

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE good providence of our God has brought us to the conclusion of another year. We meet to celebrate the tenth Anniversary of our Society. We meet to return thanks to the Giver of all good, for the blessing He has vouchsafed to our labors. At the same time we meet to ask ourselves how we have fulfilled the high and responsible task, that has devolved upon us, of spreading, by the instrumentality of this Society, the saving knowledge of the Gospel of Christ, and of establishing, on a foundation firmer and yet more firm, the Church of Christ among us.

These questions, general in their nature, your Board would earnestly press home to the heart and conscience of each member of the Society, nay of every Churchman in the Diocese. But little has yet been done to make the Society what it aims at being, and what it ought to be, the great exponent of the Christian liberality of the Church. The standard indeed has been raised, but how few, in comparison with our numbers, have as yet rallied round it!

And should this be? We see here a Society, noble in its Christian designs, and most comprehensive in its character,—a Society, whose very object is to unite Churchmen of all shades of opinion, which would draw to itself the love and liberality of all, and then dispense with a free and impartial hand according to the spiritual wants of the various parts of the Diocese. All our proceedings are open:—all (who will qualify themselves as members) are permitted to take part in our discussions:—all, who love our Sion, we would gladly see at our Council Board, sure that by their presence and their counsel they would impart fresh life and energy to our proceedings, and convinced that a Society which should gather all together to work in harmony and Christian love would receive a rich outpouring of blessings from on High upon its various labors.

Your Board has been led to these remarks, among our reasons, by observing that, though on the whole the income of the Society has, during the past year, risen somewhat above the amount of last year, yet in this, the headquarters of the Diocese, in the City which furnishes the great majority of the present meeting, there has been a decided falling off.*

* It is indeed gratifying to remember that the sum of £500 currency was remitted, in aid of the Jubilee Fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, from Quebec alone; but it may be well hoped that the bounty