

REPORT.

The Report of a Religious Society is useful for other purposes than merely to account for a period of Stewardship. Where fidelity to principle and humble exertion have been followed by success, it becomes a permanent memorial of God's guidance;—a page in his wise and gracious providence, and a chronicle for the time of the progress of the Institution whose doings are recorded. The fitness of such a medium for the recognition of dependence on divine aid, and for the expression of thanks to our Heavenly Benefactor will at once be apparent; and you Committee in again appearing before their constituents, would seek humbly and sincerely at once to record their gratitude for the success which they have been privileged to enjoy, and with devout reverence to ascribe the whole to the grand source of all success in such enterprise saying, "Not unto us O Lord, not unto us but unto thy name be the glory."

The past year has been characterized by steady progress; our issues have very largely increased—several new Branches and Depots have been established, and the income has been adequate to the augmented expenditure—our work however is not yet done. The field widens as we labor. He who "openeth and no man shutteth" is saying to us—"behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it, for thou hast a little strength." The reward of the faithful is not rest but labor. When our door is shut, it will prove that our "little strength" has been exhausted and that "Ichabod" not "Jehovah-Shammah" is our appropriate motto.

We have again as on former occasions of a kindred character to record the removal during the year of several members from the Committee. Lieut. Colonel Lawrence, Captain Stace, Captain Haultaine, Lieutenant Newdegate, and Doctor Fraser were removed with their troops, some to England and others to Quebec. Their services were valuable, and their memories will be long cherished with affection and esteem. We are called on also to record our regret and sorrow at the removal of the Rev. A. Lorimer. His affectionate and christian deportment and his habitual readiness to serve the interests of the Society, will make his absence felt by all who were accustomed to co-operate with him. By these removals we are forcibly reminded of the mutabili-