

REPORT.

THE general statement of the affairs of the Parent Wesleyan Missionary Society, read at the last annual meeting held in Exeter Hall in May last, was of a most cheering and gratifying character. Without further preliminary remarks, we proceed to lay before the friends of Wesleyan Missions in Eastern Canada the most important and interesting portions of the abbreviated Annual Report :—

The receipts of the Wesleyan Missionary Society for the year ending December 31, 1853, were £114,498 14s. 3d., being an increase of £9,116 14s. 9d. over those of the preceding year. As the amounts presented to the Society in the form of Donations on Annuity are more than Four Thousand Pounds less than in the former year, and as there is also a small decrease on other Miscellaneous sources of Income, it is evident that the result now reported must have arisen from a considerable advance on other sources of receipt. This advance is found in the receipts from the Home Districts, in the Hibernian Missionary Society, and in the contributions of Foreign Auxiliaries, especially the Auxiliaries in Australia, which have exceeded all former years in their ordinary contributions, and have also remitted considerable sums for the outfit and passage of additional Ministers for the Colonies ; but the amount of legacies received during the year has been advanced beyond all former precedent by the payment to the Society of the munificent bequest of Ten Thousand Pounds, less duty, by the Society's early and well known friend, the late Thomas Marriott, Esq.