

## DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

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THE Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, was held in St. Paul's School Room on Wednesday evening, the 22nd January, 1868, and was very largely attended. The Chair was taken by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who was accompanied by Mrs. Dundas. After singing and prayer, His Excellency addressed the Meeting to the following effect:—

*Ladies and Gentlemen;*

It is again my privilege to preside among you at this Annual Meeting, and remembering the consideration with which you have on former occasions received the remarks I made, I feel that I may this evening count on a similar indulgence during the few moments I occupy your time. The Report was incomplete when I saw it, but I was much struck by the hopeful tone which pervaded throughout the returns that I have read from the various missions in the Island, and I trust that our Clergy are receiving from their labors the encouragement of success. You will, I am sure, listen with pleasure to these returns, which will presently be read to you. That from Charlottetown I have not yet seen. To most of those who are here to-night, it would be of greater interest than any other, as it will relate the progress made in the Parish, and by the Church of which we form part of the congregation. Whatever that progress may have been—and I trust it is not inconsiderable—I hardly think that as a congregation we are justified in regarding what we have done with feelings of entire satisfaction, or in a “rest and be thankful”