

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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KINGSTON, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1832.

THE COMMITTEE of the KINGSTON RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY now appear before their friends to resign the important charge which they have held during the past year; and on such an occasion they feel that they owe it to those from whom they received their trust, as well as to themselves, to give an account of their stewardship. This is easily done in the present instance, for, during the period of their management, few circumstances have occurred very much to diversify the operations or to extend the limits of the Institution, and the consequence has been, that, like a substantial and well-proved piece of mechanism, it has worked evenly and steadily—affording to the historian little to record, and to the lover of variety as little to gratify his taste for new things. Several events, it is true, have taken place since our last Annual Meeting that might have been expected to give a fresh impetus to the exertions of your managers, and consequently to have produced results worthy of a place in the annals of the Society. The hand of the Lord has been heavy on this and the Sister Province—the pestilence that walks in darkness and that wastes at noonday, has been in the city of our habitation and in the surrounding country; and your Committee freely acknowledge that a judgment so awful ought to have contributed, in no slight degree, to dissipate any gathering supineness on their part, and to awaken them to new activity in disseminating the knowledge of that God who only can keep the mind in peace in times of trouble, and who has conveyed to every one that takes hold of his covenant the cheering assurance, “Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” At seasons so so-