

REPORT.

It is now more than two years since the last Report of the Committee of the Toronto City Mission was submitted to its friends and supporters. During this period several things have occurred to hinder the regular working of the society. The excellent Treasurer, Mr. W. D. Taylor, and Secretaries, Messrs. J. C. Geikie and G. A. Pyper, have left the city. The society was thus deprived of its most important office-bearers. Other devoted friends of the Mission were removed by death, among whom were Mrs. W. D. Taylor and Mr. Peter Freeland. These untoward occurrences seriously affected the pecuniary resources of the Committee. They were, therefore, compelled to suffer a large portion of the salary of the Missionary in their employment to remain for a long time unpaid. Matters had come to such a crisis that it seemed at one time that the Mission must be given up. It was felt however that so noble and necessary an enterprise ought not to be abandoned; and accordingly in October last a special effort was made to place the Society in a better financial position. What success has resulted from this effort will appear from the Treasurer's statement. The Committee think it right to mention that it has been chiefly through the exertions of the ladies connected with the Mission that funds have been obtained for its support. Notwithstanding all the difficulties referred to, the Society's Missionary, Mr. William Johnston, has been prosecuting his work with untiring zeal, and not a little success. Want of support has not damped his enthusiasm, or caused him to relax his efforts for the salvation of perishing sinners. His heart is in the work, and he pursues it uncomplainingly, sustained by the spirit of his master, and animated by the prospect of meeting in a better world with those who, through his efforts, have been rescued from sin and brought to