

was then directed to read the Report of the General Committee, prepared by the Secretary, the Revd. W. Coeswell, which was as follows :—

REPORT.

THE General Committee of the *Diocesan Church Society of Nova Scotia*, desire to tender their congratulations to their Brethren the Representatives of the different Local Committees of this Society, on meeting them for the first celebration of the Anniversary of this Society, and to present to them and to the friends of this Society now assembled, their First Annual Report of the proceedings of the Society, with which they are connected.

The Committee are desirous of redeeming the pledge contained in the Address lately circulated by them in the public prints and otherwise, and to submit such considerations as may it is hoped assure the public of the activity of this Society, of the purity of its principles, and the consistency of its designs, not only with the particular interests of the Church of England, but with the best spiritual and temporal interests of our fellow subjects in this Province.

The Committee confess themselves; however, constrained to limit their assurances concerning the activity of the Society to proofs that it has not been inactive, but has been rather preparing the way for active exertion, than actually occupying the field which is spread out before them. The Committee need not repeat statements which have already been presented to the public, of the need there was for the patronage and co-operation of the great Societies in England, in order to the efficient operation of this Society; and of the kind and liberal manner in which those Societies have extended to us the sanction of their names, and fostered our incipient designs with handsome contributions of money and of books. Through the interest displayed by the Rt. Revd. the President of this Society, in whose absence this Commit-