

the standing rules under which the Society is governed as sufficient. Your Committee will however offer a few words on this subject.

The Clergy do not receive any payment from the government either of this Colony or of the mother country. The only foreign assistance the Church in this Diocese receives towards their maintenance, is derived from the venerable and noble Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, which at an annual expense of more than £4000 stg. is at present contributing to the support of 35 Missionaries. Neither is that Institution endowed for this purpose by the British Government as some are led to suppose. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, is supported by the free-will offerings alone of the members of our Church ; but with this great difference, that support is asked and given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to provide the ordinances of religion for the inhabitants of distant lands ; while those who contribute to our own Church Society, are required to give for the maintenance of Clergy to minister to and for themselves and their children.—Again, be it understood and remembered, that the venerable Society is supported quite as much by the offerings of the poor, as is the Church Society of Newfoundland ; and your Committee believe that they do not exaggerate, when they declare that these offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel are in the main the contributions of the poor, to secure the ministrations of our Holy Church to persons in many instances far better able to provide for themselves. No true member of the Church, your Committee are assured, will refuse or be unwilling to assist in maintaining those who minister to him in spiritual things. Assistance is all that is asked though surely where there is ability to give it, a full and sufficient maintenance will not be begrudged.

Your Committee now proceed to submit a summary of the various topics usually brought forward at this Meeting.

They have still to lament, that owing to some causes they are not able to appreciate, many returns have not yet been received, which must necessarily to some extent render the