

REPORT.

NEVER since the formation of this Society, had its members more reason for encouragement than at the last Anniversary meeting. The proceedings have been published in full in the last Annual Report, and presented to the subscribers in a form, which it is hoped, has met with their approval. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who presided on that occasion, shewed the warmest sympathy in our work, and expressed his views of its importance in a way which has, no doubt, been fully appreciated by the Society. The account of his late visitation tour, kindly read by the Lord Bishop, added greatly to the interest of the Meeting, and it set before the Society the pressing need of the work it has undertaken to do, and of additional exertions in carrying out its holy objects.

At the last Meeting, it was found that the contributions for the past year had considerably exceeded those of any former period. The General Committee, therefore, were enabled to appropriate a sum larger than usual for Missionary purposes. By this means, a new Mission was at once opened at Canning and the adjoining Parishes on the Grand Lake, and a Clergyman at once appointed by the Lord Bishop for this important and extensive field. Soon after the last meeting of the Society, the vacant post of Curate of Saint Stephen was filled by his Lordship, by an appointment which has proved highly beneficial to the Church in that place.

It is deeply to be regretted that the Missionary at Greenwich and Petersville, whose failing health was noticed in the last Report, has been obliged to resign his charge. And more recently, the Rev. J. S. Williams, Missionary at Campbellbello, was compelled by ill health to apply for leave of absence.

The continued depression in commerce and other pursuits of industry during the past year, may reasonably be supposed to have affected in some degree the operations of this Society. Already, it is hoped, this period of embarrassment and difficulty has nearly passed, and with the renewed prosperity of the Province, the Society will without doubt, by the blessing of the Almighty, make greater advances in its career of usefulness. How far, meanwhile, it has main-