

REPORT.

THE friends of the Columbia Mission will excuse the delay in bringing out this Report when they find it contains extracts from a journal of the Bishop's voyage from England to his diocese, for tidings of whose arrival it was thought advisable to wait.

FINANCE.

The Balance-sheet shows the contributions for the year ending December 31, 1864, to have reached 7,610*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* being an increase of 833*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.* over those of 1863, which were 6,777*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* The home expenses have amounted to 555*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* Of the sum drawn out during 1864 for the use of the Mission in the Colony a portion has been invested on the spot.

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL APPEAL.

Considering the amount raised in 1863 and 1864, the results of the special appeal may be regarded as so far satisfactory that the Mission has been thereby saved from failure. The Bishop of Columbia during his extended labour in England, involving sermons and meetings 401 times, had constantly before him the question, "Is this mission, so well begun, now to fail from want of funds, or is it through God's blessing to go on and minister the Gospel of Salvation to the lost souls of men?" A persuasion, that the latter alternative must only be entertained, urged him resolutely to persevere, though at the cost several times of succumbing to ill health, until the help of many friends relieved the Mission from anxiety. He went back, however, with the conviction that, though he had succeeded in the object of his visit, the clergy must be reduced rather than increased in number.

DIFFICULTY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION.

The unsettled condition of the white population has made it impossible to obtain stated support for the clergy except in a few instances, while mission work amongst the heathen Indians must be borne entirely from without. Yet it is greatly to be desired that so fine a portion of British North America should not be neglected in its best and highest interests, but well sown