

REPORT.

Since our last public meeting, the operations of this Society have been carried on chiefly through the agency of the Ladies' Association. The part of your Committee has been to supply from time to time, not the sinews of war, but the *materiel* for charity; and, as on former occasions, we have again gratefully to acknowledge the energetic and self-denying labours of the members of that Association, who have continued to minister to the wants of all who came within the range of their benevolent operations.

The funds reported as on hand at the time of our last meeting as a Society, were so considerable, that your Committee, while individually contributing for the relief of certain special cases as they occurred, did not feel it so incumbent to make fresh demands, meanwhile, on the members of the Society. When occasion shall arise for further contributions, we doubt not they will be made in the same liberal spirit as heretofore. The expenditure, as shewn by the Treasurer's report, amounted, during the last two years to £444 7s 7d. leaving a balance in hand of £263 3s. 7d. The report of the Ladies' Association shews the number of Fugitives relieved during the same time to have been between four and five hundred.

The Committee adheres to its rule of testing, as far as it has the means of doing so, the genuineness of the applications made for aid from the funds, and the system of monthly visitors has been steadily kept up by the Ladies. For two years we have not employed any agent as an itinerating Lecturer, nor did the number of occurring cases seem to call for the continuance of an office at which a paid officer should attend, although we have had occasion to engage the services of a party to procure lodgings and find suitable places for Fugitives as they arrived.