

R E P O R T .

The commencement of another year has rendered necessary the preparation of the Annual Report of the Diocesan Church Society, whereby the members of our Church may have a concise view of her progress during the year that has recently closed and of her prospects in the one that has opened upon us ; and the Committee, to whom this duty has been intrusted, would invite the Society at large to unite with them in acknowledging the many *mercies* which our Heavenly Father has graciously vouchsafed to the Island generally. The promise that seed time and harvest shall not cease has been fulfilled, for the various productions of our land have amply compensated those whose energies are directed to the cultivation of the soil. The mysterious and fearful scourge with which other lands have been afflicted, has not visited our shores, nor have we suffered from the grievous murrain by which so many of the cattle of the Mother Country have been destroyed.

Another source of thankfulness is that our Missionary clergymen have been permitted to pursue their duties without any serious interruption from ill health, while the reports from the several parishes give encouraging signs of progress and improvement. In one quarter we hear of the completion of a church, which, in the chaste finish of its execution, may justly claim to be the model church of our Isle, and we trust that it will long remain a lively monument of the Pastor's zeal and the liberality of those who worship within its walls. In another part, a second church is ready for consecration ; and in Cascumpec we have a second illustration of what may be done when the energy of the clergyman is seconded by the resolves of his people. These instances of activity on the part of our Missionaries and their people, the Committee accept as token of greater zeal and enlarged liberality for the future ;