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REPORT.

In presenting the 28th Annual Report the Executive Committee desire to acknowledge their gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings which He has granted to our Church and Country during the past year. Through His mercy we have been thus far protected from war and pestilence. To Him be honor, and praise, and glory for ever.

The Committee have endeavored, to the best of their judgment, to carry out the objects of the Society with the funds placed under their control. They cannot but regret that these means have not been sufficient to meet all the demands for aid in the support and advancement of the Church.

The Committee, thinking that the greater part of the income should be devoted to the support of missionaries, have been able to make but few and comparatively small grants toward the erection of Churches and Parsonages.

The reduction of the Block sum of S. P. G. below the amount required to pay the Clergy on that list, has caused the necessity of a special appeal to the churchmen of the Diocese.

This call has been responded to in many of the parishes to some extent, and the income of the Society has been much increased, but it is not yet commensurate with the wants of the Diocese. It is to be hoped that the returns of another year may shew that the Church in Nova Scotia is more alive to its responsibility in this matter, and that we will not be compelled to relinquish the Block sum, nor to diminish the income of the clergy paid by the D. C. S.

The Committee are of opinion that from among the 42,000 church members in the Province, many more might be added to the D. C. S. lists of subscribers.

Our warmest thanks are due to the venerable S. P. G. for the generous manner in which it has hitherto acted toward this Diocese, and for the kindly manner in which it is making the unavoidable reduction in its grants.