

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Central Board, in presenting its Annual Report to the members of the Church Society, feels itself called upon to "offer unto God thanksgiving" for the brighter prospects which seem to have opened up to the Church at large, (in this portion of the Lord's vineyard,) and to the Society in particular, during the past year.

The division of the old Diocese of Quebec into the two existing Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal, is an event which must have been hailed by us all, as destined, under the Divine Blessing, to increase the stability and efficiency of the Church among us; nor can we have failed to observe, with peculiar satisfaction and heartfelt gratitude, the grace of God bestowed upon the mother Church,—whereby, in the short space of four months, the sum necessary for the endowment of the new Bishopric was raised,—and the gratifying welcome which all parts of the Diocese hastened to tender to their newly-arrived Diocesan. Nor have subsequent circumstances at all tended to disappoint the pleasing anticipations at that time formed. But your Board has mainly referred to this important event, from its bearing upon the Society, whose Anniversary we are this day assembled to commemorate.

The Society, which meets now, is not the Society, which met for a similar purpose, a year ago. Early in October last, and soon after the division of the Diocese, a Special Meeting of the old Society was held in Montreal, at which it was determined to petition the Legislature for a new Act of Incorporation, constituting a separate Society in each of the new Dioceses, and a Committee was appointed to consider what steps were necessary to be taken, in order to effect the division thus contemplated.

The Committee, at its first meeting, appointed two Sub-Committees, one in Quebec, and the other in Montreal, to draw up a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure, as if there had been two separate Societies from the first;—these Sub-Committees being directed to divide equally between the two Dioceses all incidental expences, and all amounts collected from persons not resident in the old Diocese of Quebec.