

REPORT.

THE Board of Directors of THE HALIFAX ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR, submit the First Annual Report of the operations of the Society with gratitude to God that in the past year so many have been led to unite with them in the Christian work of ameliorating the condition of the poor among us.

With heartfelt satisfaction they express their belief that the plan of systematic beneficence adopted and faithfully pursued in the first, and experimental, year of the Society's existence, has been attended with encouraging success; and they now feel justified in making an earnest appeal to the benevolent of every name to rally to the support of an Institution which has proved itself so well adapted in its arrangements to conduct the streams of liberality,—hitherto flowing freely, but in varied and irregular courses—into a channel where their united volume may be much more powerful and efficacious for good.

This Association was originated at a meeting held in the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, on the 27th of December last, which was attended by a number of clergymen and laymen who felt the need of an organization to seek out and relieve the temporary distress of the deserving poor, and at the same time to operate as a check upon the vicious in their too generally successful schemes of imposture, and to repress the many evils which result from indiscriminate almsgiving. A resolution was there adopted, "That this meeting having had submitted to it the rules of a Society in New York for the relief of the Poor, resolve to establish an Association in Halifax on similar principles; that the city be divided into four Districts, and that there