

REPORT.

THE Committee appointed to prepare the Annual Report of the Diocesan Church Society, would not enter on the duty assigned to them, without expressing their grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for the many mercies vouchsafed to the Island at large. In the fruitful harvest with which the labors of the husbandman have been rewarded, they would recognize the fulfilment of the promise that "seed time and harvest, summer and winter, shall never cease." In the peace and prosperity that still pervade the borders of our land,—in pleasing contrast to miseries inflicted on a neighboring people by the horrors of a desolating war,—they would find ample cause indeed for gratitude to God's protecting hand, and in the measure of health and strength, with which the several clergymen and missionaries have been blessed, and thus enabled to fulfil the duties of their holy calling, they would acknowledge Him "from whom all mercies flow." On every side then, the Committee are glad to think there are reasons for encouragement and hope. Our harvest has been unusually large, our Church has been strengthened by the addition of two laborers to the field, and our people are prosperous and free, "plenteousness is within our homes and peace within our walls."

The Committee hail with feelings of the liveliest satisfaction, the arrival in the Island of two ministers of the word; one of whom is now occupying the important parish of St. Eleanor's, which was about to become vacant by the contemplated removal of the Archdeacon to another, and the other has entered upon his labors in the missionary stations of Springfield and of Crapaud.

The appointments of the Rev. J. W. Forsyth to the parish of St. Eleanor's, and of the Rev. H. Sterns to the mission of Crapaud, is a matter for sincere congratulation,