

REPORT, &c.

THE Committee of the Wesleyan Missionary Auxiliary Society for the district of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, beg leave to present their congratulations to the members and friends of the Institution on the arrival of its fifth anniversary, but they would do this with *greater* pleasure could they look back upon the past year and discover in its receipts an improved state of the funds of the Society.

At its institution, it will be remembered that the immediate formation of local Committees or Branch Societies in the different circuits of the district was recommended, but the Committee are sorry to say that in some, from the extreme pressure of the times and other causes, their anticipations have not been realized, and the necessary result has been, that the collections in aid of the funds have been made in a subsidiary manner.

One circumstance operating materially against the interests of the Society has been, a deficiency of collectors; ~~as the~~ Committee most cordially coincide with the Committee of the Parent Society, who say, that where active collectors can be engaged, experience has sufficiently proved there are persons in every place who so love the Lord Jesus and desire the extension of his kingdom, that when missionary intelligence is circulated among them, and their attention called to the extension of the kingdom of Christ among the Heathen, they will with "readiness of spirit" make their regular contributions for purposes for which they daily pray, and which make an appeal so animated and efficient to those high and holy feelings which burn in the bosom of every true disciple of Him who came "to seek and to save that which was lost." They are therefore sanguine in their expectations that during this ensuing year, the number of efficient collectors will be greatly augmented.

Convinced of the utility of Branch Societies, by which in the different circuits, a correct aim may be given to, and a constant impulse impressed upon, the exertions of our friends in this noble and christian enterprise, and satisfied that these laudable and benevolent exertions cannot fail of being more productive by a steady and zealous cooperation, to the inducement of which the Institution of Branch Societies is highly favorable, the committee are exceedingly anxious for their formation in all the circuits of the district.

They are therefore happy to have it in their power to announce the formation of a regularly organized Branch Society in the town of Halifax during the last year from the exertions of which the sum of £64 19 11 has been already realized. This Branch is now in active operation, and the Committee feel assured that the assistance which will be derived from it during the course of the ensuing year will be highly creditable to the exertions of the benevolent individuals by whom its business is conducted. It is also grateful to the feelings of the Committee to be informed that it is intended at an early day to reduce the isolated exertions of several active ladies, whose zeal and influence in the missionary cause have already been productive of about £25, into the combined energy and laudable emulation of a female association.

Active Branch Societies have also been instituted at St. John and Fredericton; from the former place the sum of £43 10 5 has been received by the treasurer of this Society, and from the latter £7 12.