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Bishop John Inglis

127 1833 Aug. 22.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Written upon his return from visiting the Eastern Part of the Province. The reduction in salaries has come - considerably before it was expected. "If nothing is done for our relief we may consider the Church destroyed in this part of the British Dominions;" many Missionaries cannot subsist on less than £100 a year; "others have given me notice that they must return to England, and others that they must seek for bread in the United States."

Reports the death of Dr. Cochran:- "few men had been more eminently useful in their generation than this valuable man."

128 1833 Sep. 10.
Halifax.

Ditto. (Copy).

Circular letter to his Clergy re the reduction of their salaries. Written in a very sympathetic strain and with practical suggestions as to how best to combat the difficulty. Each is to call together their Congregation, and tell them the unhappy circumstances, and ask them to make up the deficiency. Even in the poorer Settlements, S.P.G. can no longer send a Missionary, unless a house and £50 a year are provided. The money should be made payable to a responsible person and not paid direct to the Clergyman.

129 1833 Sep. 11.
Halifax.

Ditto.

He regrets that S.P.G. were unable to present the Missionaries' Memorial to the Secretary of State; herein lay his chief hope of success, if enforced by the two Archbishops.

"The sufferings of the Clergy will be so great and afflicting, that you will not wonder at their desire to try every possibility of obtaining notice." Pleads for another effort to be made, for "they are desirous of applying to Parliament, and even appealing to the Nation. Men will attempt anything rather than starve.... Our College too, will be extinguished, if nothing can be done."

130 1833 Oct. 19.
Halifax.

Ditto.

He has just returned from a visit to Cape Breton and P.E.I., where "the present would be the happiest (time) for advancing the interests of the Church if the Government had not tied our hands." The call upon the people to support their Missionaries makes some changes.

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expedient; Mr. Week's is unhappy at Guysborough, and though without a stain on his character, he is upon such terms with his parishioners that they will not contribute to his support; suggests that he removes to the vicinity of Halifax where he might be regarded as a supernumary Missionary, as he has been in the Society's service for 35 years. The Rev. Gilbert Wiggins, lately resigned on grounds of health, has been nominated by Dr. Gray as his curate at St. John, N.B., with no financial responsibility towards S.P.G.

In N.F.L. there is a total impossibility of obtaining anything for the Missionaries.

131 1833 Nov.14.
Halifax.

Ditto.

He hopes that the lowest salaries which were intended to be permanent will not be reduced, for some of the Missionaries would not be able to live. When Priests receive only £100 it may be proper to limit Deacons to £50 a year. When the time comes for total reduction of S.M.'s, in places where there is a likelihood of securing Church lands, he suggests that they should be given a nominal salary.

"The grant to the College of £500 will I trust remain entire to the end of the present year." Much of his letter is coloured by the impending financial disaster to the Church.

Alludes to the amiable Mr. Cookson who is "more deserving of pity than any intemperate person I have met with" and is still in N.B. Reports the death of Dr. Cochran:- "He was distinguished by talent, high attainments in classical and scientific learning, by diligence, by zeal, and unaffected piety." A new arrangement must now be made at Balmouth.

132 1833 Dec.21.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Re the reduction of salaries at K.C.W. and widows' Pensions.

Gives a detailed account of an appalling calamity which overtook Dr. Gray. His house was burnt down, while Mrs. Gray with the maid were trapped in a bedroom, and perished in the flames. The heat from the fire was so terrific that Dr. Gray was overcome by the fumes while attempting to warn them, but was himself rescued by neighbours.

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He saved nothing, and in addition to losing the house and his personal possessions, he lost a valuable library worth £1300, many mineralogical specimens, and a collection of Church drawings intended as a present for the Committee Room of S.P.G. He writes in a state of utter desolation but with heroic resignation to the Divine will. The Bp. adds:- "This is one of the menwho after the labour of 35 years is to be deprived of the trifling salary he received from the Government of the first Nation in the world." Dr. Gray begs leave to spend 6 months in England, and asks if he can attend to public business for his "brethren" at the same time.

Copy of printed Circular from Bp. John Inglis

Ditto.

He confutes loose and mischievous insinuations which have been circulated against the Missionaries, many of whom are distinguished by their zeal and fervent faith and piety. A graduated scale of reduced salaries has been put into force. In N.F.L. he has ordained as Deacons

"men admirably qualified for humble stations but without the full literary attainments....which I require in those whom I admit to the order of Priests.... It is impossible for them to exist if they do not receive £100 a year."

Reports the death, due to a fall from his horse, of one of S.P.G.'s most distinguished missionaries, in the prime of his life. (The name is omitted but it appears to be the Rev. M.B. Desbrisay) In order to retain the Society's claims to School lands, an allowance of £5 per annum will be paid to S.M.s. Pleads for

- 1) the support of K.C.W. which the Government have entirely abandoned,
- 2) St. John's, N.F.L. for which Archdeacon Wix hopes to gain funds in England.

He is against the principal of missionaries returning on mendicant errands whenever a new Church is required.

"Archdeacon Willis was so exceedingly overpowered by attending an unhappy offender....to his execution, that he was immediately taken ill, and for the last month has been at the very brink of the grave."

The last mail brings news from Mr. Stanley of the Colonial Office, who admits the hardship of the Missionaries' case. Foretells that altered circumstances will compel the Society to

133 A 1834 March 6
Halifax

133 B 1834 March 7.
Halifax.

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change methods of management, and suggests that an increase of Committees will raise new annual subscribers.

134 1834 March 8.
Halifax.

Ditto. (Private).

confuting an anonymous letter forwarded by the Secretary of S.P.G. The writer complains that the staff of King's College, Fredericton, are not engaged in Parochial work except during the long vacation. With the exception of Dr. Somerville, however, they are under the control of the College Council and are not allowed to have the cure of souls. The writer further complains that the Methodists alone, display sufficient zeal for work amongst the Indians; they were converted to Christianity by the French Colonists whose Priests still administer to them, and do not permit any teaching by Protestants.

135 1834 March 22.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Upon the subject of Clergy Reserves. The Secretary of State has declared that he would provide for the Colonial Church if Colonial resources could be pointed out. Meanwhile the Government have made extensive sales of land upon certain conditions, none of which apply to the Church. "If an adequate grant were made at once to the Society,.....some prospective advantage would be secured." Suggests that a powerful committee from S.P.G. should have an interview with Mr. Stanley. If £100 can be obtained from Parliament for all Missionaries, they could regulate pensions for those ready to retire.

An appeal has been made to Government to rob the Glebes in P.E.I., which must be combated. He has notified the Society's Exhibitioners at K.C.W. that they will receive no further grants; they are determined, however, through every discouragement, "to devote themselves to the service of God in His Church.... To Him alone also we must trust for the supply of other candidates for the Ministry."

136 1834 April 15.
Halifax.

Ditto.

S.P.G. are sending out young people to N.B. for the suppression of Juvenile Vagrancy; they will be under supervision from the Missionaries.

Gives detailed explanation re: the Glebes in P.E.I. which the Government have been petitioned to alienate; a Minister of the Kirk of Scotland is the prime instigator in the case. Should the lands be lost, a precedent will have been made, and similar attempts will be made throughout the diocese.

137 1834 May 10.
Halifax.

Ditto.

The Rev. C. W. Weeks is to move from Guysborough where he is unhappy, in place of Mr. Stevenson from K.C.W., who will work there half-time. The College is in a critical state and must not be allowed to perish. The Government have suggested that it should be united with Dalhousie College at Halifax, but this is unlikely to be affected as the House of Assembly have a lien upon Dalhousie for £5000. Those at K.C.W. have done all that is possible without destroying the character of the Institution, to qualify for such transfer, but short of giving up their Royal Charter, they are safe from further molestation and can do no more. So long as the Society's grant continues, he pledges himself to prevent the dissolution of the College's connection with the Church; the withdrawal of aid brings ruin not only of their resources but of their principals.

Thanks S.P.G. for offering to pay life insurance premiums, for those Missionaries who cannot afford to pay them.

138 1834 June 28.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Written upon his return from his two 1st summer expeditions. He is ill and "nearly born down by the weekly representations of distress from the Society's Missionaries, Catechists and Schoolmasters, etc, which in some instances is truly appalling."

He has just ordained Mr. Stennage to St. Margaret's Bay, which is the first instance in N.S. where a Clergyman has been ordained upon a Title supplied by the people.

139 1834 July 28.
Halifax.

Ditto.

The commercial embarrassment of the population is great, he doesn't know how the National School at Halifax will survive. There is a possibility that S.P.G. may receive a grant at the rate of £170 per Missionary from the Government; gives detailed suggestions as to how it can best be apportioned.

Upon the appointment of a new Governor of N.S., the Archbishop of Canterbury has hitherto written to bespeak his patronage of the Church and its institutions. It would be useful if His Grace would write to Sir Colin Campbell, although he is not an Episcopalian.

140 1834 July 28.
Halifax.

Ditto.

He has just returned from two journeys. He was accompanied upon the first by his son and two daughters, where "I officiated in the Church of my first labour and love at Aylesford..... I proceeded to Annapolis for an Ordination, and appointed the young Ordinands to help the more experienced Missionaries, who are in dire straits; their salaries were limited to £50. Next he dedicated a new Chapel at Bear River, situated upon a most beautiful site.

In between the two tours he was laid up at Halifax with illness, but on June 22nd managed to reach St. Margabets Bay to ordain Mr. Stannage. Owing to strong head winds he did not arrive until after the congregation had been dismissed, yet they were soon reassembled and the Church was filled. He was too unwell to preach a sermon "and therefore preferred making a familiar address." The congregation are poor and scattered yet have promised to raise £90 a year towards Mr. Stannage's support as their resident Missionary.

(Printed account:- Quarterly Paper, 1834, p.p. 58-9.)

141 1834 Aug. 4.

Ditto.

Thanks S.P.G. for their promise to keep K.C.W. from expiring. Much practical inconvenience will grow out of the Government's proposed plan for distributing money to Missionaries; details of its allotment should be left to the Society.

142 1834 Sept. 3.
Halifax.

Ditto. 41 pages.

Report of a visit to the S.E. shore of N.S. Hardly any of this portion of the Diocese had previously been visited by a Bp. His son accompanied him and gave much useful medical attention. The country was wild and in parts very beautiful; the people were poor and very primitive. He visited 20 harbours, holding 22 services. He held 19 Confirmations, amongst 570 Candidates.

He delivered 39 sermons and administered the Lord's Supper to 190 Communicants. Writes in warmest praise of the Rev. John Stevenson's zeal and invaluable assistance.

(Printed account:- Quarterly Paper, 1834, p.p. 9 - 31.)

143 1834 Sep.26.
Clermont.

Ditto.

Halifax has been afflicted by an epidemic of cholera, during which time a Public Fast was held. He moved his family from the town as Mrs. Inglis was seriously ill. Owing to quarantine he was unable to hold his promised Visitation in N.B., but has preached and held Confirmations in the surrounding country.

Discusses in great detail a Dispatch relating to correspondence between S.P.G. the Secretary of State, and the Treasurer. It seems probable that Government will give a grant of £170 a year for each Missionary. S.P.G. must have the administration of the money so that each parish may be induced to support their own Missionary to their utmost capacity; some can barely afford to contribute £30 a year, whereas others can contribute considerably more. A junior Missionary or Deacon's salary should be made up to £100 or even £150 a year, and those in full orders should receive £200 a year. "I lament to state that we are seriously suffering already from altered circumstances; there are now several vacant Missions without fit candidates...an evil I fear that will increase upon us."

144 1834 Dec.29.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Discusses the financial situation with particular reference to those ordained Deacon before the crisis, but who now need the full priest's salary. The arrangement with Government is less satisfactory than had been anticipated; there is a supposition that each Missionary is to receive £150 from England:-
"If they receive less than £100, they are in a worse position than the Methodist Missionaries."

145 1834 Dec. 29.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Re financial situation. Suggests how best to apportion the £4000 grant from Government.

146 1834 Dec.29.
Halifax.

Ditto. (Private).
Writes in distress about the moral failings of Mr. Archibald Gray, and feels that he cannot return to his duty until he has made public penance. The congregation at Yarmouth refuse to support Mr. Grantham, their Missionary, "because they considered his services worth nothing. I fear they were too nearly justified in this opinion;" Mr. A. Gilpin has removed to this part of the country whose growth is rapid and prosperous. Dr. Rowlands is becoming past his work at Shelburne; his enunciation is so indistinct now that few can understand him; asks if Mr. White may be appointed to succeed him.

147^A 1835 Jany.1.
Halifax.

Ditto.
Report of visit to Yarmouth, Shelburne etc. Annapolis is inhabited by "farmers of plain and frugal habits", who are descendants of American Loyalists. Describes battling against a violent gale of wind, whose force stopped the horses; "on the top of an high hill, the Sheriff of the County....had his horse and carriage blown completely round." Several vessels were wrecked.

Visited the Abbé Sigogue, the venerable pastor of the Acadian French. "He has some difficulty with his Indian Flock - the nearest heir to the Chief who received a formal commission from Louis 14th, being an Idiot, the office devolved on the next of kin - but he has of late become so intemperate and otherwise immoral, that the tribe have unlawfully set him aside." At Barrington he preached, by invitation, in the Methodist Chapel. Upon his return found Mrs. Inglis seriously ill with malignant cholera. Ends by giving full statistics of visit.

(Printed account:- Quarterly Paper, 1835, p.p. 31-38.)

147^B
148 1835 Jany.
Halifax.

Ditto. 15 pages.
A continuation of preceeding report (see No. 147), recounting visits to Liverpool, Eagle Head, New Dublin, Lunenburg, Sherbrooke, Chester, etc. Describes hard conditions of travel over atrocious roads. Meets more Loyalists, including an old parishioner of his father's at N.Y. During the summer he travelled nearly 2000 miles.

(Printed account:- Quarterly Paper, 1835, p.p. 38 - 45.)

149 1835 Jany.15.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Upon financial matters. The Government grant does not cover allowances for education which are of serious importance. Two bills for separating School lands have passed the House of Assembly. By Act of Parliament the Society has a claim to these lands, for without the proceeds derived from them, the Schools must be abandoned.

150 1835 Jany.17.
Halifax.

Ditto.

He has just heard of Government's intention to sell the Glebes and School lands in P.E.I. This they have no moral right to do, and "nothing but prompt and bold remonstrance can now save us from the very little that the Church possesses in this Diocese.

Tomorrow he is going with the Archdeacon to Sackville to address the congregation upon the sad affair of Mr. Gray (See No.145). If they still desire his restoration, and will contribute towards his support, then the Bp. will reinstate him after seven months suspension.

151 1835 Feby.20.
Halifax.

Ditto.

The circuit visited by Mr. Stevenson around K.C.W. extends for more than 100 miles, although there are no roads and communication by water is uncertain. Three Churches will soon be ready and a regular visiting Missionary is needed.

Applications have been made to the Government to put all School lands in the hands of Trustees. If S.P.G. can neither maintain their claim to these lands nor support the Schools, then they must be given up. Consideration of K.C.W. must be pressed upon the Government; if they will not restore £1000 a year, at least they might pay Dr. Porter, the President's full salary. The present apprehension has nearly emptied the College and but one Candidate for Orders is now there. Sir Colin Campbell has written on their behalf to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

He hopes that when casualties occur among Missionaries who are receiving a Government grant, that the vacancies may be filled by S.P.H.

152 1835 Febry.20.
Halifax.

Ditto. (Private).

Mr. Gray has been restored to Sackville at the universal desire of his parishioners, and after his own contrite acknowledgment of guilt. The Rev. J.S. Clarke has been charged with immoral conduct by a diabolical member of his congregation who wishes to extort money from him; unfortunately there must be a public trial.

153 1835 March 11.
Halifax.

Ditto.to Sir Colin Campbell. (Copy).

States the claim of S.P.G. to the benefit of School lands to their S.M.s. Since 1750 Government agreed to set aside lands for the support of S.P.G. Missionaries and S.M.s; this was again confirmed in 1822 by Earl Bathurst. Much of the land has been trespassed upon or otherwise alienated, yet in 1785 there were 31 reserved settlements in M.S. alone.

The Society have faithfully fulfilled their part in the agreement, and have expended many thousand pounds in educating children of all classes and denominations. They justly look to the Government to secure to their S.M.s such benefit as may be derived from these lands. Suggests the appointment of Trustees to guard and improve them, and to apply the proceeds towards the S.M.s support.

P.S. The letter was submitted to the Council, whose report upon it is likely to be favourable.

154^A 1835 April 10.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Writes upon the subject of appeals in reference to Church property. Under the sign manual His Majesty can direct that all cases affecting the Church and its property, shall be granted without limiting the amount of the property in dispute. While searching among ancient papers he found an original instruction from Queen Anne which affords a convenient precedent. Steps should be taken to obtain a similar benefit from William III. when necessary.

154^B 1835 Apl.15.
Halifax.

Ditto.

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155 1835 June 29.
Halifax.

Ditto.

He has just returned from a visit to the Bermudas. The lands at P.E.I. should be regarded as trusts to the Society, and to sell the Glebes and School lands would be a dishonest act of the Government. They form but a hundredth part of the Colony, so cannot be said to obstruct its improvement.

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157 1835 Aug.12. Ditto.
Fredericton. Re financial problems.

158 1835 Oct.21. Ditto.
Halifax. While resting at his country cottage after returning from Bermuda, he had an urgent request from the Governor to return to town and prepare information for Lord Clevely in reference to K.C.W. He set out immediately and travelled 90 miles in a day. He drafted a report which showed that the surrender of the Charter is impossible; the Society's grant has been an important support to the statement. S.P.C.K. have suggested adopting the scholarships which S.P.G. have been compelled to relinquish; this would help to solve difficulties and keep even the present number of Missionaries.

Suggests plans for payment of salaries. Recounts in detail numerous ordinations and shows deep insight into the character of each candidate. Mr. Bacon must go to England for medical treatment owing to his "homeless state of voice." Begs S.P.G. to consider the distress of Mr. Campbell, their S.M. at County Harbour, who is between 80 and 90 years old.

158a 1836 Mar.4.
Halifax.

Ditto.
Report of a visit to Bermudas in 1835 where he made his headquarters with the Admiral. During the last year the complete emancipation of slaves had taken place; the conduct of coloured people had been commended since their liberation and few heinous crimes had been committed. They all readily came forward to be valued for the convenience of former masters. Describes many Confirmation services, including one at the new Church at St. Mary's, Warwick; amongst the candidates there were but few coloured persons as the Rector "rejected all....who continued to live in concubinage." He visited the convict ships and found their singing particularly engaging; they gave him their fixed attention and 18 penitent ones were confirmed.

The population is between nine and ten thousand. The religious improvement of the Islands is advancing.

(Original document missing. Precis taken from Quarterly Paper, 1835. p.p.34 to 46.)

- 159 1835 Oct.29. Ditto. to Sir Archibald Campbell, (Copy)
Halifax. 10 pages.
Makes reference to a dispatch from the Earl of Aberdeen concerning Glebes, Church and School lands in N.B. Points out the Government's responsibility towards the support of the Established Church, giving details of the constitutional procedure in the diocese since its formation in 1787. Before the division of the land into Parishes, grants were considered more secure in remote places than reserves, but there was a difficulty respecting competent trustees. S.P.G. have now consented to become the Trustees.
- Asks if a small part of the Crown lands may be reserved for Church glebes etc., in Parishes where they have not yet been provided. They would produce but little money if sold, since so many thousands of acres of Crown lands are at present in the market.
- 160 1835 Nov.5. Ditto. to Sir Colin Campbell. (Copy).
Halifax. Appeal asking that the Missionaries' salaries, due since April, may be paid forthwith. Many are involved in much distress and have been interrupted in the discharge of their duty.
- 161 1835 Nov.11. Ditto. to the Secretary
Halifax. The Church lands in N.B. have engaged his attention. 500,000 acres have been sold to the N.B. Land Co, without granting one acre for the Church. S.P.G. must remonstrate firmly against this injustice and breach of faith. The annual revenue of N.B. is so rich that the Government might well afford to pay either £1500 a year to the Society, or £50 a year to each Missionary.
- The Government has acceded to his request (see No.159) and the Missionaries have been paid.
- 162 1835-6 Winter. Ditto.
Halifax. Correspondence between Churchwardens of St. John's, N.F.L; Ardn. Wix; Rev. T.F. H. Bridge; and Rev. F.H. Carrington. (20 pages.) Mr. Bridge was appointed by the congregation as Assistant Curate of St. John's; such a course of action was entirely unofficial so that the Bishop intervened. Finally after much high feeling had been expressed on all sides, matters were satisfactorily settled "in the paths of love and order."
- The Bishop disapproved of a Sunday School in operation during the hours of divine service. This irregularity was corrected, though not without considerable disapprobation from the Archdeacon.

163 1835 Dec.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Report of a Visitation of the Archdeaconry of N.B. during the summer. 50 pages. Gives precise details of a very full episcopal tour, during which in spite of the intense heat he held 52 Confirmations, 7 Ordinations, and consecrated 12 Churches. He travelled 4000 miles and describes much of the scenery passed, and various incidents of the journey:- his steamer became stuck on a mud bank during a dense fog; his canoe almost capsized by the paddles slipping in the most rapid part of the river, etc. Reports rapid growth of the population in many parts of the country.

(Printed account:- Quarterly Paper, 1836, p.p. 8 - 30).

164 1836 Jan. 16.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Last month's mail from England was lost, for the packet was dismasted at Antigua as the captain with eleven men had been washed overboard. Reports the death of the Rev. Robert Norris. On account of his wife's health Mr. Coster wishes to be transferred from N.F.L.; the Parishioners at Greensford cannot be induced to contribute towards his support. He has written seriously to N.B. to prevent a repetition of overdrawings of salaries.

165 1836 Jan. 16.
Halifax.

Ditto. to Rev. William Parker, Sec. of S.P.C.K.

A grant of £25 has been spent on an African School, which was opened on Jan. 4th, under an excellent teacher. Already there are nearly 50 scholars. The Sunday School also is very promising. He trusts that S.P.C.K. will adopt the Divinity Scholarships at K.C.W. (see No. 158), without which the present limited number of clergymen cannot be kept up.

167 1836 Mar. 7.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Report of visit to the S.E. Passage etc., accompanied by several of his family. Consecrated many new Churches. Gave high praise to the work begun by the late Rev. M. B. Desbrisay. The new Church at Parrsborough was built by Mr. Ratchford; the settlement has long been without a resident Clergyman; Mr. Allen Coster has been appointed upon his transference from N.F.L., where his wife, a Bermudan, could not stand the rigour of the climate.

(Printed account:- Quarterly Paper, 1836, p.p. 1 - 8).

168 1836 Mar. 7.
Halifax.

Ditto. (Private).
Mr. Clarke's name has been cleared from the charges with which he was confronted (see No. 152). The business was extremely painful; many were inclined to make it mischievous to the Church.

There is some bitter feeling in N.B. re: the late cuts and consequent overdrawings of salaries. The people do not assist their Clergy, some of whom are not without blame in the matter.

169 1836 Mar. 19.
Halifax.

Ditto.
Formal. Suggests that S.P.G. should obtain a Chart of New Brunswick's Land Companies land in that Province.

170 1836 May 13.
Halifax.

Ditto.
"We have fought the battle of our College ... and I am thankful to say we have succeeded as well as we could expect. Our Legislature is not inclined to injure us, but....it will require increasing zeal and effort to uphold the Institution The President, Dr. Porter, has given in his resignation....; we are endeavouring to induce Dr. McCawley to come to us from Fredericton..... As Chaplain, (he will) devote every Sunday, during Term, to the superintendance and religious instruction of the young men."

Mr. Oswald Howell, of independent circumstances, but not regularly educated, wishes to be ordained before taking up work in N.F.L. "He appears modest and amiable and devout."

"I rejoice and am truly thankful to God for the consecration of Dr. Mountain. May all his labours be blest from above,"

171 1836 May 14.
Halifax.

Ditto.
Re. the subject of Clergy Reserves; the Government are not ready to fulfil the engagement they made in 1848. N.B. can well afford the sale of Crown lands to make grants for Glebes and Schools; in N.S. the Government would lose nothing by redeeming their pledge and ordering grants to be made. At the next session of the Legislature, the House of Assembly is certain to make a strong effort to have all these lands appropriated to the support of Schools generally; "and thus will pass away another portion of the little influence which has hitherto been allowed to the Church."

The Bishop grieves over the want of judgment shewn by Ardn. Wix, tho' his motives are always pure. Pleads for financial aid towards -
1. Re-building St. Elinor's Church, P.E.I. which was consumed by fire last winter.

2. building the new Church at Woodstock, N.B., where the parishioners were put to much expense, as their parsonage was burnt down.

172 1836 June 8.
Clermont.

Ditto.

Thanks S.P.G. for grants towards several new Churches. Writes upon the importance of preserving K.C.W.. He laments Dr. Porter's peremptory resignation, (See No. 170). Dr. McCawley will accept the new position provided it brings a salary of at least £400 a year; £50 of this must be provided by the Society. He is busy supervising repairs to the College.

"The Society for the Conversion of Negroes has made over its duties and its funds without making provision for its establishment in the Bermudas. This is rather hard. The Bermudas were considered as belonging to the West Indies and were intended to form a part of the See of Jamaica, but were forgotten when the Bishops Patent was drawn up. They were a pattern for the other Islands, in the treatment of their slaves....I trust therefore they will have place in the regard and bounty of S.P.G."

Proposes to form a Colonial Church Society to win the laity to an interest in Church concerns.

173 1836 June 8.
Clermont.

Ditto. Private & Confidential.

He deems the S.P.G. Grant to the N.B. Clergy to be an unnecessary expenditure; many neither required nor expected it, and it is discouraging for those who have suffered severely, to find the more impatient rewarded by an increased allowance while their salary receives no augmentation.

Ardn. Coster has acted injudiciously and all is not well with him. Fredericton, the Capital of the Province, will contribute nothing towards his support, therefore the Bishop proposed the provision of a Curate; this would increase pastoral visiting, permit additional services to be held, and set him free to pay Archidiaconal visits. This plan made him uncomfortable for he felt that the Bishop underrated his strength. Despite his unfortunate method of application for N.B. to be formed into a separate See (See No.104), "he is talented...and has much merit... But you will cry enough. So burn this letter."

174 1836 June 9.
Clermont.

Ditto. to S.P.C.K.

The African School continues to flourish, (See No. 164). There are nearly 80 scholars. At a recent public examination they sang "God Save the King.... with two stanzas which Charles (his son) has added, offering thanks for emancipation." Repeats request to found Divinity Scholarships at K.C.W.

The proposed Colonial Church Society (See No. 172) is to have committees in every Mission and is to embrace all the objects aimed at by the S.P.C.K., S.P.G., and the National Society.

175 1836 July 18.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Formal. The want of Missionaries in N.F.L. is most distressing.

176 1836 Sept. 10.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Thanks S.P.G. for continuing to pay an allowance of £50 a year to the new President of K.C.W. Also for a grant of £50 towards the new Church at St. Eleanors, built in lieu of the one which was burnt down. He has just returned from a tour in distant parts of the country, including P.E.I. and writes chiefly of diocesan news. Mr. Stannage is under Doctbr's orders to visit Jersey, his native place, as he suffers severely from vertigo.

The assent of the King has been given to an Act of Legislature of P.E.I. for entire alienation of the Glebe lands, which are all to be sold. This wrong has been accelerated by a bitter petition to the House of Assembly, signed by Ministers and seceders from the Kirk of Scotland. By contrast, the Church Reserves in N.B. are to be conveyed by grant and applied to their intended use; it is suggested that the exchange or sale of these lands should be effected with the Bishop's authority.

177 1836 Sept. 10.

Ditto.

Copy of Extracts from

a) No. 176 re N.B. Church Reserves, &
b) Letter dated Jan. 16th 1837.

The Government at home have made over to the N.B. Legislature all the territorial reserves of the Crown. "But not a shilling has been asked for on behalf of the Church.... The power of the Crown to make provision for the Church will be gone, ... and therefore the crisis of the Church's fate has arrived." Pleads for the Society to appeal to the King, and quotes particulars of bygone transactions with Govt. which promised to secure to the Church of England, a proportion of all ungranted lands.

- 178 1836 Sept.12. Ditto.
Halifax. Formal re Mr. Stannage's illness.
- 179 1836 Oct.20. Ditto.
Clermont. Formal. Diocesan news.
- 180 1836 Nov.13. Ditto, to Rev. William Nisbett. (Copy).
Halifax. who has written to ask for Priest's orders. The Bishop firmly points out that he has insufficient qualifications for more than deacon's orders, and that owing to his early restlessness this was made quite clear when he first applied for ordination.
- 181 1836 Nov.15. Ditto.
Halifax. He has just returned from visiting a new Church in Jussen Vale, N.B. Many of the Clergy in that Province have overdrawn their salaries during the confusion in the movements of the Colonial Office; the refunding is difficult. He has written again to the Archbishop of Canterbury respecting Divinity Scholarships at K.C.W.; help is urgently needed for there are eight vacancies for Missionaries and scarcely a candidate for Orders. The African School has been destroyed by fire; it was only partially insured and aid will be required before the commencement of a new building.
- 182 1836 Dec.19. Ditto.
Halifax. Formally thanks S.P.G. for sending copies of old records relating to Clergy Reserves.
- 182a A note of how certain missionaries in Nova Scotia stand in S.P.G. books, in answer to Inglis' letters of 11 Nov. 1835 and 15 Nov. 1836
- 183 1838 Feb. 1. Ditto.
Edinburgh. Testimony of the Rev. Gilbert Wiggins, a pious Clergyman of morbid temperament who left the Society's service on grounds of health, but against the Bishop's judgment. He sought employment at Boston, but failing, returned to N.B., where he worked under the wing of Dr. Gray in the parish of Portland. He has now come to England but is not eligible for a pension.
- 184 1838 Apl.10. Ditto.
Leamington. He is still suffering from gout and other illness. Complaints addressed to Lord Clevely have reached him from the Vestry at St. John's, N.F.L. that there was a breach of the compact between Government and the Society. It is grounded on misapprehension, which he will explain when able to visit Downing Street.

- 185 1838 July 7.
Hackney. Ditto. to the Rev. Edward Coleridge of Eton College. who wrote and expressed warm feeling on behalf of the Colonial Church. States at great length the destitute state of settlements, many of whose inhabitants "have joined the Romish Church which is a retrograde movement for the nineteenth century.... The Government should be pressed to give something." Suggests that several S.P.G. Committees should be selected for the different branches of the Society's objects.
- 186 1838 July 25.
London. Ditto. to Lord ^{Cleavelly} Cleavelly, Sec. of State for Colonies. (Copy). 30 pages. Re the Royal assent to an Act of Legislature for the alienation of the Glebe lands in P.E.I., (See No. 176). He answers point by point the Government's report upon the subject. When it was first discovered P.E.I. was called the Island of St. John's, and the settlement of foreign protestants was the principal object of the Crown, so as to grant liberty of conscience, tho' French inhabitants were forbidden to come. He quotes Acts which sanctioned Reserved lands or Grants, showing that there is no doubt of their validity, and that the unoccupied state of a few of them does not obstruct improvement of the Colony. He objects to the revolting cases where "two of the Glebes burial places with their dead bodies had been sold with the rest," and it was difficult to preserve them from molestation. In a word, he substantiates the exclusive claim of the Established Church to the Reserves.
- 187 "Monday"
London. Ditto. Gives a formal account of a tour taken while on deputation work.
- 188 1838 July 26.
Salisbury. Ditto. (Extract). A testimony of the high character of S.P.G. missionaries within his diocese. "Altho' their temporal condition has been deteriorated, and their means of support materially diminished, their devotedness to God, and to their labours in His Church has certainly been as largely increased."
- 189 1838 Nov. 5.
London. Ditto. Formal. "I have had a severe cold in consequence of the Baking I got in the Board Room on Friday.....(&) would certainly recommend a substantial screen."
- 190 1838 Nov. 12.
London. Ditto. Formal, re ordination of possible candidates for the Colonies.

- 191 1838 Dec. 7.
Brighton. Ditto.
Again complains of bad health. Ardn. Wix has mysteriously disappeared and reports extremely injurious to his moral character are in circulation; but "so sad is the state of Society in Newfoundland at present that no public man there can consider his reputation safe for an hour."
- 192 1838 Dec. 11.
Brighton. Ditto.
Ardn. Wix is involved in the expense of the new Church at St. John's, but at present the Bishop disbelieves the other report. He states the urgent need for more missionaries in C.B. and N.F.L.
- 193 1838 Dec. 17.
Brighton. Ditto.
Confirms the information that C.B. has ceased to be a separate Colony and has been annexed to N.S. Formal.
- 194 1839 Jan. 7. Ditto.
Formal. Recommends Mr. J. Hudson, who is home on sick leave, to the Society.
- 195 1839 May. 22.
London. Ditto.
He rejoices that the Rev. Gilbert Wiggins has found employment in England. He is not, however, entitled to a pension:-
"If Missionaries could quit the Society's service at their own will, ... in the course of a few years the list of healthy pensioners would be more numerous than that of useful Missionaries."
- 196 1839 July. a) Ditto. to J. H. Markland,
asking for "good ~~royal~~ opinion.... Much land connected with the Church in Nova Scotia has been granted by the Crown to the Bishop," should the official opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown be obtained.
Reference to Archbishop Tenison's legacy of £250 for the purchase of books.
b) J. H. Markland (late Treasurer of S.P.G.) reply.
c) The Rev. A. M. Campbell (Sec. of S.P.G.)s reply.
- 197 1839 Aug. 15.
London. Ditto. to Sec. of State for Colonies?
(Draft Copy.)
An Act has just been passed by the N.S. Legislature to provide for the appointment of Trustees for School lands. He states:-
a) That for the past 70 years many portions of these lands have been committed to the special care of Trustees, by regular grants from the Crown. They have been improved and properly guarded. If the Act comes into operation, these Trustees would be dismissed and the

security of formal grants from the Crown will be shaken by such interference.

b) The Act would deprive S.P.G. of any benefit from the School lands, after they have spent many thousand pounds in fulfilment of their engagement with Government in 1749.

c) The Act would be an injustice to others as well as to S.P.G. for it applies to all School lands reserved by the Crown. Cites the case of the National School at Halifax as an example.

d) The Act is as unnecessary as it would be unjust. Gives reasons.

198 1839 Nov. 8.

Ditto.

He considers S.P.G. "more completely a Church Society than any other now formed... because the Governors of the Church have a real control." The South Australian Society wish to become associated with S.P.G. and to use their name, yet without allowing them to exercise any control. There are serious objections to the plan, and to becoming affiliated to other separate Committees.

199 1839 Dec. 8.
London.

Ditto.

Formal re. Missionaries salaries, and to report the deaths of Mr. Viets at Digby and Mr. Carrington from N.F.L.

200 Undated.

Ditto. (Private).

A recent meeting in Cheltenham caused great indignation; S.P.G. were willfully slandered and labelled with false delusions by the press of the Colonial Church Society. "They were so blind and bigotted and Puseyitish as to think a Layman not qualified to preach the Gospel." Suggests launching a paper to teach the people the principles of the Church without leading them into unprofitable controversy.

201 "Monday"
(1839 bundle)
London.

Ditto.

Quotes letter from Archbishop of Canterbury re. the Queen as Patroness of S.P.G.

202 Monday
evening.
London.

Ditto.

Upon the subject of School lands, (See No. 197). Lord John Russell will receive a deputation from Standing Committee and the School lands Committee, at the Colonial Office.

203 1840 June 26.
London.

Ditto.

The Rev. Charles Wiggins wishes to be transferred to Australia or Van Diemen's Land. The Bishop is loath to part with him.

(Tr. to Upper Canada.)

204 1840 Aug. 3.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Thanks S.P.G. for their abundant kindness while he was in England, when he preached nearly 100 sermons. Payed a tribute to the parochial system of the Church. Makes a memoranda of suggestions for effecting S.P.G. propaganda:- Parochial Associations should be formed under charge of the incumbent. He should preach an annual sermon with the aid of the Society's monthly or quarterly reports. He should use the local newspaper and enrol parishioners as subscribers, the collection to be furnished with full information as to S.P.G. work. District Committees must be formed where S.P.G. objects are advocated entirely with Church feeling and upon Church principles. These should each be responsible for different objects so as to gratify their particular tastes.

Reports on state of his diocese where he has just landed after a voyage by steam boat lasting only 12½ days. Contrasts this with Mr. Weinbeer's "sad" voyage by canvas which took 72 days.

205 1840 Sept.3.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Forsees that injury may arise from interference in the diocese of the Colonial Church Society. It is a new association which has no reasonable claim to the title of a Church Society; some of its members are antagonistic to S.P.G. and likely to create the nucleus of a party. They purpose to quicken the "Colonial's" exertions to become self-supporting but do not confine themselves to working in fresh places, but prefer help where the old Society thinks it right to shorten its existance and move the people to assist themselves.

Suggests certain conditions to S.P.G. Board by which the two Societies might co-operate.

206 1840 Sept.3.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Formal.

207 1840 Oct. 3.
Halifax.

Ditto.

Mr. Alexander Stewart who was brought up a Presbyterian, has presented himself for Holy Orders. One who was a Baptist Minister wishes to be ordained, despite his advanced years. K.C.W. has recovered from the despair which was created when the endowment was withdrawn; there are now eleven Divinity Students.