The Right Revd. the PRESIDENT then briefly stated the nature and object of the present meeting, and called upon the Secretary to read the following Annual

## REPORT.

THE General Committee of the DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY desire to express their thankfulness to Almighty God, that in His good Providence they are permitted to celebrate another Anniversary of the Society; and would take this opportunity of presenting to its assembled Members and other friends of its design an account of the operations of the Committee during the past year.

Since the last Annual Meeting of this Society took place, an opportunity of rare occurrence presented itself for enjoying the presence and the counsel of the Clerical Members of the Society throughout the Province. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese having assembled the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of Nova Scotia in Visitation, it appeared desirable to his Lordship, as President of this Society, to call a Special General Meeting of the Society at which the Clergy might be present. A meeting accordingly took place at the National School Room, in this city, on the 17th day of July, at which a small but most respectable auditory were gratified by hearing from several of the Clergy an account of their own undiminished interest in the welfare of the Institution, and of the operations which they had been enabled to foster and direct in the Local Committees over which they preside in their respective parishes.

Your Committee cannot but hope that a beneficial influence was exercised by the presence of the Clergy at such General Meeting upon the feelings of the members of the Church in this community, and feel assured that the Cler-

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