

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

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SOON after the formation of the Society in March of the present year, your committee proceeded to carry into effect the intentions of the Society, and ordered a supply of Tracts from the Depository at Kingston. At the same time they appointed several male and female Collectors, by whose assiduity a considerable fund has been received. An abstract of the Treasurer and Depository's account will be found in the appendix to the report.

Your Committee feel that they ought not to submit their first report without acknowledgement of gratitude to the Most High for that measure of success with which he has been pleased to crown the commencement of our undertaking. When it is considered that the Society has not been in operation for more than five months, and that many whose aid may hereafter be expected, have not yet had an opportunity of extending it; there is reason of gratitude to God on account of the cheering prospects of success and usefulness. - When the objects of the society are better known, it cannot be doubted that many who desire the prosperity of Zion, will be found ready to support and extend its cause.

In the present divided state of the Church in this recent colony, it is pleasing to discover "some common ground on which Christian union may be established and strengthened; Christian affection excited and cherished, and Christian zeal concentrated and rendered proportionally effective."

In the address of the Secretary of the London Religious Tract Society, unfolding the plan and objects of the institution, this common ground is distinctly pointed out. *Our Tracts*, they say, "flowing from the sacred