

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Committee of the Montreal Religious Tract Society, in laying their annual statement before the friends of Tract distribution, would begin by saying, that they have deeply felt the little interest which the operations of this Society excite in the minds of the members of the Protestant churches of the City. Is it because the work the Tract Society has undertaken is unimportant? or that the publications it is its privilege to distribute, are of doubtful character or tendency? neither of these suppositions can be admitted. The fact, that the declaration of the way of a sinner's acceptance with God through the atonement of Jesus Christ, is contained in the smallest publication of this Society, is enough to commend it to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. The importance of sending abroad the truths of the Gospel in this form, admits of neither doubt nor disputation. The many proofs of the Divine favour vouchsafed to the instrumentality here used, in bringing souls out of nature's darkness into the marvellous light of the gospel, is sufficient to warrant its procedure, and to stimulate afresh the zeal of its conductors. These things being stated, it may be asked, how is it, then, that the Committee Meetings of the Society are so poorly attended? that so many of the districts of the Tract Association are without distributors, and the funds necessary for the proper working of the Society so scantily supplied? Indeed, collectors for