

gy themselves returned to their homes fully impressed with the importance of such a bond of union between the Clergy and laity of the Church, as this Society is well calculated to supply, and more anxious than ever to bear a part and to lead their several flocks to bear a part in the work in which it is engaged.

As one gratifying proof of this result, your Committee are happy to refer to the immediate formation of an active Local Committee in the Parish of Digby at the instance of the newly appointed Rector of that Parish; and to record, as a proof of the ready co-operation of the people of his charge in his recommendation, the enrolment of 188 names of members of the Digby Local Committee, and the contribution by them of upwards of £30 to the general funds of this Society.

Advantageous however as was in many respects the presence of the Clergy on the occasion referred to, the opportunity thus afforded them of stating personally the condition of their various Local Committees has interrupted their written correspondence with your Committee, and consequently curtails the amount of information from that source by which the Committee might otherwise have hoped to interest the present meeting.

Your Committee must not however omit to mention the receipt of an interesting Report from the St. George's, C. B. Local Committee, with a Copy of an Address delivered by the Revd. President of that Committee.

In turning to a review of their own operations during the past year, your Committee would solicit your attention to the items of their Expenditure and their Income.

EXPENDITURE.

LAY READERS.

They have only to report on the subject of Lay Readers, that several grants made in former years have been continued to those who have performed the duty under the