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REPORT.

THE Executive Committee have the satisfaction of submitting to the Diocesan Church Society, on this its 22nd Anniversary, the usual account of their proceedings during the previous year.

They invite the Society generally to unite with them in expressing their gratitude to God for the support which He has given to our past labors, and in prayers for the Divine Blessing by which alone our efforts can be sustained, and guided aright.

The Committee have endeavored to discharge their duties with zeal and fidelity, and with that strict regard to economy which the prospective wants of our Church render necessary.

They have thought it expedient of late to confine the expenditure of the funds almost exclusively to the support of Clergymen. Their sentiments on this subject are expressed in a report of a sub-committee upon provision for the clergy, adopted at the regular monthly meeting in December last, and printed in the appendix to this report.

They have much pleasure in reporting the generally flourishing condition of the Society, and although the income for *general purposes*, during 1859 was a few pounds less than in the previous year, yet they are aware that this deficiency was caused rather by accidental vacancies in some of the Parishes, than by any diminution of interest in the Society's welfare, and they have good reason to hope that the similar income for the present year will be greater than it has ever yet been.

While rejoicing in the anticipated increase, they regret that the small amount at their disposal after paying the salaries of the Missionaries, prohibits them from giving favorable answers to many applications for assistance.

Your Committee cannot omit the opportunity of again impressing upon every member of the Society his individual responsibility for the maintenance of our church, and of urging the necessity of greater exertions in its support.

Since its formation in 1837, the Society has disbursed the sum of £369 5s. to aid in the erection of Parsonages; £1,594 for building and enlarging churches, and £6,732 10s. 8. for the support of the clergy.

The lists of subscribers for 1860 show that there are 1288 members of the Society paying five shillings and upwards yearly, while there are about 5683 others who contribute smaller sums to its support.

The agreement under which the S. P. G. paid a block sum to the diocese for the support of the clergy terminates with the present year, and it now