

## DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

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THE Twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society—which was postponed in consequence of stormy weather—was held on Wednesday evening, the 13th Feb. 1867, in St. Paul's schoolroom, and was well attended. Proceedings commenced at 7½ o'clock; His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, Patron of the Society, presiding. After singing a hymn, the appointed prayers were offered up by the Rector of Charlottetown. His Excellency then addressed the meeting to the following effect:—

*Ladies and Gentlemen;*

I am very glad to have another opportunity of meeting you here, and still more so to find that the Committee are able to lay before us a very satisfactory report of our Church for the past year. There is generally so much matter for discussion, and we are usually so much hurried towards the end of our meeting, that I do not intend to claim your attention for many moments. Referring to some remarks, which will be shortly brought to your notice in the Report for the year, concerning the late legal decisions in England, and their bearing on the relation between the Mother Church and that of the Colony, I would point out to you what grounds for thankfulness we have, that, whatever legal distinctions there may be, nothing can ever deprive our Church of that bond of union she inherits, through the Apostles, from the Divine authority of the Lord himself.