

for the spiritual wants of the afflicted and needy in work-houses, hospitals, prisons, and other public institutions; and when, at the same time, all this is prosecuted in strict conformity with the principles of the English Constitution, both in Church and State, and for the purpose of preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, no true friend to our country and our religion can, it is presumed, contemplate the whole scheme without feelings of devout thankfulness to the Author of all good, and without looking forward with cheerful hope to the preservation amongst us, and to the enlargement and stability of the inestimable interests of peace, and piety, and true religion.

BRITISH NATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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INCORPORATION OF THE SOCIETY.

After stating the steps which had been taken in obtaining a Charter of Incorporation from the Prince Regent, it is remarked—

Thus has the National Society obtained, under royal favour, a place, among the great incorporated charitable institutions of the country. The fixed and permanent character which it has now assumed, will, it is confidently anticipated, prove to it the source of essential strength, and materially enlarge its means of carrying into effect its important objects; while the pleasing hope is indulged, that its continuance is now ensured, to confirm and to perpetuate to future generations those invaluable blessings, with the successful diffusion of which, to the present generation, it has so auspiciously begun.

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

The committee announce, with

great satisfaction, "that this school continues to afford, in the same perfection as they have noticed in former years, a practical exhibition of the principles of the National System." The Rev. W. Johnson, as Chaplain and Assistant Superintendent of the Masters, has manifested his accustomed zeal and ability. The Rev. Dr. Bell has given his personal superintendance, whenever practicable. The children have, according to custom, been twice publicly examined, before the Archbishop of Canterbury, and numerous visitors of the first rank and respectability. Of these examinations, it is said—

The high state of discipline to which the children are brought; the decorum which marks their whole demeanour, the clear articulate manner in which they read, the readiness and correctness with which they answer questions connected with what they read, and the actual degree of improvement which they have made in useful elementary knowledge, especially in the knowledge of the truths and doctrines of religion, have on these, as on former occasions, excited general admiration.

The demand for the admission of children is greater than can be complied with: the committee have, however, by a new arrangement, been enabled to receive a larger number than before.

The average number of boys for the whole of this last year has been 579; the number actually on the list at the present period, 634; being an increase of 71 on the number reported last year. The average number of girls for this last year has been 273; the number actually attending the school at the present time, 340; being an increase of 67 on the number reported last year.

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