REPORT

OF THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For 1855.

THE return of the Society's anniversary enables the Executive Committee once more to render an account of the duties intrusted to their care.

They gladly embrace the opportunity of congratulating the Society upon the position which it maintains in the confidence and affection of the Churchmen of this Diocese, and they invite you to join in humble thanks to Divine Providence for the continued support of our efforts, and the blessings which have attended the labors of those who have willingly offered to the Lord.

The usual operations of the Society have been continued since our last meeting, and the responsibilities which it assumed have been faithfully discharged. But the uniformity of the expenditure allows of little variety in relating the proceedings of each year. The Committee cannot but regret the want of regular Reports from those local committees to whom grants are made for the support of Missionaries: Such Reports would enable the Committee to give the Society more interesting information relative to that object which it considers of most importance.

The Committee would suggest, that in order to make the Annual Report more valuable, each year's publication might contain a brief historical statistical account of some one Parish or Mission in the Diocese. This might be useful at any time for reference, and would gradually form a history of the

Church in this Province.

The experience of the past year has convinced the Committee that the long dreaded time of self-support has actually commenced in our Church. We have long been fed from the bounty of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The warmest thanks and most lasting gratitude are due to that Venerable Society, from every Churchman in the Diocese. An affectionate remembrance of its fostering care should be handed down from generation to generation, among those who love the Church of our Fathers.

The frequent demands upon the bounty of that Society made by the increasing number of colonial Dioceses, prevent it from continuing its aid to us

As those Clergymen who are now supported by the Government allowance or by the S. P. G., gradually rest from their labors, the serious question arises, how can their places be supplied. The Parent Society cannot continue the same support to any parish, and has given us notice that from many places its aid will be entirely withdrawn.

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