

REPORT.

SINCE our last Anniversary, a year of no small embarrassment and apprehension has elapsed : for besides the Commercial and pecuniary difficulties which all classes of our population were made to feel ; the arm of the great moral Arbiter of the world has been revealed, and men have been painfully reminded of their obligations and of their dangers, by a Providential intervention which has been more or less felt in almost all lands, and which has been as fearful in its effects as it has been baffling in most cases to the most strenuous efforts of medical skill. The Malignant Cholera has claimed its victims in this Town, (Halifax,) and probably among these were some who were not only "*lights in their generation*"; but who, solicitous for the extension of christianity in all her hallowing influences, anticipated the pleasure which many in this assembly enjoy of contributing to the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Their day of labour is ended ; but their example is left to us, of "*working while it is called to-day*:"—and if there be any consideration which above all others should arouse us to diligence and promptitude it is, that "*as Stewards, we must give an account*;" and that probably at "*a time we look not for*".

At our last District Meeting we had to record the death of a young man of uncommon promise ; and at this—the death of the Father of Methodism in these Provinces :—He is gone to his reward in a ripe old age. By his honoured instrumentality was "*the seed of the Kingdom*" sown in Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, and by him was that seed nurtured until, through the blessing of the Great Husbandman, it sprang up and brought fruit unto God :—others have since entered upon his labours who, trusting in the revealed intention and acknowledged ability of Jehovah to give the increase, anticipate the period when a yet more abundant harvest shall be gloriously secured.

It is with devout thankfulness that your Committee review the past ; and although the success of our Missions in this part of the Lord's vineyard has not equalled our wishes ; yet has it been such as to supply encouragement to renewed and persevering effort. This District comprehends twelve circuits in Nova-Scotia, three in Prince Edward Island, and two in Cape Breton ; on which eleven Missionaries, four Assistants and three Supernumeraries, are diligently and usefully employed in dispensing the Gospel of God our Saviour ; and in the Societies under their care are 2561 members, presenting an increase