

REPORT, &c.

THE period having arrived at which the Annual General Meeting of this Society, agreeably to its rules, should have been held, your Committee found it indispensably necessary to postpone the meeting until the present evening, in order that they might be enabled to embrace in their first report, the transactions of the last month; and they have now the pleasure of presenting a Report of the proceedings of the Society from its commencement, until the 6th day of the present month.

This important Charity, it will be remembered, was founded in the month of February of the present year, a season, of all others, the most severe and distressing to the poor: but whilst the Committee, in referring to that season, are reminded of the numerous and distressing scenes of wretchedness that were then exhibited, they cannot deny themselves the pleasure of acknowledging with gratitude to God, the liberality of the public, by means of which many deserving families and individuals were rescued from the extreme of misery.

Some idea may be formed of the importance and extensive usefulness of the Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society, when it is stated, that in little more than *nine months* not less than *eleven hundred and eighty three* cases, consisting of *four thousand two hundred and thirteen individuals*, have been relieved by it, with *one thousand thirty one and a half feet of wood*, *eight thousand nine hundred and thirty four pounds of meal*, *eleven hundred and fifty pints of molasses*, *eight hundred and twenty two loaves of bread*, *thirty two and an eighth pounds of tea*, *one*

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