

culated to increase your interest in, and endeavours for, the progress and prosperity of the Society, when you perceive and consider how greatly the cause of Christ's Church and true religion has been, and is, promoted by its operations, and how largely the sphere of those operations, with their holy and blessed effects, may be and should be extended in this diocese.

The Committee have great pleasure in being able to assure you and the members of the Church generally that, however far short of what may be, and it is humbly hoped will be, effected by its instrumentality, the affairs and prospects of the society were never on the whole in a more satisfactory and promising condition; whether as regards the funds contributed, or the purposes to which they are, and will be applied. It is indeed a subject of never ceasing regret that so many of the Missions are still kept from that communion and co-operation, which, if productive of no immediate and material benefit to themselves, (a result it might be hoped, not always insisted on)—if productive of no present and material benefit to themselves, in respect of income, or Church, or Parsonage-house, would assuredly strengthen the Church spiritually and increase its efficiency, and bring down the blessing promised to those "who are of one mind in a House." But still further, if every mission, sending to the Treasurer one-fourth of the general collection, may receive on any particular occasion, far more than the amount contributed, the interests of every Mission would surely in turn be served by such association. And that such has been the case—that every Mission contributing to the funds of the Society has received back, upon requiring and asking assistance, more than the amounts paid in,—might very easily be shewn by reference to the accounts of Receipt and Expenditure. This remark applies of course to the Out port Missions;