

REPORT.

As the duty of presenting an annual Report of the Diocesan Church Society has again devolved on the Committee, they would preface the statements about to be submitted to this Meeting, by acknowledging the hand of that gracious God, who has hitherto prospered the operations of the Society.

From the Reports received from the Clergy in various parts, the Committee are rejoiced to find, that they have been spared to prosecute their many and arduous labors, among the Members of their respective flocks; and that a spirit of mutual esteem is still fostered between them, and those to whom in God's providence they are appointed, to minister in holy things. The Members of our Churches, also, are learning to appreciate more fully the Services of our scriptural Church, and to find in that Liturgy, in which our fathers worshipped, a means of grace which spiritualizes the affections, and excites the best desires of the heart towards Him who heareth and answereth prayer. The engagement of a travelling Missionary,—who should visit the remote places of the Island, and hold occasional *Services* in those parts where the Clergymen cannot regularly attend,—has been long felt to be desirable; and to *this*, the attention of the Committee has been directed. The means at their disposal, however, are too limited to carry out this arrangement; and they can only *wait*, in the hope that the day is not far distant, when, an Evangelist shall be ready (under the direction of the Society,) to visit the remotest portions of our Island, and preach to all, the glad tidings of the Grace of God.

It is with feelings of deep regret, that the Committee have to announce the departure of the Rev. William Meek from the sphere of duty in which he so long and faithfully labored; and the Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass without recording their esteem for that devoted servant of his Lord, and their sorrow that one who for upwards of 20 years had been so active and efficient a