

REPORT.

THIS Society has now attained its Twentieth Anniversary, and as each year brings about the period of our Annual Meetings, the hope is strengthened that a blessing from above rests upon the work in which we are engaged.

During the past year the usual Missionary Stations have been occupied: except in two instances, where there was an unavoidable interruption for a few months, the ministrations of the Church have been regularly performed in fourteen Missions, by the aid afforded by this Society. In addition to this, the Lord Bishop has provided an Assistant in the extensive Mission of Saint Stephen, in whose labours a deep interest has been substantially manifested.

By the grants made in aid of Churches, the one at Campobello, assisted by the liberality of a Layman, whose zeal deserves our special thanks, and in every way suited for its holy purpose, has been finished and consecrated, and the Stone Church in the lower part of Douglas has been brought to completion. The addition and improvements in the Parish Church of Lancaster have been also carried out.

By the sums appropriated for Books, the grants to the Local Committees have been supplied by the Depositories, and the sales have been as great as the limited stock would allow. Little can be done to supply the increasing demand for Bibles, Prayer Books, and other publications of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, until the Society can afford to place a larger amount at the disposal of the Depository Committees.

Messrs. McMillan of St. John having undertaken the publication of the Diocesan Hymn Book, the grant made last year for this purpose was not called for. The publishers have some time since completed their engagement to the satisfaction of the Lord Bishop and the Committee, and have sold already more than one thousand copies of the work.

By the kind Providence of God, no further demand has been made this year on the fund for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy.

As yet in two instances only has provision been required for this object; an object which so readily appeals to the best sympathies of all the members of the Society.