

**Papers Of The Christian Faith Society 17th - 20th  
Centuries**

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## Introduction

The Society originated in a bequest by Robert Boyle in 1691 for advancing religion amongst infidels. Until the American War of Independence the rents of an estate at Brafferton, Yorkshire, were remitted to William and Mary College, Virginia. In 1794 the charity was reconstituted as "The Society for the Conversion and Religious Instruction and Education of the Negro Slaves in the British West-India Islands", and in 1836, after the abolition of slavery, as "The Society for Advancing the Christian Faith in the British West-India Islands, and elsewhere, in the Dioceses of Jamaica, and of the Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, and in the Mauritius". A supplemental charter was issued on 29 October 1962. See *The two charters of the Society for Advancing the Christian Faith... to which is prefixed a short account of the charitable fund*, 1836.

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  - Grant by Queen Anne of £500 for rebuilding William and Mary College destroyed by fire in October 1705, 21 March 1709 (copy)
  - Petition by Saquarereis, Indian hostage, to Governor William Dummer and the Council and House of Representatives of Massachusetts, 27 December 1725, stating that he is the only survivor of four hostages... Asks to be transferred from Castle William to John Checkley's house in Boston... Examination by the House of Representatives of Checkley who acknowledges authorship of the petition
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  - Letter from the Rev. James Curtin, from London, 5 February 1810, stating that the bishop's letter should be amended since it is not safe for him to take it
  - Petition to the Crown by Charles Ellis, M.P., Chairman of the Standing Committee of West India Planters and Merchants, against the emancipation of slaves unless compensation is paid, 10 February 1824 (printed)
  - 'Notitia' by the Rev. John Stainsby, of St. Thomas in the East, Jamaica, for the half year ending 30 June 1824, stating the numbers of baptised, attending school, attending public worship and sacraments, and numbers married and buried. An attempted rebellion in the western part of the island has been put down, but his own parish is tranquil
  - Letter from William Hart Coleridge, Bishop of Barbados, from Barbados, 26 January 1832, concerning draft of £5,000 for re-building churches and schoolhouses in Barbados
  - Letter from the editor of the Berkshire Chronicle, from Reading, 6 March 1832, inquiring whether an advertisement in the British Traveller concerning the fund for Barbados is a forgery
  - Letter from Christopher Lipscomb, Bishop of Jamaica, 20 April 1839, submitting scheme for the Society's grant to Jamaica. Public opinion is more favourable to religious education, but in the state of political uncertainty about the island there is much secret machination to which the old Creole clergy are often party
- 10 Letters and papers, 1842 - 1929. Letters are addressed to officers of the C.F.S. unless otherwise stated. Including:
- Letter from Thomas Parry, Bishop of Barbados, from Barbados, 16 February 1843, referring to relief for sufferers from earthquake in Guadeloupe, Antigua, Nevis, and Montserrat
  - Letter from the Rev. George Hickson Urquhart Fagan, from London, 4 March 1844, stating that 47,000 of the recent slave population of Mauritius are without religious instruction and 20,000 coolies who have recently migrated from India. S.P.G. supports 13 schoolmasters and has contributed to erection of schoolhouses. Proposes a special mission fund
  - Reports of the Demerary and Essequibo District Societies for Promoting Christian Knowledge and the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 1845
  - Letter from Aubrey George Spencer, Bishop of Jamaica, 8 March 1847, stating that the population of Jamaica is 400,000, of whom three quarters are emancipated slaves. There are 6,126 pupils in 73 schools. Ten schools are maintained by local endowment, five by casual grants, and 58 by the Society and Diocesan Church Society. Hopes for aid from the local legislature
  - Letter from Thomas Parry, Bishop of Barbados, from Barbados, 27 November 1847, seeking aid for Tobago devastated by a hurricane. The population is 13,000, and the island was divided into three benefices in 1844 provided for by the local legislature. Describes damage caused by the hurricane
  - Letter from the Rev. John Armstrong, from Nevis, 11 July 1849, stating that the majority of Negroes in Nevis are indifferent to the spiritual and temporal welfare of their children. The school supported by the Society has 47 boys and 37 girls, and that supported by the Ladies Negro Educational Society has 34 boys and 44 girls

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  - Harvard College. List of graduates, 1642 - 1724 (printed)

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  - Virgin Islands. Surveyed by Thomas Jefferys; corrected by Captain James Waring, 1797 (number 6)
  - Antigua. Surveyed by Robert Baker; engraved and improved by Thomas Jefferys, 1810 (number 7)
  - St. Christopher and Nevis. Surveyed by Anthony Ravell; engraved by Thomas Jefferys, 1810 (number 8)
- Register of books and tracts sent to the West Indies, 1823 - 1825
- Register of half-yearly 'notitia' from chaplains in Antigua, Barbados, St. Kitts, Demerara, Jamaica, Montserrat, and Nevis, stating the area of each ministry, the total numbers of slaves, of slaves baptised and still living, of slaves baptised each half year and in preparation for baptism; numbers of children and adults in Day and Sunday schools; details of public worship; numbers of marriages and burials, 1824 - 1828
- 11      Government publications, 1823:
- Acts of Colonial Legislatures for Registry of Slaves (ordered by House of Commons to be printed 27 February 1823)
  - II Slave Population in the West India Colonies (ordered by House of Commons to be printed 4 March 1823)
  - Correspondence Relative to Slaves at Honduras: 1820 - 1823 (ordered by House of Commons to be printed 16 June 1823)
  - Class A. Correspondence with Foreign Powers Relative to the Slave Trade. 1822. 1823 (presented to Parliament July 1823)
  - Class B. Correspondence with the British Commissioners, at Sierra Leone, The Havannah, Rio De Janeiro, and Surinam, Relating to the Slave Trade. 1822. 1823 (presented to Parliament 1823)

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