

While, however, they consider it their duty thus to make known their real state, and to shew that their progress in the good cause is gradual, and steady, and sure ; and while they encourage a sanguine hope, that this Committee may continue long to flourish, and by extending their influence, be a blessing to the people of this land, who desire to obtain a portion of that knowledge which it is their primary object to disseminate ; yet the Committee feel most sensibly the loss which they have recently sustained, by being deprived of the services of their late Secretary, under whose influence they were originally established, as the first branch of the Society abroad ; and by whose persevering zeal and exertions, they have been brought to their present state of usefulness, and happily been instrumental in the establishment of District Committees, in various parts of this and the neighbouring Provinces.

If any equivalent can be made for such a loss, it is to be derived from the hope,—that being called, as Bishop of Nova Scotia, to fill another and a higher office in the Committee, they shall still have the advantage of his advice and continued superintendence ; and that thro' his Lordship's influence and watchful care over the Institutions connected with our Establishment, we may see the benefits of the Committee, spreading still more widely over every part of this extensive Diocese.

1st. THE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PARENT SOCIETY, has been kept up with much satisfaction and no less benefit to our local concerns : valuable supplies of Books have been regularly received, and remittances made with punctuality.

By a recent rule of the Parent Society, which has lately been received from the Rev. William Parker, their Secretary, it appears that as all Members of the Society

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