

REPORT.

The Committee to whom you entrusted the distribution of your funds, and the proper working of the Society for the past year, desire, in making their annual report, to join with you in ascribing praise to Almighty God, for the manifold benefits both temporal and spiritual, which He of his abundant mercy has continued to extend to the inhabitants of this Island; to magnify with you the Name of Him, who, Lord of Heaven and earth and the disposer of all human events, has vouchsafed to bless the arms of our countrymen, and the brave troops allied with them in maintaining the rights and independence of nations, with many and distinguished successes, especially in enabling them to break down the stronghold of the enemy and thereby give the first effectual check to the unjust and ambitious designs of an unprincipled and tyrannical monarch; and to unite with you in prayer, that the God of Battles, who is the "author of Peace and Lover of concord" would cause all those victories which He gives, to issue in the return of a true and lasting peace, which would under His blessing tend to the welfare of mankind and the promotion of his own glory.

Your Committee have the pleasure of reporting, that notwithstanding the high price of provisions and the pressure of the times, the funds of the Society have increased during the past year, especially that portion of them that has been raised in the country districts.

The following returns from the various missions in the Island, while they furnish you with much pleasing intelligence and exhibit the practical working of the Soci-