

REPORT.

In laying before you, on the present occasion, an account of the progress and state of the Society for the past year, your Committee would desire to record their heartfelt thanks to the Father of all Mercies, for the merciful deliverance he has graciously vouchsafed to the inhabitants of this Colony from the fearful and devastating pestilence which has lately ravaged the neighboring province, and is now hurrying to an untimely grave so many thousands of our fellow creatures in the parent kingdom, and to join with you in ascribing praise to Him who is the Bounteous Giver of all good for that abundant harvest which he has in his good providence enabled our husbandmen to reap and gather into their barns.

Since last your Committee had the privilege of meeting you, this Island has been favored with a visit from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese who publicly expressed his sense of thankfulness to the Head of the Church for the prosperity of the Society and the increase of its income the past year, and trusted that its motto would be "Go Forward," as he regarded the Diocesan Society as that to which the Church in this Island must in future more especially look for support; to obtain which, he recommended the enrolment of every member of the family on the books of the Society, even though the printing of their names should cost more than the sums contributed, and looked upon it as the bounden duty of every person who had right feelings towards the church and who desired the Glory of God to give liberally of their substance towards the support and stability of your Society.

In bringing before your notice the practical working of your Society for the past year, your Committee have to report, that in Charlottetown the sum of £50 or as much as may be necessary has been voted by the congregation towards the rent of a house for the newly appointed minister, the successor to the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, who has