

expedients were tried, to procure an augmentation to the funds of the Institution, but little or nothing could be obtained by means of subscription ; the only possible way of keeping up these Establishments was, that of borrowing money which would have been easy, provided the School funds could have paid the interest upon the sum borrowed. The Committee, under these circumstances, judged it expedient, to make two further loans to the School, of £64 17s. 5d.—and another loan has since been made, to pay the half years salaries due on the first of this month.

The Annual Public Examination of the two Schools, which generally takes place at Christmas, was not made as usual previous to the last vacation, owing to a fever of a malignant nature, having broken out among the inmates of the Female Orphan Asylum, who occupy the upper part of the School House. It was found necessary to remove the diseased children into the Girls School Room, in order to prevent risk to the rest of the orphans, to which otherwise they would have been imminently exposed. It is with regret that the Committee learn that the matron and one of the orphans have fallen victims to the disease. The Annual Christmas Dinner was not given this year, owing to the same distressing cause, but it is hoped that this interesting annual spectacle, so gratifying to the feelings of all, may yet be exhibited within the ensuing twelve months.

The Committee before they conclude, feel themselves called upon to notice the very kind manner in which the Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting, requesting the Bishop of Vermont to preach the Annual Sermon, in aid of the Society, was immediately complied with ; it is the first instance of a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the neighbouring states, having officiated on a similar occasion. The appeal to the congregation both at the morning and evening services, was such, that a large and very seasonable collection was made, which in particular partially relieved the pressing wants of the School.

With this detailed account of their proceedings, the Committee close their Report. They call upon all to come forward, in the dissemination of the Scriptures, and in placing in the hands of the people, the materials of religious and useful knowledge, furnished in the publications of the Society. This Institution has claims particularly upon