

The following extract from the Secretary's Letter to the Lord Bishop, dated 8th April last, contains the Society's Reply to the application made by His Lordship in favour of this Committee :—

"I am directed to acquaint Your Lordship that the Society do not consider it expedient to accede to the application made by the Niagara District Committee, for a reduction in the charge for the Books consigned in 1827, or on those about to be forwarded. Neither the District Committee itself, nor the individual members of that Committee, contribute any thing in aid of the Society's Funds : and the Board determined two or three years ago, that in future all Books and Tracts, furnished to Foreign Committees, should be charged at the Society's cost prices. These cost prices, it should be remembered, though higher than the prices charged to subscribing members of the Society, (in England) are considerably lower than the Booksellers prices to the Public."

It is truly gratifying, however, to observe the lively interest which the Parent Society appears to take in the Proceedings of the District Committees in this country, and the satisfaction with which it received the account of the formation of the Committee at Cobourg last year.

Considering the tie which exists between us and this venerable Institution, it must be a source of great satisfaction, to all its friends in this country, to hear that it continues its valuable and unostentatious labours, with increasing success throughout the British Empire, and especially in the East and West Indies, where the state of ignorance, and the consequent depravity, in which a great part of the inhabitants of those Colonies are still living, call for more than ordinary exertions, particularly in the East, where this Society has long ago been most actively employed.

In Ireland also, during the past year, the spiritual wants and interests of the poor appear to have obtained an especial share of the Society's attention ; and a regular system of Religious Instruction, founded on the genuine principles of the Reformation, has been commenced in that distracted country, under the superintendence of the Parochial Clergy, from which the greatest benefits may confidently be anticipated.

In most of the Colonies, likewise, it appears that, by means of assistance in books or money, the bounty of this Society has been distributed where requisite : some of the District Committees in this country have been partakers thereof ; and no doubt can be entertained that if the Sunday Schools, &c. which this Committee has under-

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