonald, Hudson, Beck, Montgomery, Macfarlane, Palmer, Maclean—15.

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the said Resolution, it was agreed to by the House.

TUESDAY, March 29.

Mr. Yeo, from the Committee appointed to prepare the draught of an Address to the Lieutenant Governor, relative to the alleged misapplication of some Road money on Lot 16, by the Road Commissioner of that District, reported the following draught of an Address, as prepared by the Committee:—

To His Excellency Sir HENRY VERR HUNTLEY, Knight, Lieutenant Governor, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency;

The House of Assembly, having had under their consideration the conduct of the Road Commissioner of District Number Two, in reference to the expenditure of Ten Pounds of the Public Moneys by that officer, without any authority for so doing, alleged to have been given by him as compensation to a person named Pope, for permission to alter a part of the Road from St. Eleanor's to Ellis River Ferry, in which alteration the said Commissioner appears to have been personally interested, (but which said alteration does not appear to have been attended with any benefit to the public,) beg to submit, for your Excellency's consideration, the result of their investigations on the subject.

The House went into Committee on the consideration of the Address.

Mr. Fraser moved, that the following words be struck out, "alleged to have been given by him as compensation;" which was negatived, upon a division.

Mr. Fraser then moved, that the following words be struck out of the Address—"but which said alteration does not appear to have been attended with any benefit to the public." This motion was also negatived.

On the House resuming, the Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Address, without making any amendment thereto.

A motion, for agreeing to the Address, was carried, on the following division:

Yeas—Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Messrs. Dalziel, Le Lacheur, Clark, D. Macdonald, Montgomery, Macintosh, Gorman, Hudson, W. Dingwell, Beck, Longworth, Yeo—13.

Nays—Messrs. Fraser, Rae, Macfarlane, Maclean, Macneil, Thomson—6.

The Bill to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to superintend the erection of a Colonial Building in Charlottetown, and to repeal certain parts of an Act therein mentioned, was, according to order, read a second time.

A motion being made, that the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House;

Mr. Rae, by way of amendment, moved to resolve—

That the erection of a fire proof building for the preservation of the Public Records was long since recommended, and was universally approved of; but that such building could have been erected for a much less sum than was originally appropriated by a former House (£5000); and as the present Bill, if passed, is an irrevocable pledge on the part of this House, not only for the £5000 voted by a former House, but for £5000 in addition thereto; that therefore the House do go into Committee on said Bill this day six months.

The House divided on the motion of amendment: Yeas—Mr. Rae, Mr. Fraser—2.

Nays—Hon. Mr. Pope, Hon. J. S. Macdonald, Messrs. Beck, Le Lacheur, Macneil, Dalziel, Clark, Thomson, Gorman, Yeo, Montgomery, Longworth, W. Dingwell, Hudson, D. Macdonald, Macintosh, Macfarlane—17.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

And then the House resolved itself into the said Committee. Upon the House resuming, the Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereto. The amendments were agreed to by the House, and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The Hon. Mr. Pope introduced a Bill for the appointment of Commissioners for the management of the shares to be held by Government in the Prince Edward Island Steam Boat Company. Second reading on Wednesday.

The Hon. Mr. Pope, by command of His Excellency, laid before the House a copy of the Grant of a part of Queen's Square, Charlottetown, as a site for an Episcopal Church, with other documents connected therewith, received in compliance with a Message of this House of the 18th February.

The Bill to authorize the Treasurer to pay off Treasury Warrants to the amount of £4000 out of moneys now lying in the Treasury, derived from the Land Assessment Fund, was read the third time, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Council for concurrence.

The Bill to further amend the Act for ascertaining and establishing the Boundary Lines of Counties and Townships, was read the third time.

The Hon. Mr. Pope moved, that the Bill do now pass.

In amendment, Mr. Rae moved, that by the measurement of Captain Bayfield, compared with that of the original Plan

of the Island, the length from the North Cape to the West Point appears to have been correctly laid down in said original survey and plan, and that more than the quantity of land requisite for giving to Townships One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six and Seven, appears from Mr. Anderson's measurement to be found still existing; and that the sole reason for altering the original lot lines of Lots Two, Three, Four, Five and Nine, as provided for by this Bill, must be, that an error has been committed in ascertaining the boundary lines of the Lots bounding the Lots last above enumerated; therefore, that this bill be passed this day six months.

After a long discussion, the amendment was ultimately got rid of by another amendment, after several divisions had been taken thereon.

Another amendment was proposed and negatived—after which the Bill passed, without a division.

Several other Bills were forwarded a stage—after which the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 30th.

The Bill for the appointment of Coal Meters was read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Census Returns (Mr. Hudson in the Chair). On the House resuming, the Chairman reported the following Resolution; which being again read at the Clerk's Table, was agreed to by the House:—

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the Committee appointed to superintend the printing of the Census Returns, to make out a statement of the duration of Leases in every Township, and the Rent payable per acre.

Mr. Palmer reported the draught of a Bill to amend the Fire Engine Act, as prepared by a Committee. Read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Longworth, from the Committee appointed to examine into and report on the efficiency of the vessel licensed to run as a Packet between Bedeque and Shediac, as well as on the probable expense of employing vessels as mail packets between this Island and Pictou, presented to the House the following Report:—

Your Committee have respectfully to report, that from the examination of witnesses, and from all the information your Committee can obtain respecting the state of the Shediac and Bedeque Packet, it appears that she is an old Vessel, and during the past summer was in a very leaky and unseaworthy state, and quite unfit for the service she was engaged in; your Committee would therefore recommend the House to address the Lieut. Governor, requesting that he would be pleased to cause a Survey to be held on this vessel, on the opening of the Navigation, and if not then found to be thoroughly and efficiently repaired, and properly equipped in Rigging and Sails, to cancel the Licence granted by this Government to Anthony Simpson, to run her as a Packet.

On the probable expense of running sailing Vessels between this Island and Pictou, as Mail Packets, your Committee are of opinion, from the best information they could procure on the subject, that two good vessels, of a sufficient burthen, to ply at least once a week between Charlottetown and Pictou, with the Mail, could be obtained for about £22 per month each; and your Committee would recommend the House to authorize the Government to engage two such vessels for this service, so long as they might be required.

Resolved, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor in accordance with the First paragraph of the said Report.

Ordered, That the second paragraph of the said Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

In the Treasurer's Account of the proceeds of the sales of Crown Lands, laid before the House yesterday, appears an item, namely, "Paid orders of His Excellency Sir Charles A. Fitzroy, per Lord John Russell's Despatch of 23d November, 1839, £275." This called for further information; in compliance with which, the Hon. Mr. Pope, this day, by command of His Excellency, laid before the House, a copy of the Despatch alluded to, by which it appears that Sir Charles A. Fitzroy, in consideration of the smallness of his salary as Lieut. Governor of this Island, craved to be relieved from the expense of his official tours through the Island—and Lord John Russell, in reply, authorized him to draw, at the rate of £100 Currency per annum, out of the fund derived from the sale of the Crown lands, for that purpose. Some of the members signified their intention of calling the attention of the House to the subject at an early day.

THURSDAY, March 31.

The Bill to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to manage certain shares or Property in the P. E. Island Steamboat Company, on behalf of the Government of this Colony, was, according to order, read a third time.

A motion being made, that the Bill do pass:

The House divided:—Yeas, 18. Nays, Messrs. Rae and Macintosh—2.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, acquainting the House that their Honors had passed the Bill in further amendment of the several Acts relating to the recovery of Small Debts, &c. with several amendments. One of the amendments goes to strike out the clause extending the jurisdiction of the Small Debt Commissioners to sums not exceeding Ten Pounds.

A Conference was held with the Council on the subject of the Academy Bill, when both Houses agreed to the following arrangement—That there shall be a head Master at a salary of £180, an under Master at a salary of £100. Twenty Pounds per annum to be appropriated towards the repairs of the building, and for the purchase of Philosophical apparatus, &c. and the number of Trustees to be increased to thirteen.

Several Bills were forwarded a stage, after which the House adjourned.

Friday, April 1.

The Apprentice Act Amendment Bill; the Bill explanatory of certain parts of the Election Law; the bill to prevent the using and carrying off Boats, Canoes, &c. without leave, and the Bill in amendment of the Charlottetown Fire Engine Company Act, were severally read the third time, passed, and sent to the Council for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Rae—
Resolved, That a Message be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting him to cause the House to be furnished with the amount of sales of Crown Lands, since last rendered, and up to this date—a detailed Account of the expenses incurred in regard to such sales, including the expense of deeds and surveys, so far as paid by Government—a statement of the prices thereof still due on land so sold, and a statement of the Crown Lands remaining unsold.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor. Mr. Secretary Haviland, by command of His Excellency, delivered the following Message:

The Lieutenant Governor brings under the notice of the House of Assembly the great difficulty which exists in the due execution of the Law, especially in Charlottetown, from the want of an efficient Constabulary force, and recommends to the House to pass a Bill for the establishment of such Constabulary force for Charlottetown, to act in Criminal cases only—recent events having convinced the Lieutenant Governor, as it must the House of Assembly, of the urgent necessity for such a measure.

Government House, 1st April, 1842.

The Bill to amend the Act for prohibiting the exportation of Oysters was committed to a Committee of the whole House. The Bill was merely intended to render the former Act more efficient. The Committee having gone through the same, the House resumed. The Bill was ordered to be engrossed, Yeas, 17. Nays, Messrs. Fraser, Rae, Macintosh. Several Resolutions from Supply were reported, among which were—

£250, to defray the expense of carrying the Mails between Charlottetown and Pictou, by means of sailing vessels, until a Steam-boat shall be procured by the Steam-boat Company.

£30 for a Packet between Bedeque and Shediac.

£50 for a Packet between Georgetown and Pictou.

£50 towards repairing the Jail yard fence at Charlotte-town.

£150, for the importation of Live Stock, to be sold by auction, on its arrival—the said sum to be equally divided among the three Counties:—Yeas, Messrs. Montgomery, Forbes, Macfarlane, Macneil, Longworth, Pope, Yeo, Maclean, W. Dingwell, Hudson, J. S. Macdonald, Beck, Dalziel, Gorman, 14.

Nays—Messrs. Le Lacheur, D. Macdonald, Rae, Thomson, Macintosh, Fraser—6.

The following Resolution was reported from the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That the sum of £59 19s. 6d. be granted, and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant Governor, to be paid to Mr. Murdoch Maclean, the Contractor for building Vernon River Bridge, should His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor deem the said Contractor entitled to receive the said amount.

Mr. Thomson moved, in amendment, that after the word "Resolved," all be struck out, and the following inserted—"That it is inexpedient to grant any sum of money to Murdoch Maclean, the Contractor for building Vernon River Bridge, on account of said contract, or otherwise."

The House divided on the motion of amendment:

Yeas—Messrs. Thomson, Hudson, D. Macdonald, Fraser, Pope, Clark, Macneil, Rae, Macintosh—9.

Nays—Messrs. Le Lacheur, Beck, Longworth, Yeo, Macfarlane, Dalziel, W. Dingwell, Maclean, Forbes, J. S. Macdonald, Gorman—11.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Dalziel then moved, in amendment to the said Resolution, that after the word "That," all be struck out, and the following substituted "the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted, and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be paid to Mr. John Roach Bourke, on his discharging the balance due Mr. Murdoch Maclean on his contract for building Vernon River Bridge."

The House divided on the motion of amendment:

Yeas, 13. Nays, 8.

So the amendment was carried.

The amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill to amend the Small Debt Act were read a second time and disagreed to. So the Bill is lost.

His Excellency's Message of this day, relative to the necessity of appointing an efficient Constabulary force in Charlottetown, was referred to a Committee of the whole House. Mr. Palmer moved a Resolution, that a Bill be brought in for that purpose—to which an amendment was proposed and carried, that in the event of any such force being deemed necessary, the expense thereof must be defrayed by the inhabitants themselves.

FOOD IN FORMER AGES.—The difference between the diet of the ancients and that of us moderns is very striking. The ancient Greeks and Romans used no alcoholic liquor, it being unknown to them; nor coffee, nor tea, nor chocolate, nor sugar; for Galen informs us he had seen it but once in his life. They were ignorant of the great number of our tropical spices, as clove, nutmeg, mace, ginger, Jamaica pepper, curry, pimento. They used neither buckwheat nor French beans, nor spinach, nor sago, tapioca, salad, arrow-root, nor potato or its varieties; nor even the common, but a sort of marsh-grown bean; nor many of our fruits, (as the orange, tamarind, nor American maize. On the other hand, they ate substances which we now neglect—the mallow, the herb ox-tongue, the sweet acorn, the lupin. They used greatly radish, lettuce, sorrel. They liked the flesh of wild asses, of dogs, of the dormouse, of the fox, of the bear. They ate the flesh of paroquets and other rare birds; and of lizards. They were fond of a great many fish and shell-fish, which we now hold in no esteem. They employed as seasonings rue and assa-fetida.

STEADINESS OF AIM.—We should consider this world as a great commercial mart, where fortune holds out to us various commodities; riches, ease, fame, knowledge, &c. Everything is marked at a settled price. Our time, our labour, our ingenuity, are so much ready money, which we are to lay out to the best advantage.—Examine, choose, compare, reject, but stand to your own decision, and do not, like children, when you have purchased one thing, lament that you do not possess another which you did not purchase. There is no quality which so much dignifies human nature as consistency of conduct. Even if a man's pursuits are unjustifiable, yet if they are maintained with steadiness and vigour, we cannot altogether withhold our admiration.

The Colonial Herald.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1842.

It is with much regret we have to state, that we cannot yet announce the arrival of the Mail, or rather Mails, now so long overdue. This is the more tantalising, as a boat from Cape Tormentine crossed the strait on Wednesday last, without any difficulty. There was an English Mail at the Cape when the boat left.

Secretary's Office, March 14th, 1842.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor has been pleased to appoint GEORGE WRIGHT, Esq., to be Acting Surveyor General of this Island, in the room of the Hon. George Wright, deceased.

T. H. HAVILAND, Secretary.

PRINCETOWN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of the PRINCETOWN BIBLE and MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held at the Church, on TUESDAY the 5th inst., when the Committee presented the following

REPORT:

In meeting you again on this Fourth Anniversary of your Society, your Committee rejoice to observe, that the great cause in which Bible and Missionary Societies are engaged is advancing, and the details given of their proceedings in their Reports are encouraging. The Receipts of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the past year alone, have amounted to £101,322 9 2, arising from the usual sources of donations, annual subscriptions, sales, and legacies. The payments during the same period have been £133,931 18 9, and its outstanding engagements exceed £40,000. There have been issued from the same year, 900,912 copies, and if the aggregate issues of Foreign Bible Societies be added to those of the British and Foreign Society, the grand total would amount to more than Twenty-two millions of copies of the entire Bible or New Testament, or integral portions thereof, in different languages. During the Thirty-seven years of its existence, the Society has put into circulation 13,223,383 copies of the Scriptures, either in whole or in part, and its expenditure for this purpose has exceeded Two millions and a half sterling. When we think of the wide spread influence which this Society has obtained, and what the American and other Bible Societies not in connection with it, and the various Missionary Societies throughout the world, have done for the dissemination of Gospel Knowledge, we may well exclaim with surprise and gratitude, "what hath God wrought," yet who can read the accounts which are given of many towns and districts in our own land, or carry his thoughts to the destitute condition of the many millions in Pagan and Mahomedan countries, without feeling that we are only at the threshold of the great work of evangelizing the world.

To this work all Christians are called, and they should ever bear in mind, that Christ is their Redeemer and Lord, that he has bought them with the price of his own precious blood, and that therefore they are not their own, but his purchased possession, to whose glory and service they and all that they have should be devoted. They should remember that these are services which he requires, and expects at their hands. He does not now, as in his state of humiliation, when "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," require that they should minister unto him