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Ardn.	- Archdeacon.	C.B.	- Cape Breton
b.	- born	K.C.W.	- King's College, Windsor.
Bp.	- Bishop	N.B.	- New Brunswick.
cons.	- consecrated	N.E.	- New England
d.	- died	N.S.	- Nova Scotia.
ed.	- educated	P.E.I.	- Prince Edward Island.
Epis.	- Episcopal	Penn.	- Pennsylvania.
Missry.	- Missionary		
o.	- ordained		
res.	- resigned		
S.	- stationed		
S.M.	- School Master		
tr.	- translated		

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211 1821 Sept. 25
London.

Rev. Cyrus Perkins. (folded 15 cent)
enclosing a final testimony as to his good character from the Church-Wardens of Sackville. 48 signatures. He trusts this will "entirely exculpate me from the charges so unexpectedly and maliciously took against me."

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212 1817 June 17
Westminster.

16. (folded 16)
Rev. George Best,
recently ordained Deacon. Offers himself as a Missionary to Nova Scotia and encloses testimonial.

213 1817 June 17
Westminster.

Testimonial from Messrs. Page, Ellis & Smedley,
respectively Head Master, Under Master and Usher of Westminster School. Speaks highly of Mr. Best, whom they have known for three years, during which time he "lived piously, soberly and honestly, and diligently applied himself to his studies."

1817
214 1818 April 17
Westminster.

Rev. George Best. ~~Offers himself~~
Offers himself as Missionary to the North American Colonies. He is not yet in Holy Orders but the Bishop of London has promised to ordain him.

215 1818 Oct. 30
Granville.

Ditto.
Thanks S.P.G. for their liberal allowance in aid of his expenses. Reports on the parish:-"every friendly attention has been shown on the part of my congregation, which (considering the hosts of opponents with which the Church is surrounded) is very respectable."

216 1819 April 20.

Ditto.
Sends an account of the state of the parish; he is not yet in full Orders. "Three-fourths of the inhabitants are Dissenters - viz. Baptists, or New Lights, and Methodists; therefore, much cannot be expected from so small a proportion of Churchmen - but few as they are, if they would but awake their slumbering zeal, and exert themselves a little, they need not fear any dissenting opposition whatever."

Reports on state of three Churches in the Parish. The walls of the lower one were built upwards of 20 years ago, but are fast falling to decay; £60 - £80 would repair the Church, and he recommends it to the Society's notice; the congregation here "are a steady people." The middle one is incompleated, "yet there is a large sum to be drawn for it still, from this Province." The upper Church was built by Presbyterians.

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George Best (cont'd) folder (b.

The Glebe is in a neglected barren state, and the Parsonage House totally out of repair. There are nine schools, seven of which are in the hands of the Dissenters:- "some...will not suffer their Children to look into a prayer book, and ...instil into their minds, that it is wicked to learn the Church Catechism." He has visited many of these, giving prizes for those who learn the Catechism, etc. Speaks highly of Mr. Nicholl, the Society's S.M.

Dr. Inglis has sent him books. Asks if some more may be sent through the S.P.C.K. branch at Halifax.

217 1821 Feb.1
Granville

Ditto.

"We are making every preparation towards completing our middle Church." Owing to the inclement winter the Schools suffer considerable interruption. There is difficulty "in procuring competent teachers for the Black children in this settlement.

Encloses Notitia.

218 1821 July 9

Ditto.

Thanks S.P.G. for a note of £50 for the middle Church; it is now in a forward state, the steeple is erected, and a considerable part of the interior work is done". He hopes all the Churches will be finished by the end of the year.

Difficulty of endeavouring to establish three negro schools in Parish. The National School is broken up "through the wretched conduct of the Master sent from Halifax." Of Mr. Nicholl's conduct, "I cannot speak in too high terms, and I would his salary were sufficient to set him out of the reach of the whims and caprices of the crooked tempered set (i.e. the Dissenters), he has to deal with.

Encloses Notitia.

219 1822 Feb.14
Granville

Ditto.

All Saints Church, hitherto known as the middle Church is completed, and was opened with an appropriate discourse. There is little to say "with respect to the Spiritual improvement of my Parish... there seems to be such a lack of energy and warmth in this cold quarter - religion in this country is, generally speaking, one of convenience; we do everything by turns, but nothing for a certainty"; those "who have the prosperity of the Established Church at heart are comparatively small.

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George Best (cont'd)

Roman Catholics are increasing and are of the worst kind, the lower order of Irish, many of whom left their country for their country's good."

He has visited the remote settlements; established a School for Negroes; caused All Saints Church to be heated by a good stove to avoid the disagreeable habit of house-preaching; established a Sunday evening lecture; and baptized on her death-bed a young woman of New Light family.

Encloses Notitia.

The Wardens and Vestry sent a resolution thanking S.P.G. for their generous bounty to the two Churches in Granville.

Folder 17

220 1817 Oct.21
Halifax.

Mr. H. N. Binney,
respecting appointment of his son as Missionary to Fredericton. For 15 years the Father has been Church-Warden at Granville; he is a member of S.P.G. and claims friendship with the Bishop from whom he asks for the first vacant living for his son. S.P.G.'s letter of appointment was designedly kept back by those who desired Mr. Milne in his place. Meanwhile his son wrote a tactless letter to the Bishop; he hopes that the true statement of facts will be placed before the Board. His testimonials are "most handsome."

221 1818 Nov.2
Sydney C.B.

Rev. Hibbert Binney,
the above-mentioned son. Writes:-
"I endeavour to support my spirits under the present severe decision" - i.e. that S.P.G. have deprived him of the living of Fredericton. Notwithstanding further obstruction he has been inducted to the living of Sydney; opposition came from the Governor who "never enters the Church."

"The parish is in a state of peace and harmony long unknown before." There is no prospect of a Parsonage being built, no Library, and no provision for schools. Recommends an allowance for two S.M.'s, one at Sydney and the other at Arichat, 140 miles away; "the appointment of a proper Person at the latter place would tend to win Catholics to the Church." By dint of hard travelling by land and water he takes three services on Sundays and at least two on week-days. These constant journeys are both expensive and fatiguing. Submits his Notitia.

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222 1821 Jan.2
Sydney C.E.

Ditto.

→ Hubert Binney folder 17.

Cape Breton has been reannexed to Nova Scotia, a measure which is very unpopular and will destroy the importance of the place. The withdrawing of Government expenditure will lessen the people's means. Reports death of the principal subscriber. The lack of a Parsonage as a centre is serious to the parish. Detailed account of difficulties and hardships encountered during an itinerant tour:- "I once landed on an apparently desolate beach to rest the rowers, when I met three families who had also stopped there and thus happily had an opportunity of getting their Children baptized, which they might not otherwise have found for years."

Writes of the necessity for another Missionary, suggesting someone from King's College, Windsor. Reports with satisfaction on the school at Sydney; other settlements are too scattered and poor to afford sufficient encouragement for a permanent S.M.; recommends Mrs. Hill, daughter of the late Rev. Ranna Gossit, as a suitable school-mistress. Suggests that S.P.G. spends money on cultivation of the Glebe.

Sends his Notitia.

223 1821 June 25
Sydney C.B.

Ditto.

Requests for an allowance in payment of travelling expenses. "I am about to set off...on my fourth toilsome Visit round the Island, which I much dread from what I suffered last Summer, especially as my health...has of late been much worse than usual."

224 1821 Sept.20
Sydney C.B.

Ditto.

His travelling expenses amount to from £15 - £20 per summer, which sum he trusts S.P.G. will pay to Coutts', his London bankers. "The Deplorable state of the people with respect to Spiritual Instruction...will spread for want of regular assistance", ignorant Dissenter teachers have already sprung up.

"A Steeple has been erected to the Church...a sum of money having been granted by Government." A new floor to make the Church decent inside will require £200, which he pleads with the Society to give:- "Certainly no place that I know of can better plead poverty; the reductions and stagnating business since the removal of the Government are greater than could have been conceived." Mrs. Hills, the suggested school-mistress has left the district. Notitia.

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- 225 1824 Jan.15
London. Ditto. *Herbert Binney* folder 17 (over)
Urgent private business has brought him to England. He obtained leave of absence from the Governor. Dr. Inglis was away when he applied, and two month's later refused the application as he did not wish the Church to be closed down. Meanwhile, he had made all preparations for the voyage and arranged for the S.M. to read prayers and a neighbouring clergyman to help with the services. Since the frozen climate makes the winter a slack time he trusts that the indulgence of the Board will grant him the six month's leave of absence.
- 226 1824 March 24
London. Ditto.
S.P.G. reprove him for taking leave of absence without permission, yet "with the exception of ten days devoted to filial piety, my whole energies have been incessantly" given to the Mission. If called upon to do so he will resign, yet trusts that should a vacancy arise he may return to Nova Scotia. Recommends Mr. George Morris as his possible successor at Sydney.
- 227 1824 June 17
London. Ditto.
Difficulty of obtaining passage in a boat sailing directly to Cape Breton; he may have to go via Halifax.
- 228 1824 July 19
London. Ditto.
During the interregnum at Sydney the Rev. Charles Inglis has removed there. Will the Society sanction an exchange of Missions? as he is prepared to go straight to Dartmouth.
- 229 1824 Sept.24
London. Ditto. to the Bishop.
Tenders his resignation since the period allowed him in which to return has elapsed. He purposed sailing by the Barbados Packet but many circumstances unexpectedly occurred to detain him in this country.
- 230 No date.
London. Ditto.
Archdeacon Pott has suggested that he should be present at the Board Meeting when his resignation comes up. There is a possibility that he might be appointed to Windsor. Writes asking for a notice of the Meeting.

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231 No Date.

Memoranda of Rev. H. Binney.

Copy of resolution re: his going home without leave. He returned on urgent private business, the particulars of which remained unknown as they were "of such a very delicate nature." The Society cannot grant leave and so create a precedent which would be detrimental to discipline; he must either return at once or else resign. Gives ample testimonial to his conduct and character.

Folder 18232 1817 Nov. 19
London.Rev. John Owen Chaplain General.

Testimonial to Rev. Robert Willis, Chaplain in the Navy:- "a man of good sense and respectable manners."

233 1824 Jan. 12

Ditto.

Appointing the Rev. T. Adin as Chaplain to the Forces at Charlotte Town, P.E.I. According to the rules of the Service, "he must visit the Sick Soldiers twice each week."

Folder 19234 1817 Feb. 3
Filton(?)Rev. Joseph Wright,

who is free to go to Nova Scotia by the first vessel leaving after next quarterday. Asks for information re: furniture to take with him, and for other useful hints.

235 1817 April 10.
Mr. Derby.Ditto.

Owing to change of destination of the vessel in which he booked a passage he has not yet left England. He is making enquiries for one sailing from Liverpool; if his presence in town for an interview can be dispensed with, he is ready to sail straight away.

236 1817 Sept. 4.
Halifax.Ditto.

"We had an extremely long and unpleasant passage, from which I am sorry to find my health has suffered." He has seen Dr. Inglis and is ready to proceed to Chester. Writes in financial embarrassment, requesting that he may be allowed to draw his next half year's salary a few months in advance; while waiting for a vessel before leaving England he was without employment; and expenses have arisen through ill health and from furnishing a house.

Asks the Society to give him their Family Bible, together with the other books they usually give to Missionaries on first entering their service.

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237 1818 Novr. 5
Chester.Ditto.

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He has suffered bad health ever since coming to the Province, and hopes shortly to return to England to avail himself of the benefit of his native air. Laments decrease of Communicants in parish, though the congregation is increasing; "I have once visited the new settlement of Sherbrook: but from the difficulties of the road, the want of proper accommodation, and the inhabitants being generally Roman Catholics, I have not repeated my visit." The glebe lands are not cultivated; the Church and parsonage in bad repair, his stipend paid by parishioners is in arrears. Thanks S.P.G. "that venerable and truly liberal body", for the books for the library.

238 1819 June 29
Chester.Ditto.

Acknowledges with gratitude the receipt of a valuable box of books. Also the grant of £50 for cultivation and enclosure of the glebe lands; this might be done by the people with trifling expense to themselves, but their exertions are very feeble. If they do do the work he would like to spend the money on a piece of land contiguous to the parsonage house. It is essential for the convenience of the missionary to purchase it, lest it fall into the hands of a non-churchman.

He has not yet taken the six months sick leave which he was granted on account of "the nervous sensation and extreme lassitude" which he experienced last year. It is a serious inconvenience to leave during the summer months, for the work is strenuous and he cannot provide for a regular performance of the duty. Albeit "the season has been unusually hot and dry", which disagrees with his health.

Recommends Margaret Smith as one of the Societies' School-mistresses. She is diligent but inadequately remunerated owing to the poverty of the inhabitants:—"Lady Dalhousie visited her school, and was so much pleased with her manner and abilities that she presented her with a Guinea."

239 1821 Jan. 3
Chester.Ditto.

Last September returned from leave in excellent health, "But since the severe cold has commenced, I find myself again declining, and the want of Society, with other deprivations and inconveniences will ...soon reduce me to my former debilitated state." Sends in his resignation so that a more active man can take his place.

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During his absence service was regularly performed. Mr. Burnyeat and Dr. Inglis each visited the parish. The Baptists have been very busy proselytising his congregation and not altogether without success. Visits the settlement of Sherbrooke where "the Roman Catholic priest has absolutely prohibited their attendance on our service."

240 1822 Jan. 4
Chester.

Ditto.

His resignation has been accepted, tho' he is staying on until the arrival of Mr. Shreve, his successor. Speaks very humbly of the divine blessing that had attended his labours; the moral character of the congregation has improved.

He purchased the land adjoining the parsonage, part of which has already been cultivated by voluntary labour, and yielded a good crop of potatoes and oats.

During the summer he visited Sherbrooke once a month, endeavouring to take a service there in addition to one at Chester; this proved impracticable as the places are 18 miles apart. He then attempted to give a week-day lecture, but the congregation were scattered and unable to attend.

"In my absence a respectable inhabitant reads our church prayers and a printed sermon."

241 1822 Sept. 29
Nr. Derby.

Ditto to Bishop.

Wishes to return to the Society's service; hopes that the Bishop's health will enable him to return to his Diocese:- "to watch with paternal care, the interests of our Holy Establishment, and to direct and encourage our inferior labours in building the walls of Zion and advancing the cause of our blessed Redeemer."

Asks if he may be appointed to Horton where 20 families would join the Church upon prospect of regular service: here he could get good medical advice with other advantages. The inhabitants have asked for him. If S.P.G. do not wish to separate Horton from Cornwallis, he could go to the latter place as assistant under Mr. Norris. He is embarking next week.

242 1822 Sept. 29
Nr. Derby.

Ditto.

Repeats much that is in the above letter, No. 241. Has found that the climate inland suits him much better than near the coast. Asks to be appointed to Horton where "the present crisis is a most favourable one....as the Baptist minister had given disgust, and many were when I visited them, anxious to have a resident clergyman amongst them."

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243 1824 Novr.9
Horton.Ditto. → Joseph Wright folder 19

Is very disappointed at the indifference manifested by the congregation at Horton:- "a universal sentiment prevails, that there is no genuine piety in our churches and that our services are forms without spirit." The church is unfavourably situated as it is in the least populated part of the parish. The congregation take umbrage because he spends time at Cornwallis deputising for Mr. Norris who is in England on sick leave. Strongly urges for the two churches to be separated as they will never prosper under the superintendence of one missionary; gives details of the one at Horton.

The Committee of the Church at Carleton have offered him the charge of that parish. he asks permission to comply with their proposal "for the sake of my beloved wife."

244 1827 July 25
Horton.Ditto.

The usual request that he may be granted sick leave; he is labouring under great debility, and his oldest child has a cutaneous eruption.

245 1827, Sept.5

Ditto.

Labours under discouragement and sends a gloomy report of the mission. Takes services at Horton town and Kentville; these are better attended than in his own parish.

A footnote from the Bishop to the effect that the above account takes too disponding a view:- "Mr. Wright's success... has been as much as could reasonably be expected, especially when his indifferent health is considered."

246 1827 Sept.5
Horton.Ditto. to Bishop.

Thanks the Bishop that his late resolution to S.P.G. to retire has been set aside; it is doubtful if he would have been entitled to a pension. For nine years he has been afflicted with a nervous complaint; he trembles from head to foot, suffers from dyspnea, and can scarce move about, leave alone ride. Hopes that a protracted visit to England will make him more capable of performing parochial duties.

Looks forward to the Bishop's forthcoming visit.

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247 1827 Dec. 10
Horton.

Ditto. to Bishop. (copy - original sold)
The fore-going letter (No. 246) was not meant to be sent to England; in it he made tentative enquiries re: his pension, and at the same time applied for sick leave. This latter application was because the Bishop did not wish him to retire and explains any charge of inconsistency to S.P.G.

Archdeacon Best has sent in a supposed application from him to be removed to St. Johns, N.B. to work under Mr. Gray at a salary of £100 per annum. He never applied for the appointment, tho' the Archdeacon wrote once upon the subject informing him that Mr. Gray could send full particulars; these never materialised.

248 1828 Sept. 15
Horton.Ditto.

Still feels despondent about the congregation who are negligent and prejudiced towards the Church. It is of small structure and "all the pews occupied; many by persons who are rarely present themselves;" the fear of intruding deters many from joining in the services. A recent pastoral letter from the Bishop mentioned the need of zealous clergy in building up the Church. Mr. Wright takes this remark as a severe reflection upon himself, which is far from what was meant. In a footnote to the Bishop writes: "Unhappily he is too apt to make himself uncomfortable by such mistakes, and they are so frequent that the correction of them becomes a labour."

In the light of the above reproof he asks to be removed to H.B. at the first favourable opportunity; he understands that Hampton may soon fall vacant:

The interior of the Church has been painted by subscription; new Altar desk and pulpit hangings have been procured.

249 1831 May 16
London.Ditto.

Respecting claim for his pension.

250 1831 May 19
London.Ditto.

Should any question arise respecting his claim for pension, reference can be made to Major-General Bourke, late Lt. Governor of Nova Scotia, who is now in London. "It is vital to my character and future prospects, if not to the very existence of my family, to obtain a favourable decision respecting...the promised pension."

Ed. The pension was granted, and after his death was paid to his widow.

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Folder 2a251 1817 July 9
Cornwallis.Rev. Robert Morris.

No suitable person can be found to be appointed the Society's S.M. There are plenty of S.M.'s in the town but "it is precarious what may be their Religious Profession." He suggests that the money usually allowed for such an appointment may be given to a Catechist and Clerk. "We have as neat a Country-Church as any in Nova Scotia," and many who are not professed members occasionally attend Divine Service.

"A Church is now building in Horton,.... where hitherto I have performed Service in the Methodist's Chapel."

252 1821 Oct. 24
Cornwallis.Ditto.

The population around consists chiefly of dissenters. He has been ill and taken a short holiday by sea, when he visited his old Pission on the R. St. John.

A tract of marsh land, an acre of which belongs to the Glebe in Horton, has been dyked in from the sea. The dissenters have their Meeting-houses upon the area; since they did the dyking, they have levied a tax of \$10 per annum. "No profit can be derived from it for three years to come, till the salts have evaporated, and it be fit for tillage." He trusts that the Society's benevolence will pay the rate, since he cannot afford it on his annual subsistence.

Asks for bibles and prayer books.
Sends Notitia.

253 1823 Nov. 13
Cornwallis.Ditto.

Thanks the Society for granting him leave to return to England, which he hopes to do next year.

254 1824 Feb. 19
Cornwallis.Ditto. to Rev. James Cookson,

of Hamilton, N.S. who enquired if a Mr. Ryan is a S.M. in Horton. There are many schools in the town which are constantly changing their staff. He has never come across such a man and is sure that he has never been employed under the Society. Neither has Mr. Wright from Horton mentioned him. "I have been much indisposed this Winter with the Gout, and other infirmities of Age."

255 1824 Sept. 13
Bath.Ditto.

Encloses a Memorial. Has retired to Bath from the tumult and confusion of London. Asks for an introduction to any "Reverend Gentlemen of this City, as may be members of the Society."

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256 1824 Sept.13
Bath.Ditto's Memorial.

Asks if he can be considered a Superannuated Missionary, provided that he may retain a pension equivalent to his present salary, and his wife in case of widowhood could have the widow's pension. "...hopes that a Clergyman of more energy and zeal would supply his place.-But your Missionary...does not wish to be relieved altogether from the Duties of his sacred Profession; for, when in health and strength, he takes pleasure in (their) performance." If the Society deem it more expedient he will return to Nova Scotia, and there employ his remaining strength.

256 a. 1827 May 1,
Cornwallis.Ditto.

Records the death of his wife. The Society cannot grant the assistance of another clergyman. Owing to his advanced age and weak state of health, he petitions for a retiring pension of £200 p.a. to be made up through the Abp. Tenison Fund. He has been 30 years in the Society's service. On retiring he will either return to his native country, or remain in Nova Scotia to which he feels attached "as it contains the earthly remains of a beloved & respectable Wife".

257 1827 Nov 10,
Cornwallis.Ditto.

S.P.C. have informed him that he is not entitled to receive a pension from Abp. Tenison's Fund unless he returns to England. Three years ago when in England, he claimed for a pension from the Fund upon his retirement. This he was induced to postpone when the Society suggested that they would allow him an assistant. But assistance never forth-came. "I feel very reluctant to undertake an expensive & perilous voyage across the Atlantic....(and) indulge the hope that the Society will not deem it necessary".

258. 1828 Ap.14,
Cornwallis.Ditto.

In consequence of his ill-health the Society have granted him the full retiring pension of £200. Writes a grateful letter of thanks. He wishes to leave the Mission next July could the vacancy be filled by then

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259 1828 Dec. 20
Cornwallis.

Ditto. *Robert Norris (Folder 20 copy.)*
He is still in Cornwallis as the Bishop did not relieve him from duty until late in the autumn. Asks for advice "as to the most proper mode of drawing for the two Pensions."

260 1833 Dec. 2

Ditto. to Bishop.
He has received news that the payment of his pensions may be doubtful. This will prove a very great hardship. Government promised him a pension in his old age; "I am now in the 70 Year of my Age, sorely afflicted with pains, and Infirmities; and confined to my House by weakness; and unable to do anything towards enlivening the gloomy Evening of life."

In a foot-note the Bishop states that these observations are true; he comments on "the feelings of the suffering Clergy who remain at their posts - if Pensioners receive more than the labourers."

261 1834 Jan. 1
Cornwallis.

Ditto. *to same.*
Written in similar strain to fore-going letter (No. 260).
"Surely (the Society) would not allow its High Character to be tarnished....for a mere trifle....I have accordingly drawn my Bills....and I trust they will not be dishonoured."

He would be unable to return to England and endure the fatigue of travelling.

(N.B. His hand-writing is very infirm.)

262 1834 Dec. 17
Cornwallis

Miss. M. Norris.
Mr. Norris' daughter, informing S.P.G. of her father's death, and asking if she may draw for the two pensions up to Dec. 31st. She has been left with a very small income.
In a foot-note the Bishop corroborates the above statement.

21.263 1817 Jan. 3
Guysborough.

Rev. Charles W. Weeks.
The winter has been extremely cold; of the difficulty of holding Divine service in the Church as there was no heating apparatus. Sends his Notitia.

264 1819 Jan. 9
Guysborough.

Ditto.
Has paid pastoral visits to Antigonish, the Gut of Canso, Sydney and Arichat. Sends Notitia.

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265 1822 July 1
Guysborough.Ditto.*C.W. Weeks**Folder 21 (cont.)*

During the winter he preaches in different parts of the parish as there is still no stove in the Church; this deficiency will be supplied before the next cold weather sets in. Sends Notitia.

266 1823 Jan. 1
Guysborough.Ditto.

Has visited Dorchester (Antagonish) three times and Little River once. The Stove has now materialised and a vestry has been added on to the Church. A leader of the choir has been elected which adds to the regularity of the Church music. Sends Notitia.

267 1823 Aug. 23
Guysborough.Ditto.

On his return from a visit to the Gut of Canso he "preached on the road at a hamlet where no regular clergyman had ever before officiated."

267_a 1829 July 1.
Guysborough.Ditto.

Has visited the people of the Gut of Canso and Little River. If a missionary may be enabled to work regularly among them, a Church would be immediately built at the Gut. The number of Communicants has increased:- "some were over ninety - the rest exceeding eighty. Of the former age a man.... received Baptism and immediately after the other rite."

They are desirous of erecting a Church at Little River.

Sends Notitias mentioning Mr. Campbell's school at County Harbour.

268 1830 July 1.
Guysborough.Ditto.

The Church building has begun at the Gut of Canso for which Captain Martin gave the site; the frame is 24 by 30 feet. It is the third Church which has been erected during his ministry. Has visited and preached at County Harbour. Sends Notitias.

269 1832 Jan. 2.
Guysborough.Ditto.

The people of the Gut of Canso have been "liberal above their power" in providing a Church; "a widow's mite in that quarter was £5."

(In an insertion the Bishop writes that he hopes to be able to recommend the new Church to S.P.G.'s favourable regard.)

The congregation of County Harbour numbers about 100, who are really averse to Roman Catholics and dissenters:-

"The methodists made powerful exertions to gain a footing among them but seem...to have totally failed."

Those belonging to the Church in the Guysborough district number about 700.

Sends Notitia

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270 1833 Jan. 8.
Guysborough.Ditto.C. W. WeeksFolder 21 (cont)

He has adopted a new method of pastoral visiting whereby the surrounding families collect at certain stations. There he reads Divine service, a sermon and a homely lecture so "that each might understand with precision what he must do to be saved." This makes it more practical to get round the immense parish.

The Church at the Gut of Canso will probably be finished for public worship next summer. That at County Harbour is to be enlarged. Sends Notitias.

271 1834 March 18.
Guysborough.Ditto. to Bishop.

in answer to his circular re state of mission. Speaks highly of the congregation at the Gut of Canso who take "an increasing interest in religious ordinances."

Makes no complaint against the cut in his salary, though the family "consists of eight children yet unprovided for. One of whom has been for many years entirely helpless and likely to continue so as long as she lives. The youngest child is of the age of ten. Having no private fortune nor any expectations from relations or friends and being upwards of sixty myself and my wife of an infirm state of health, we anticipate, shortly, no inconsiderable share of worldly trouble, which I hope we will be enabled to bear with pious fortitude." Sends Notitia.

272 1834, Apl 12.
Guysborough.Ditto. to Bishop.

Supplement to the above report (No. 271). Much progress in bringing "religious truths home to the business and bosoms of men," can be seen in the district since he began his ministry; one congregation contains "many serious persons...; and all making a decent appearance."

The population in the district is 6000, and there are 11 schools. Sends Notitia. Proposes to leave in June, subject to the Bishop's sanction, as he has purchased a house in Dutch-Town.

273 1834, Dec. 31.
Halifax.Ditto.

Last April while returning from a pastoral visit, 9 days distance away, during stormy weather, he contracted "a pulmonary affection." He therefore went to Halifax on sick leave. Here cholera was raging and attacked him leaving his health in a critical state.

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Later he was appointed Garrison Chaplain ^(C.W.) in Mr. Twining's temporary absence; the duties were arduous owing to the cholera epidemic, when day and night he attended to the spiritual wants of the sick or buried the dead.

274 1835 Aug. 13.
Halifax.

Ditto.

He has just returned from an extensive missionary tour in which he travelled 500 miles, baptised nearly 60 children and gave 30 discourses. It was wet and foggy weather with adverse winds. Has drawn for a quarter's salary, £43. 2. 6; of the inconvenience caused through lowered salaries.

275 1837 Aug. 28
Halifax.

Ditto. to Bishop.

Since the modified salaries were instigated in 1834, he finds that through a miscalculation he has not drawn up to the full amount. (Salaries were reduced by 45%. He was entitled to about £150 per annum.) In view of his pecuniary circumstances he asks for an addition of £30, to obtain which he would do extra duty so long as his health allowed; this would enable him to keep a cheap horse "and facilitate the discharge of duties...promptly and effectively."

1837 Nov. 13

Statement of Account

given by George Saintsbury of Trafalgar Square. A total of £18. 7. 6. is due to Mr. Weeks.

276 1837 Nov. 11
London.

J. H. Markland.

of the Temple asking for a statement of Mr. Weeks' salary, see (No. 275). This is enclosed on a separate piece of paper.

277 1841 Jan. 8
Halifax.

Rev. C. W. Weeks to Bishop, r

reporting many visits chiefly to Gay's River; here there is a large congregation which included once a detachment of the 23rd regiment, then on their way to Quebec. Mentions visiting Cottage Inn where he administered to a man "long confined by a dangerous wound received in pursuing his labour on the New-road.

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Folder 22278 1821 March 7.
Lunenburg.Proposal from Lutheran Congregation at Lunenburg to Dr. Inglis.

Concerning joining in Communion with the Church of England. (See No. 128). They are anxious to recommend their pastor, Mr. Femme, for Holy Orders and to conform in points of faith, worship and Church government. Before coming to a final decision they would like his opinion on the following subjects:-

1. Would the Bishop agree to such a proposal?
2. Must their Minister be ordained according to the rites of the Church of England?
3. Will he be required to take services and preach in English?
4. Can they be considered as a separate Parish not under the control of Lunenburg?
5. May the Minister make private use of the prayers to which he has been accustomed?
6. Will S.P.G. approve of the amalgamation and give financial aid?

279 1822 (aprox.)
Lunenburg.Church Wardens and Vestry of St. John's, Lunenburg, to Bishop.

Express regret at the Bishop's recent illness. Lays before him a Memorial requesting the removal of the Rev. Roger Aitken, their missionary. At the Easter vestry he refused to co-operate with the Wardens and dissolved the government of the Parish; further he has denied some of the memorialists admission to the Holy Communion. He declines all communication with them. The writers humbly trust the Bishop will submit the Memorial to S.P.G.

(Reference. See Mr. Aitken's vindication, No. 130.)

280 1822 (aprox.)
Lunenburg.Memorial from Vestry of St. John's, Lunenburg.

Records grateful thanks to S.P.G. for all their help. The Church has been established here for upwards of 30 years during which time it has always prospered under zealous missionaries. Upon the arrival of Mr. Aitken there was "a sad and Melanholly reverse"; members of the congregation have fallen off. His conduct gives dissatisfaction and his demands are exorbitant. He has represented unjustly the Parishioners' conduct to S.P.G.:- "the flame which once animated them is not yet extinguished, but will burst forth with additional lustre, when the cause they complain of is removed." Complaints are too numerous to enumerate.

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65. Memo from vestry of St. John's
Lunenburg (Cont'd) (Folder 22)

He has not been provided with a house, as he turned down all their schemes for buying or building one; finally he found one requiring many repairs, which the parish considered too large and expensive in upkeep; they subscribed some money but were unable to contribute a sufficient amount. Mr. Aitken "declared that he would either have the whole finished or none; and the house still remains in an unfinished state." Previously they gave an allowance in lieu of a house, hence none had been built.

At the Easter Vestry the Rector would not allow them to elect their Church Wardens, but nominated one who refused to read the Parish accounts. They did not confirm the nomination and elected their own candidates. They hope the Bishop will take steps towards the salvation of the Parish, and that S.P.G. will remove Mr. Aitken. Signed with 66 signatures, including several who could only affix "their mark". (See No. 130). *With the seal of*

281 1847 May 29.
Lunenburg.R. L. Bedford.

sending a cheque for £20 on behalf of the Queen Dowager (Queen Adelaide) for a Church at Lunenburg.

~~282~~ Folder 23282 1819 July 1.
Yarmouth.
Nova
*Scotia*Rev. Raper Milner,

notifying his appointment to Maugerville, N.B. to which he will remove as soon as Mr. Grantham arrives. Owing to the neglected state of the Mission his Notitia is anything but correct, "the dissenters being yet unsettled as to their profession."

283 1821 Jan. 1
Maugerville.
New
*Brunswick*Ditto.

Laments that his Parishioners have not yet enlarged the Church, which is too small to accommodate everyone, though the inhabitants of Burton have begun to repair their Church. Records "that for some months past there has neither been a dissenting Minister or enthusiastic Preacher in this Parish."

[NB. see also folder 160]

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~~111~~ Folder 24284 1819 July 17.
Halifax.Rev. B. G. Gray.

Has returned from a journey round the Province under the authority of the Ecclesiastical Commissary. He has been appointed Missionary to the Germans at St. George's Church. There is a slight doubt as to whether he is entitled to his salary; he has performed his last duty for two years at considerable sacrifice and will not admit such a possibility. He has taken duty at Sackville. Encloses Notitia.

285 1821 Mar. 26.
Halifax.Ditto.

Notitia - St. George's Church is undergoing a thorough repair, towards the cost of which His Excellency, Sir George Prevost, has allotted some money. It is not sufficient, however, even without building a portico, vestry room and pulpit, all of which are necessary. The Church contains galleries; it has hitherto been insufficiently warmed in winter which has caused a falling off of congregation.

"When finished it will be the most beautiful Church in the Diocese."

Recommends his son, Mr. William Gray to S.P.G. and trusts they will advance him half a year's salary on going abroad.

286 1821 Apl 16.
Halifax.Ditto.

Covering letter of a Petition to S.P.G. asking for £200 in order that the Church building may be finished. Signed by two Church Wardens.

287 1821 May 14.

Petition from Church Wardens of St. George's Church.

Commences by thanking S.P.G. for past help. Present funds are not sufficient for completion of the Church; in winter there is inadequate heating which is detrimental to the congregation's health. The congregation conform to Church of England ritual, and the younger generation have begun to assimilate everything constitutionally English. The Governor set aside £500 towards finishing the building but in spite of strict economy this sum is insufficient.

The Church is of the utmost importance to the town; many attend it who would otherwise join the sectarian chapels. This petition was authorised by the congregation.

In a foot-note Mr. Gray associates himself with the above. The Church was originally erected at a cost of £3,000, but the Congregation are unable to pay past debts, or complete it and keep it in repair. There are now no distinctions in its forms of worship and it is in full communion with

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- 288 1819 Feb. 3.
Shelburne. Rev. Thomas B. Rowland.
The Society's S.M.'s, Richard Brazel and Lucy Cowling, have resigned, and Mr. and Mrs. Coatham have been appointed in their place. A Grammar School was recently opened and is attended by children of the better class, and the two schools in existence were merged into one. Lucy Cowling resigned owing to old age and "a numbness in her right hand."
Reports the arrival of five Welsh families who have settled on "Long Island, seven miles up the river beyond the Town." They are poor and on Government relief, but he attends to their spiritual needs.
Sends Notitia.
- 289 1821 Jan. 12.
Shelburne. Ditto.
S.P.G. have sent books and slates to the Welsh Settlement, now called New Cambria, and made an allowance for a school there. This was opened "with 26 children under the tuition of David Richards, one of the settlers, a promising young man of sober and becoming habits." The school under Mr. & Mrs. Coatham continues to flourish. Has visited Little Harbour, 23 miles from Shelburne. Sends Notitia in which states population as 803.
- 290 1823 Dec. 9.
Shelburne. Ditto.
He is building at personal expense a new School House. "The dimensions are 32 by 14 feet - consisting of two stories, one for the Boys and the other for the Girls." It is near his own house and will be used for Sunday School.
Reports gift of "large and handsome stove for the Church."
Sends Notitia, including those of the three schools.
- 291 1824 July 6.
Shelburne. Ditto.
The school moved into its new premises on January 1st. On Whitsunday the Sunday School was opened. Reports the death of Mrs. Coatham and provisional appointment of her successor, Miss. Bell.
- 292 1826 Dec. 20.
Shelburne. Ditto.
Mr. Richards, the S.M. at New Cambria has proved unsatisfactory and the school is closed. As there is no suitable successor he hopes that the S.M.'s allowance may be transferred to elsewhere in the parish.
The Bishop held a Confirmation at which there were 66 candidates. He delivered "a very excellent address...which excited much religious feeling." Sends Notitia.

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293 1830 Dec.11.
Shelburne.

Ditto. TB Rowland
(Folder 25 con.)
Formal, with Notitia.

294 1831 Dec.16.
Shelburne.

Ditto.
Notitia. Mr. Coatham thanks S.P.G. for augmenting his salary. Of improvements to Church property. The late Methodist Preacher has left; and Methodists have joined the Church together with some Presbyterians.

Foot-note from Bishop stating need for an assistant in this extensive district.

295 1832 Dec.17.
Shelburne.

Ditto.
Formal, with Notitia.

296 1834, Apl. 2.
Shelburne.

Ditto. to Bishop.
in answer to his circular on state of mission. Gives full account of parochial work most conscientiously performed. He preached 109 times; travelled about 180 miles, with great inconvenience "having to wear a truss to restrain a rupture and a weakness still remaining in my leg which was hurted by a fall about four years ago." There are four Sunday Schools.

States amount of income derived, and cost of food. His family consists of a widowed sister and his niece (both sickly). He is 65 years old and has been a Missionary at Shelburne for 40 years.

(N.B. He is the oldest missionary in Nova Scotia.)

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Folder 27

297 1819 Jan.11.
Aylesford.

Rev. Edwin Gilpin.
Formal. Of the necessity for a Missionary at Wilnot Church, 13 miles distant where he officiates during the summer.

298 1822 Feb.12.
Aylesford.

Ditto.
Of the difficulties encountered to find a new S.M. in the place of John Rutherford, resigned. The Settlers are extended along a line of 18 miles; they are in great need of instruction, and he has distributed books for their use. A parcel of Bibles and tracts has gone astray; hopes that S.P.G. will "take such steps as will procure to my little flocks the benefit that was intimated."

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Edwin Gilpin (Folder 27 cont)

299 1824 Jan. 1.
Aylesford.Ditto.

Laments that many of his parishioners continue to live in sin and unbelief. Sends his Notitia. Acknowledges the appointment of Mr. Jeffers as S.M.; he has done useful S.School work. Continues to visit in the Dalhousie Settlement, where "the greater number of the people are papists whom their priest, tho he never visits them himself, will not allow to attend my preaching, nor even to read the Scriptures."

There has been confusion between his and his brothers appointments. He himself settled at Aylesford in 1816, and his brother Alfred, at Wilmot in 1821.

300 1827 Oct. 9.
Aylesford.Ditto.

His letter of August, 1826, recommending William Cummins as S.M. went astray. Meanwhile he worked for a whole year without remuneration and then resigned on grounds of ill-health. Asks S.P.G. to allow him a gratuity.

(In a foot-note the Bishop states that he has appointed the father of William Cummins as S.M. pro. tem. and authorised him to draw for a year's salary. He states further that when visiting the parish he administered to a larger number of Communicants than usual.)

Asks for a Bible and Prayer Book for use in a Church he is endeavouring to have erected in the Dalhousie Settlement. Sends Notitia.

301 1829 Apl. 13.
Aylesford.Ditto.

Thanks S.P.G. for answering his two requests in (No.200); also for a gift of £50 towards the new Church. This, however, he will not use yet, owing to the extreme poverty of the few protestants settled; instead, he recommends S.P.G. to appoint Mr. Robert Granville as Catechist and S.M. there.

(In a foot-note the Bishop recommends this scheme.)

Sends Notitia.

302 1830 June 9.
Aylesford.Ditto.

Continues to meet with difficulties in finding suitable S.M.s more especially in the outlying districts. A ^{John Cooper} same man has succeeded R. Granville who lacked discretion and had to resign. Recommends Daniel Gallagher as Catechist in Aylesford:- "he islikely to remain in the Society's service for many years." Sends Notitia.

In a P.S. the Bishop corroborates the above-stated difficulties in finding fit S.M.s.

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Edwin Gilpin (folder 27 cont.)303 1832 Jan. 16.
Aylesford.Ditto.

Formal, with Notitia, and enclosing Resolutions of the Parishioners after a sermon on behalf of S.P.G. Signed by two Wardens.

304 1832 May 11.
Aylesford.Ditto.

The Bishop has appointed him to Annapolis, to which place he is about to remove; "the local advantages (there) may prove beneficial to my growing family." Expresses appreciation for S.P.G.'s past help. Reports in detail a general improvement in the Mission. Sends Notitia. Hopes the Society will regard ~~the~~ the Dalhousie Settlements "as objects of their lasting beneficence."

305 1834 Mch 21.
Annapolis.Ditto. to Bishop.

Repeats his requests for well-printed Bibles. Explains very humbly his vision for Missionaries' work:-

"I am feelingly reminded of the Apostles, 'I am become a fool in glorifying'." Great retrenchment is necessary upon the reduction of salary, and he trusts that he may still make both ends meet. He is distressed for the necessity of dismissing S.M.s and Catechists, who "will feel very sensibly the loss of their pittance."

Request for "a token of your Lordship's kindness" which he has seen over the chiming piece of several of his brethren.

306 1834
Annapolis.Ditto. to Bishop.

in reply to his circular on state of mission. Has only been absent from the parish for one Sunday. Has officiated each week at Bear River, where the Bishop consecrated the Chapel by the name of St. John's. His income from Glebes etc., amounts to £50. Fears that without more assistance he will be reduced to giving up his horse and thus confining his ministrations to the immediate vicinity. Sends his Notitia.

In a P.S. the Bishop states that he has written to the Church Wardens telling them they must comply with S.P.G.'s requisitions and give further support to their Missionary, otherwise he will be removed. Speaks highly of Mr. Gilpin's "exemplary" character.

307 1834 July 29.
London.Professor W. Farish.

on behalf of Mr. Gilpin who "has erected... a Church in the forest, with the help of a very poor population", and is applying for a grant of £25. Suggests writing to either S.P.C.K. or to other Church building societies.

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71. Edwin Gilpin (folder 27 cont)308 1835
Annapolis

The Rev. E. Gilpin's Notitia.
Reports visits to Clements, the Perrot, the Hessian Line and Lake La Bose. The parish have augmented his income.

309 1837
Annapolis

Ditto.
During the year he has ridden 1,500 miles. There was great poverty owing to failure of crops. A Spire was erected onto the village Church, and Mr. Justice Ritchie has promised to give a bell. Reports rise in cost of living, his consequent inability to procure books, and difficulty of meeting expenses of keeping a horse.

310 1839
Annapolis

Ditto.
Report of work well done.

311 1840 Jan. 17
Annapolis

Ditto. to Bishop.
The Rev. W. M. Godfrey has been appointed temporary Assistant. The writer is under a misapprehension that his salary will be diminished as a consequence, and is in great distress. The maintenance for horse costs £25; if he made over this sum to the curate and gave up his stable, he would be unable to ride again when the assistant had departed. Asks that alterations made can be of a permanent nature; of the need for a division of labour, more especially for the Dalhousie Settlement where Church building moves slowly.

Reports progress in the Academy under Mr. Forbes. Incomplete letter.

312 1840
Annapolis

Ditto.'s Notitia.
The frame of a small Church has been erected in the Perrot Settlement.

313 1842 Feb. 18.
Annapolis.

Ditto.'s Report.
Thanks S.P.G. for their protection during 25 years. Mission comprises two parishes, four Churches and five stations where services are occasionally held. Is grateful for Mr. Godfrey's assistance which enables him to do more concentrated work in the immediate vicinity; hence the erection of further Churches.

Visited Granville and Bridgetown with the Bishop where signs of fruits of the Society's work are much in evidence. Despite local difficulties the Church of England is growing in the Province.

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72. Edwin Gilpin (folder 27 cont.)

314 1845 Jan. 3.
Annapolis.

Ditto. to Bishop.
The Society no longer maintain a school in the parish. The Church Wardens have effected a new insurance scheme.
"My health and strength do not permit my being quite as active as I once was."

315 1846 Jan. 6.
Annapolis.

Ditto.
Formal, showing gradual growth of this work:-
"As soon as Churches are built and Chapels erected in the more distant parts of our charge, the duties of the missionary assume the constant but not less important routine of an ordinary parish."

316 1847 Jan. 5.
Annapolis.

Ditto.
Formal.

317 1848 Jan. 6.
Annapolis.

Ditto.
Encloses £5 towards "our College" (presumably King's College, Windsor). Its destruction would prove a lasting injury to the Church in this Province." Suggests that its scope would be enlarged by a careful revision of the College's statutes.
Went to Falmouth for the Trinity-tide ordination of his son, Edwin, (future Bishop of Nova Scotia.)

318 1849 Jan. 2.
Annapolis.

Ditto.
Formal.

319 1850 Jan. 11.
Annapolis.

Ditto.
Gives brief summary of history of parish. It was founded in 1764 and extends for 150 square miles. There are four Churches:-
"St. Luke's at Annapolis Royal. St. Mark's, a Chapel of Ease at Rosette, six miles from the Parish Church. All Saints at Dalhousie, thirteen miles. And St. Mark's at Perrot, seven miles distant from Annapolis. They are all built of wood." Population consists of 3,000, of whom two-thirds are Dissenters.
Sends list of former Missionaries:-
Rev. Thomas Wood appointed in 1763.
" Jacob Bailey " " 1782.
" Cyrus Perkins " " 1808.
" J. Milledge " " 1817.
" J.T. Trimmingham " " 1830.
" Edwin Gilpin " " 1832.

320 1851 Jan. 6.
Annapolis.

Ditto. to Archdeacon Willis. Report.
Owing to his infirmness the Rev. Henry Jarvis has retired in favour of the Rev. James Bartlett.

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Edwin Gelpin

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321 1851 Jan. 7.
Annapolis.Ditto. to Bishop.
Formal.322 1853 Jan. 5
Annapolis.Ditto.

Records the death of Mr. Bartlett, and the subsequent appointment of the Rev. James Richey. Describes an adult baptism performed "under the afflicting circumstances of age, blindness and poverty."

323 1853 Apl 1.
Annapolis.Ditto.

Sends quarterly report. He has administered Holy Communion to a "worthy Lady now in her ninety-ninth year, (who) is in full possession of all her faculties." Also to an aged soldier who "had been a prodigal, but is now... come to himself and returned to his Father's house."

323 b+c [1834]

Two letters from Lord Ladies to S.P.G. re building of E.G. church at Annapolis.

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324 1792 May 31.
Annapolis
Royal.Rev. James Bailey. Report.

The Methodist preachers are busy, but have only profited to the extent of four or five families. Owing to the vigilance of the Magistrates they have not visited the out-lying points.

Mr. McNamara is an attentive S.M.

325 1793 Apl 8.
Gosport.Rev. David Ormond.

Missionary appointed to Yarmouth. Writing from on board ship at Gosport while it awaits a convoy before sailing to Halifax. Fears that if one is not appointed soon, he must trouble the Society to advance a further £10-£12 of his salary. Reports that he is a good sailor.

326 1816 Dec. 3.
Halifax.Rev. James Milne.

He is remaining in Halifax until the return of the good season, and trusts that his salary will be continued for another half year. To whatever place he is afterwards sent, he will endeavour to fill it satisfactorily.

(Tr. to N.B.)

Draft of recommendation from S.P.G. to Mr. Milne, requesting him to provide adequate support for his wife.

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332a.

1803 Dec. 8.
Downing Street

John Sullivan, Under Sec. of State to SPG
 Recommends T. Desbrisay as miss.
 for P.E.I. since he is the only clergyman
 of the C of E resident in P.E.I.

332b.

1803 Dec 17
Downing StreetDitto

T. Desbrisay derives no other income
 except the government grant of £70 p.a.

332c.

1803 Dec 17

SPG Resolutions

Nov to accept Mr. Desbrisay as
 missionary.

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- 327 1820 Dec.30. Rev. Theophilus Desbrisaye.
Charlotte Report of his work after 45 years residence
Town, P.E.I. on the Island. He is pleased that S.P.G.
have taken him under their patronage.
(Hitherto he had worked under government.)
"I shall not relax in my duty, as long as
health may be attached to an aged person."
- 328 1821 June 23. Testimonial of Rev. T. Desbrisaye's
Dublin. ordination, as a Deacon on June 12th, 1774,
in Dublin, from Thomas Clarke, the Registrar.
- 329 1821 July 7. Testimonial of Rev. T. Desbrisaye's
Waterford. ordination, as a Priest on July 3rd, 1774, at
St. Patrick's Church, Dublin, from Robert
Sharpe, the Consistorial Registrar.
- 330 1822, Jan.1. Rev. T. Desbrisaye.
Charlotte "The Population...is composed of Members of
Town, P.E.I. the Established Church (few in compare with
those who are Methodists and Romanists, and
Scotch Presbyterians)- The Last, in general
speak only the Erse language; but get their
children Baptised by me, interpreters being
with them on the Occasion...Our place of
Worship was built by subscription; the site
of the pews purchased by certain individuals,
and opened in 1796 - It is a commodious
structure and not ill attended, when the
weather permits.
There is no Parsonage House, but through
subscriptions from the late Governor a House
was bought in the town. The present
Governor Charles Douglas Smith has assigned
glebe lands and also erected a National
School, under the direction of Mr. James
Breeding as S.M.
Earl Bathurst has procured him an
addition of £30 per annum. Sends Notitia..
- 331 1823 May 1. Church Wardens ^{to Rev. L.C. Jenkins} of St. Paul's Church. (Copy).
Charlotte Their grief at Mr. Desbrisaye's death.
Town. "His loss is severely felt by all Parties to
whom he was known in the Course of a long Life
spent in Preaching the Gospel of Christ and
following His Precepts."
Recommends the Rev. L. C. Jenkins to be
appointed as his successor.
- 332 1823 Dec.8. Charles Desbrisaye's Affidavit.
Charlotte During his late father's illness the Governor
Town. appointed the Rev. Cornelius Griffin as locum.
He claimed payment of a guinea for two Sunday
duties, which sum entirely through his own
fault he never received from Mr. Desbrisaye.
But the Governor harassed his father for the
amount, causing him unnecessary vexation
during his grave illness.

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~~#~~ Folder 31333 1829 June 10.
Dartmouth.

Rev. M. B. Desbrisay's
answer ~~on~~ printed form of questions sent
by the Bishop of Nova Scotia prior to his
visitation. Gives detailed information
as to state of parish, number of Churches,
etc., etc.

334 1829 Sept. 14.
Dartmouth.

Ditto. to Bishop.
The people at St. Margaret's Bay raised
£34. 8. 6 towards finishing building their
Church. Two able carpenters were at once
requisitioned; it is now finished, and
the Church was crowded at the opening.
He has visited Porter's Lake where the
Church is in a forward condition, and
preached at the adjoining negro settlement.
In a footnote Dr. Inglis states the
urgent necessity for a resident Clergyman
at St. Margaret's Bay. Mr. William
Cogswell, a graduate of Windsor often gives
temporary help by reading to the congrega-
tion on Sunday.

335 1830 Jan. 1.
Dartmouth.

Ditto.
Gives an account of the parish. A district
committee of S.P.C.K. has been established;
also a Parochial Lending Library. He
holds Divine Service for the negroes at
Preston, amongst whom he has become
distributing agent of a charitable fund of
£50 collected in Halifax for their support.
The burial ground has been enclosed with
a substantial stone wall.

X 336 1832 Jan. 2.
Dartmouth.

Ditto.
Gives a detailed report of the Parish.
The Church at the Eastern Passage is nearly
finished, it is to be built in the Gothic
style, and will be second to none of the
county Churches in the diocese either in
beauty or arrangement.
The want of a stove in the Church at
Preston has prevented services during Winter;
this defect has at last been remedied.
A school has been built here, which is
attended by 70 scholars. Recommends Mr.
Abbott as the SM; his wife teaches the
children to sew.

He has visited Porter's Lake, Laurence
Town and Three Fathom Harbour, in which
district there is urgent need for a
resident clergyman. "The Church has to
mourn the loss of an active and zealous
warden in the death of the late lamented
Mr. Hawthorne."

In a footnote Dr. Inglis speaks highly
of Mr. Desbrisay's zeal.

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~~31~~ 32337 1820 June 5.
Cumberland.Rev. John Burnyeat to Rev. Dr. Inglis.
Visiting Missionary.

The Church at Fort Cumberland, 16 to 20 miles from Sackville, which is in a ruinous condition, is to be rebuilt. There is a favourable opening for a Missionary at Amherst, tho' Baptists and Dissenting Presbyterians are also in the district.

Speaks highly of Mr. Harrington of Shediack through whose influence \$200 have been collected towards building a Church. On Sundays he acts as lay reader. Hopes that S.P.G. will give some assistance.

Suggests that the rejected lot of land at Shediack be let on lease to a tenant, provided he enclosed it. The inhabitants have formed a vestry in order to turn the improved part of the glebe to profitable account.

338 1820 July.
Truro.Ditto.

Detailed account of conditions at Truro. His visit met with a friendly reception. Members of the C. of E. hope S.P.G. will appoint a resident missionary and give help towards building a Church. The place is situated a day's journey from Halifax and persons of consideration intend to settle there; these would provide generous support for their Church. Truro is in a conspicuous position at a junction of two roads; "were a Church to be built in this place steeples would rear their heads in every eligible station from Westmoreland to the Town of Halifax."

A few miles away there is a class of English Emigrants devoid of any means of spiritual ministrations, who regret that there is no opportunity for Divine Service.

He fears that the Glebes are irrecoverably lost. The Ministerial lot is in the hands of the Presbyterians. Recommends William Eaton as the Society's S.M.

339 1820 Aug. 22.
Chester.Ditto.

Account of visit to Chester during Mr. Wright's absence on sick leave. He stayed with the Churchwarden's "venerable and pious" parents, whose united ages amounted to 170. A number of members of the C. of E. have recently gone over to the Baptists; he deplors Mr. Wright's enforced absence. Public worship continues, and each Sunday the service is read by a layman.

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339 1820 Aug. 22
Chester.
Continued.

He called upon Major Thomson who was active in promoting the Church building, but is now recovering from a tedious indisposition. The Church remains unpainted owing to lack of funds, as also does the parsonage; he trusts means may soon be found to finish them.

The Society has voted \$50 in aid of fencing part of the Church lands; suggests that the money be spent to better advantage for purchasing a tract of land adjoining the rectory.

Describes the origin of Sherbrooke, first settled in four years ago, chiefly by disbanded soldiers; about 70% belong to the C. of E. When the proposed road is opened, the settlement can be worked pro. tem. by the Missionary from Horton or Chester. Suggested that an application be made to Government for an allotment of Glebe, and that every man should give one day's work towards its improvement; in a few years the Church land would become valuable, and would form the beginning of an endowment. Services are at present conducted by laymen; a children's choir has been formed. A School is run on the Madras System with Mr. Wells as S.M.

340 1821 April 3.
Remsheg.

Ditto.

Describes hardships endured while travelling on horse-back, before snow had melted; waded through drifts by treading down snow with his feet in order to lead his horse through; encountered violent rain storm; met with wretched accomodation en route.

Remsheg is a scattered district that was originally settled by Royalists. Few of these now remain, they are not in flourishing circumstances owing to the low price of timber which is their staple industry. The Wesleyan Methodists have planted themselves here.

Nearly \$200 has been subscribed towards building a Church, which will be begun without delay. An aged German Lutheran has given an acre of cultivated land and a bell; "Mr. Cooke of Pugwash, a truly respectable magistrate...has...contributed handsomely towards the furtherance of the proposal." Trusts the S.P.G. will give some help. The site for the Church is in a central position between Remsheg and the harbour district of Pugwash.

There is a small settlement of Highland Scotch on the seashore in the district. The Bishop procured a S.M. to instruct their children who on his way through Remsheg was offered the post there and accepted it, since it proved more advantageous. These emigrants have since asked for a Minister who can speak Gaelic.

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John Burnyeat

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341 1822 July 23.
Truro.

Ditto. to Secretary S.P.G.
Requests leave to come home on furlough during the coming winter. He has to attend to private business owing to his father's death, and he needs a holiday on grounds of ill health.

342 1823 June
Charlotte Town.
P.E.I.

Ditto. to Rev. Dr. Inglis.
Reports Mr. Jenkins' unexpected arrival from Quebec; the parishioners hope that he will be presented to the Rectory.
States conditions on the Island with a view to placing a Missionary in the Interior. The Lt. Governor selected George Town as a centre where Mr. Griffin was appointed. (Retired 1822).

A settlement between Charlotte and George Towns is destitute of all religious instruction; "an indifferent House for public worship was begun some time ago, but ... the building is fast falling into decay." At Bedeque, 30 to 40 miles from Charlotte Town, the people shew signs of an attachment to the C. of E.; they have made efforts towards establishing a Glebe and when visited by Mr. Jenkins brought 38 of their children to be baptised; they have come under the influence of the Burgho-Presbyterians and Wesleyan Methodists.

343 1826.

Ditto's Reports.
3 documents giving full particulars of some 35 places visited in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

344 1827 May 2.
Truro.

Ditto. to Bishop.
Formal, respecting one Thomas Wilson, recently come from Ireland.

345 1828 April 13.
Mr. Gay's River.

Ditto. to Bishop.
Covering letter for subscription list for intended Church near Gay's River.

346 1832 March.
Truro.

Ditto. to Bishop.
Report of conditions on the Eastern Shore. In winter it is impossible to visit the ice-bound harbours; no horses are kept and travelling can only be performed on foot; distances are so great that services would have to be held in many parts to give everyone an opportunity of attending. The coast is rocky and barren; the houses small, with no superfluity of bed-clothing to share with the travelling Missionary. Owing to severity of the weather etc., many people would be absent.

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346 1832 March.
Truro.
Continued.

He proposes to set out on his next Mission as soon as the Judges of the Supreme Court leave Truro. The Established Church is held here in high repute - even by Roman Catholics and some of the Dissenters.

The Church at Gay's River will soon be finished, thanks to the Bishop's contribution from the alms' box of £25.

Only the frame of the Church at Losquidoboit has been erected owing to a dispute among the commissaries, one of whom erected it without regard to plan or the concurrence of the other members; the dispute has now been settled, and he hopes that when the two Churches are finished, a Missionary will be appointed.

The late Major Forshner of Wallace left by will a piece of land to be used as a Church site, and directed that his remains be buried there. It will be a long time, however, before the Inhabitants could support a Missionary.

347 1834 July 18.
Truro.

Ditto. to Bishop.

answer to Circular re: parish and reduction of salary. Travelled incessantly covering nearly 1000 miles. Never missed taking full Sunday service, except once "to bury a corpse." No Sunday Schools in district. Receives practically nil from parishioners by way of payment, but does not suffer pecuniary distress as he owns small private means. His family consists of a wife and four children.

348 1834 Oct. 24.
Truro.

Ditto. to Bishop.

Proposes that the Rev. Charles Elliott be appointed Assistant Missionary, as the work in Truro and district has become so important. He will relinquish half of his extra allowance in favour of Mr. Elliott.

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349 1819 July 4.
Halifax.

Rev. T. A. Grantham.

Informs S.P.G. that he has drawn for his half-year's salary in advance to cover his removal expenses. He is delayed here, since no vessel goes direct to Yarmouth. The passage from St. John's to Halifax took 21 days.

350 1820
Yarmouth.

Ditto. to Charles Bicknell, Treasurer SPG.
(See N.F.L. File Ch. 235.)

Presents accounts for expenses while in N.F.L.

351 1820 July 1.
Yarmouth.

Ditto, to Treasurer.
Formal re: finance.

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T A Grantham

Ditto.

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352 1821 Jan. 2.
Yarmouth.

Formal, with Notitia.

353 1821 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Treasurer.
Formal, thanking for grant of £50 for removal expenses for himself and his large family.354 1821 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
Formal, with Notitia. Laments the lack of a Parsonage House.355 1822 July 4.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
Sends Notitia. With difficulty has obtained a small house, but at a greater rent than his Parishioners will contribute. "My congregation increases and is composed of the most respectable of the Inhabitants - few of whom, although constant in their attendance, think it needful to subscribe to their Pastor. The Baptists and New Lights seldom enter the Church and carry their enthusiasm to great lengths - I am disposed to think they are more from the head, than the heart, and I trust will, in time, see the value of our excellent Establishment."356 1822 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
Formal.

357 1823 Oct. 22.

Ditto.
Mr. Markland, the Treasurer, has informed him that he has overdrawn his salary £100, and that his future bills will be dishonoured. He feels sure that there must have been an error and that the two removal allowances granted by S.P.G. have not been taken into consideration. Speaks highly of the S.P., Mr. Moody, who has 40 pupils. Has received an appointment to Granville, but has informed the Bishop he has decided to remain where he is.358 1823 Oct. 22.
Yarmouth.Ditto, to Treasurer. (in duplicate)
Full explanation of his financial position.359 1824 Jan. 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Treasurer.
Formal.360 1824 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Treasurer.
Formal.361 1825 Jan. 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Treasurer.
Formal.

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JA Grantham
Ditto. to Treasurer. (Folder 33)362 1825 July 1.
Yarmouth.

Formal.

363 1826 Jan. 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Treasurer.
Formal.364 1826 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Treasurer.
Formal.365 1824 Jan. 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
Formal, with Notitia.366 1824 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
Formal, with Notitia.367 1827 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
Sends Notitia. The district is surrounded by Dissenters yet his congregation increases. Mr. Moody has voluntarily begun a Sunday School for Black Children.368 1828 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
Sends Notitia. Three-fourths of the population are Baptists who "are very tenacious of the slightest intrusion - they are chiefly of the lower orders, exhibiting much zeal and at times breaking out into great excesses, far surpassing description."369 1829 July 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
The Church is in a dangerous state and the steeple in danger of falling. A subscription was opened and repairs begun. The people are poor but active in their endeavours to raise funds. The Dissenters are numerous compared with those belonging to the Established Church. The School continues to flourish and is chiefly composed of Children of Dissenters who are taught the catechism.370 1830 July 1s
Yarmouth.Ditto.
Formal, with Notitia.
"The followers of the Church...comprise... the whole of the well informed part of the Community." The Church repairs are not yet completed.371 1830 Dec.23.
Yarmouth.Ditto.
For 15 years he has been a Missionary. Asks to be appointed to the vacant living of Annapolis, which receives higher remuneration than does his present work.
Notitia.372 1830 Dec.23.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Bishop.
Asks for preferment to the vacant living of Annapolis.

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TA Grantham
(Side 33)373 1831 Dec. 23.
Yarmouth.Ditto.

The congregation has increased, all the pews are let to suitable individuals, and more are needed. Subscriptions have been raised to repair the Church and for buying Communion Plate; this "consists of a Plated Pint Chalice - a Quart Flaggon - a Ten Inch Plate and a Christening Font on Foot."
Sends Notitia.

374 1833 Jan. 1.
Yarmouth.Ditto.

Formal, with Notitia.
"Almost all new settlers have joined it (i.e. the Church) during my charge, and as it is now made a Free Port (from which much is exported) I am inclined to think the increase will be very considerable in a few years."

375 1833 Oct. 12.
Yarmouth.Ditto.

Covering letter to enclosed Memorial.

376 Undated.
Yarmouth.Memorial of Rev. T. A. Grantham.

Since 1816 he has been a Missionary in N. America. This work he was induced to do, in consequence of an undertaking made by S.P.G. that Missionaries should receive £200 per annum, a travelling allowance and a retiring pension. The Bishop has told him that his salary will be reduced by 50%. He has a large family and his congregation are unable to contribute anything further towards his support. He is 60 years of age and trusts the Society will take his case into their consideration.

377 1834 Mch. 18.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Bishop.

in answer to his Circular re: reduction of salary. Makes an earnest appeal against the measure which involves him in distress, and applies for pension:-

"The inconveniences, mortifications, and hardships that must unavoidably fall upon me in the reduction of my salary is already felt, and must be felt still more when outward respectability must give way to prudence for the want of means to maintain it." States that he is 60 years old, has been a Clergyman for 37 years, a Missionary for 18 years, and Rector of Yarmouth 14 years.

378 1835 Jan. 24.
Yarmouth.Ditto. to Bishop.

During the Christmas season he visited Weymouth where he was well received. Since his return he has been laid up with a severe cold. Reports much local sickness.

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Folios 34379 1821 Dec. 26.
Rawdon.

Rev. Gilbert L. Wiggins.
Thanks S.P.G. for appointing him Missionary to Rawdon, to which place he went as soon as he was ordained. Upon the Bishop's recommendation he will not remove to Westfield until a Glebe house has been provided. Last winter the Church was injured by fire, and money for purchasing a house has been diverted towards the repairs.

Went to N.B. to attend his father's funeral. Thanks for parcel of books which were especially appreciated at Kennet Rook in Douglas. This settlement is 15 miles from Rawdon; the Church is in such a decayed state that service is held in a private house, "but as several rooms are generally occupied...many persons... are prevented from hearing what is said." The inhabitants are nearly all Churchmen, and are making a subscription, they are very poor.

Reports favourably on the Church at Rawdon and sends Notitia.

380 1822 May 22.
Rawdon.Ditto.

A School on the national system has been established in the parish and he recommends S.P.G. to appoint a S.M. Laments the inconvenience caused because he is still only a deacon. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane and the Rev. Dr. Porter have each been once to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The house at Westfield is commenced, and he may be able to move there in the autumn.

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381p 1821 England.
1821 Oct. 29.
Sackville.Folios 35
5 papers written before he was ordained.

Rev. Thos. H. C. Parsons.
arrived last July after a "not uncomfortable voyage" and preached his Maiden Sermon at St. Paul's. Selected to go to Sackville owing to its proximity to medical aid, as his wife was in bad health.

The parish is 16 miles through. Reports large congregations, including an R.C. convert and a family of Baptists. Visits Sackville Bridge 6 miles on the Halifax side. "The younger females have, by voluntary subscription among themselves, enabled the Churchwardens to fit up the Gallery for an organised set of singers which we have got. They are now busily engaged in providing and preparing a Pulpit Cloth and Cushion."

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T. C. Parsons (folder 35 cont)

381 1821 Oct. 29.
Sackville.
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There are many coloured people in the parish who live in log huts; much patience is needed to conquer their prejudices. Speaks highly of the salubrious climate of Nova Scotia which is "highly congenial to the constitution of an Englishman."

382 1821 Dec. 5.
Sackville.

Ditto.

Submits his Notitia. Mr. Holland intends to erect a Church at his own expense next summer:-
"He is a man of an enterprising spirit and by his speculations has greatly promoted the temporal interests of this rising Colony." He is going to preach at Hammond's Plain 6 miles away.

383 1823 Nov. 19.
Sackville.

Ditto.

The Church is well attended. This summer the interior was painted and the Decalogue, Lord's Prayer and Creed inscribed. Laments that he is still without Priest's Orders thro' the absence of the Bishop. Petitions that he may return to England and "enjoy the melancholy pleasure of seeing once more my aged Parents before they bade a final farewell to earth and earthly things".

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384 1821 Aug. 6.
Newport.

Rev. Charles Porter.

Informing S.P.G. of Mr. William Nesbitt's appointment as S.M. and that he has drawn for his 1st half-year's salary.

385 1823 Dec. 26.
Newport.

Ditto.

There is a thinly scattered population of about 1300 settlers. The National School which is connected with the C. of E. is in a flourishing state; even the Dissenters send their children.

386 1834 Mch 15.
London.

Ditto.

late President of King's College, Windsor. The Government have determined to discontinue their grant to the above College, and he is in England to prevail upon the Colonial Minister to revoke that decision. Suggests that King's and Dalhousie Colleges might be united, but this measure would have to be effected by the Colonial Legislature, many of whom are Dissenters. The Presbyterians have a right to Dalhousie College; and the Legislature some years since lent £5000. Friends of the Church would accede to the Union provided their principles were upheld through the President; if the House of Assembly were not called upon to provide his salary they would not object to the office being held by a Clergyman of the C. of E. to give theological instruction to candidates for Holy Orders.

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Chas Porter (cont'd)

386 1834 March 15.
London.
Continued.

At all costs the constitution of the
College must be guarded against Colonial
Legislature.

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387a 1837 Oct. & Dec.
London
b Sir George Grey

Arrangements for pension for Dr. Chas. Porter.