

REPORT.

"HITHERTO hath the Lord helped us," said the pious Samuel, when setting up a memorial of the loving kindness of the Lord, on behalf of Israel of old. And hitherto hath the Lord helped us, may we say this evening, met together as we are to rehearse what God has been doing for our Church by means of this Society, during the past year.

The event most deeply affecting the permanent well-being of the Church during this period, and consequently demanding grateful mention in the commencement of our Report, is the brightening prospects of the Collegiate Establishment at Windsor. When last assembled here the friends of that Institution were full of anxiety and apprehension ; but by the well-timed and cordial co-operation of her Alumni, encouraged by the munificence of the noble Church Societies in England, whose benevolence and piety first planted, and have long nourished the Colonial Church, those fears are fast giving place to hopeful anticipations ; and we humbly trust that this School of the Prophets will soon be placed beyond the reach of accident, and continue to be, as its founders intended, the nursery of Religion and Literature for all time to come.

The past year has also furnished us with an instance of great liberality on the part of a generous member of the Church, who has bestowed a valuable tract of land toward the permanent endowment of the Church in the parish where the property referred to is situated.*

Your Committee deem it right to mention these things, not only in grateful acknowledgment to Him who has put it into the hearts of His people to uphold His Church and her Institutions, but also with the hope that others who possess the means may be encouraged by this example to "go and do likewise."

Another subject upon which the Committee desire to mingle their congratulations with those of their Brethren is the appointment, of Visiting Missionaries for remote and destitute districts. This, though always a favourite object with the Society, was for a length of time delayed and hindered, owing to the difficulty of finding men fitted for the work. Two such men, we humbly trust, have at length been found, one of whom has been stationed by His Lordship the President of the Society, on the Eastern, and the other on the Western Shore of the Province. From both these Missionaries most gratifying reports have already been received by the Committee ; and it is our pleasing duty to state, although they have been engaged

* Col. Butler, of Martock, Windsor, who has conveyed by deed to the Church at Aylesford, 100 acres of land, with the School-house erected by his means upon it.