

able to the Committee to aid the exertions of the Sub-Committee appointed to solicit contributions for the erection of the Mission House at Ship Harbor. The situation of the Eastern Shore appeared so peculiar, and the necessity of aiding the people of that district in their efforts to provide accommodation for their Missionary so much more urgent than in ordinary missions, that the Committee thought a grant in the present case could not be drawn into a precedent for assisting in the erection of Parsonage Houses, and contributed to the subscription towards the Mission House the sum of £50. The Committee are happy to state, that the sum raised by the Sub-Committee referred to in the last Report, aided by grants from the two great Societies in England, and the contribution of this Society, will nearly suffice for the completion of the house: and that the building has made such progress, that, although not yet finished, it has been inhabited this winter by the Rev. R. Jamison, the Missionary to the Eastern Shore and his family.

CHURCHES.

The Committee continue to think that aiding in the erection of Churches in destitute settlements is one of their most important objects. They have gladly aided such applications as have come under their notice during the past year.

About the time of the last Annual Meeting an application was made by the Rev. Dr. Shreve for further aid towards the erection of the new Church at Chester. The peculiar circumstances of this case, the great exertions made by the people themselves, and the heavy expenses necessarily incurred in the erection of a building of sufficient dimensions for the increasing congregation of that Parish, seemed to justify a second grant from the funds of this Society, and a further sum of £25 was accordingly placed in the hands of the Rev. Dr. Shreve for the purpose.