

also an annual sermon be preached when the objects of the Society were set forth in plain and earnest words; and should the plan, adopted in a neighboring country, be thought worthy of imitation, viz., that of having a special service, or a meeting convened for the purpose of receiving all the contributions of the year, and presenting them as given to the service of God, the Committee cannot but hope that a spirit would eventually be created which would largely tend to the interest of the Church. They would press this subject on the attention of all, and particularly of the clergy themselves, requesting them to form branch associations in their several parishes, to elect committees to collect subscriptions, and to make such arrangements as they shall deem the best to infuse new life and vigor into an institution on which the very existence of the Church must ultimately depend. The next subject to which the Committee would refer, is the introduction of a hymn book suitable to the members of our Church. At the last annual meeting a committee was appointed to recommend to this Society a hymnal for general use in the Church throughout the Island, as it had become a subject of regret that we had no authorized book of hymns. This committee met three several times, and a correspondence has been had with the Secretary of the S. P. C. K. on the subject. It was suggested that the hymnal issued by the S. P. C. K. should be adopted, and that an appendix containing one hundred hymns might be bound with the original book. These additional hymns, it was proposed, should be selected by the clergy, each specifying a definite number, the list to be remitted to the Secretary of this committee. The general feeling of the Clergy, however, appeared to be averse to any change. Some were already provided with books, and were unwilling to subject their congregations to the expense of a new supply. Others preferred the Society's book, and in consequence the matter has been suspended for a time. The Committee, therefore, would suggest that this meeting do re-appoint the same com-