

## REPORT.

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In laying before you, the Seventeenth annual Report of the "Diocesan Church Society," the Committee would renew their expression of humble and sincere thanks to the author of all good, for the gracious tokens of His favor continued to the Society, and for the measure of success which has attended its operations.

The Mission of the Society is comprehensive. 1st. The employment of Missionary Clergymen in the Island. 2d. Assistance to the endowment of Parishes. 3d. Assistance to the erection and enlargement of Churches, or Parsonage-houses belonging to the United Church of England and Ireland; and having been incorporated by Provincial Statute, and numbering amongst its Members the Clergy and a large body of the Laity of this Island, it cannot fail, if adequately supported, of attaining under the Divine blessing, the purposes of its establishment.

Since the presentation of the last Report, the Committee are thankful to say, that this far distant portion of his Diocese, has received a visit from the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, who after admitting several candidates to the holy and scriptural rite of confirmation, and giving his usual marked attention to such matters as required his adjustment and advice in Charlottetown, proceeded to the most remote part of our Island, to cheer by his presence and strengthen by his counsels, the attachment of its Members to their Church.

The Committee are also happy to report, that the Island has now assumed, a more important position in the extensive Diocese, of which it forms a part, by its erection into an Archdeaconry, and the appointment of the Rev. Herbert Read, D.D., as the first Archdeacon of P. E. Island.