

## REPORT.

Your Committee have unaffected satisfaction in being permitted to meet you again, for the purpose of presenting their second Annual Report. Much cause have they for congratulation on the success which has hitherto attended their labours, and they feel it to be their duty to offer up their ardent and devout acknowledgments to the Author and Giver of every good and perfect gift, for the blessing He has bestowed upon their work, and for opening a prospect of usefulness, which they fervently trust may yearly continue to be more and more extended and enlarged.

The good seeds of this Society are, indeed, only now beginning to be scattered abroad; yet your Committee entertain the hope that they have not been committed to an unproductive soil, and they have every encouragement to look forward to a rich and abundant harvest. They are not prepared to say they have enjoyed a complete immunity from disappointments, or that no obstacles have presented themselves in the pursuit of their plans of usefulness; but to these disappointments they have been enabled to submit with patience, and these obstacles have not, for a moment, caused them to relax their efforts, or to lose sight of the great object which they had pledged themselves, to the fullest extent of their ability, to promote.

Your Committee are impressed with a deep conviction of the importance of their undertaking, and more particularly in a section of the Province where much moral darkness and error still prevail.—And although they are sensible that a long course of unwearied exertion will be necessary to effect a material change, they do not, from such a contemplation, yield themselves to a feeling of despondency; but confiding in the promises of Him who has declared that His everlasting Word shall spread over the world, even “as the waters cover the sea,” the reflection of their own weakness as an instrument in the hands of Providence, affords but fresh incitement to redoubled perseverance in the great cause in which it is their happiness to be engaged.

The Report of your Committee for the year ending in January, 1841, adverted with much propriety to the specific objects of the Parent Society, the principles upon which it was founded, and the extent of its operations in the four quarters of the globe.

Your Committee, who succeeded them, deem it not inexpedient to recur to this topic, as in the prosecution of their labours they have