

His Lordship then called upon the Secretary to read the following.

### REPORT.

THE General Committee of the DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA is again called upon to welcome the attendance of the Members of the Society at its General Meeting, and to present a brief Report of the proceedings and prospects of the Society during the year that has elapsed.

The objects for which this Society was formed having been defined in the standing Rules which were adopted at the time of its formation, it does not devolve upon this Committee to report any thing new in design or particularly striking in its operation. Yet it is its pleasing duty to report to those who take an interest in its progress, the quiet and peaceful workings of its principles, and, as it would acknowledge with devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, the successful and beneficial influence of its expenditures upon various parts of the Province, within which the field of its exertions lies. The means of keeping alive an attention to the Church's services, by the ministrations of Lay Readers, at such times as the Missionaries were unable to be present, has continued to be extended to many of the Clergy of the Province; supplies of books have been afforded, on application from various parts of the Province; and important help has been supplied towards the erection or enlargement of Churches in needy and destitute settlements. And so long as the Committee is enabled, from year to year, to report a continuance of these useful agencies, it will have abundant cause to thank God and take courage; abundant ground of appeal to the continued liberality and support of Colonial Churchmen, though there be nothing in its doings to bring it very conspicuously before the Public, or to fill the trump of fame with the notes of its praise.