

REPORT.

YOUR Committee present the Report of their proceedings during the past year, with mingled and conflicting feelings : for while, on the one hand, there is abundant cause for satisfaction and thankfulness for the progress, (both in St. John's, and the Out-harbors) of the NEW-FOUNDLAND CHURCH SOCIETY, events have occurred which have caused considerable difficulty and anxiety. It is not to be expected that an Institution of the nature, and with the objects of this Society, should pursue its course without its trials, difficulties, and impediments. Were it so, associations of Christian people, as in the case of individual Christians in such circumstances, would run the risk "of settling down on their lees" or of forgetting that they can accomplish nothing by mere human instrumentality, apart from the Divine grace and favor. The past year has brought its trials to the Church Society. Into a detail of what they have been, your Committee deem it unnecessary to enter here : the result which they report with sincere regret, is the vacancy of the office of Patron, by the resignation of His Excellency the Governor on the 12th of November last. Your Committee would avail themselves of this opportunity of expressing their regret at any proceeding of theirs, which may have led to such a step on the part of His Excellency : at the same time, they hope and believe, that the Society will give them credit for having simply and sincerely desired to keep in view the vindication of its principles, and the preservation of its interests.

In reviewing the Ecclesiastical incidents of the past year, not the least important has been the Visitation of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, which extended along