

which they are being operated, and all who profess to have the welfare of their church at heart should watch their workings; and the advantage accruing therefrom will be abundantly manifest. In what other way is it to be expected that we can find out in what sort of work the Church is engaged? whether we are progressing, standing still, or retrograding? whether our Schemes are well supported or languishing for want of means to keep them in full operation? whether there is a growing spirituality and earnestness visible, or a deadness and indifference to the prosperity of our Zion, and the concerns of immortal souls? It should not be necessary for ministers to be continually reminding their hearers of delinquency, or appealing to the consciences of men as if they were totally regardless of the affairs of their own Church. They should need no other exhortation than the simple reminder of the opportunity to assist the cause that requires their consideration, and to do so "as God hath prospered them." To all, then, who declare they love their Church, we say these Reports are the very means adapted to increase your love, to awaken your zeal, and to give you that information that will enable you to judiciously use your talents in the service of your Master. To a true Churchman and disciple of Christ, they are most interesting, and are calculated to excite praise and earnest prayer to the Great King and Head of the Church, who is pleased to use His faithful people as instruments for the accomplishment of His wise and gracious purposes.

There are one or two thoughts that occur to us on reading over these somewhat full and carefully-prepared documents. First, they convey a faint idea of some of the additional labor that devolves upon the more active and experienced of our ministers, besides the ordinary work of a regular pastor. What an amount of thinking, planning, arranging, corresponding, attendance at meetings, &c., do they suggest! How many intensely busy hours are represented by the facts contained in each!

They also exhibit the work of another class of men whose principal reward seems to be "the thanks of the Synod" when that venerable Court receives the well-balanced statement of accounts. We refer to the Treasurers of the different Schemes. It is a simple matter to affix one's name to an annual account as Treasurer; but when it is known that the time taken to complete some of those annual accounts,—write letters and receive them, wade through the dry details of a book-keeper's daily memoranda, buy bonds and cash cheques, exchange moneys and make out receipts,—is equal in value to the salary of many a clerk,—we say most decidedly that the whole Church is under the greatest obligation to such men for their gratuitous services; and we take the liberty of suggesting that all who have business with them will give as little unnecessary trouble as possible in the transmission of moneys, and in conducting any other transactions regarding the Church Schemes.

Many adherents of our Church, we are sorry to say, do not see the *Record* at all, and, therefore, are dependent upon their neighbors for any little information they may get in reference to the Church's work. Others, again, may get the *Record*, but do not feel sufficient interest in religious matters to devote much time to the perusal of its contents, especially a number like our last, which is occupied entirely with proceedings of Synod, because, somehow or other, such persons have the impression that Reports of any kind must be dry, uninteresting and useless. But they are only so to the spiritual sluggard—to the man who does not possess sufficient religious activity to enable him to appreciate the happiness of the reward of the faithful servant. They are most valued by those who are alive with christian zeal and earnestness, for this very reason—that Reports generally produce the substance of theories and principles, and record the results of practical work—and this to them is food for careful thought. Therefore, we beg to suggest to ministers that every opportunity should be taken advantage of to create an interest in, and