

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting their Report for the past year, the Committee have to regret, that their labors and endeavors are not known to have been attended with such striking results as would give a stirring interest to the narrative. The proceedings of the year have been of an ordinary character; a sort of patient continuance in well doing, coupled with diverse attempts at more extensive usefulness.

COLPORTAGE.

In this department of labor, the Committee had hoped to follow up with vigor the gratifying experiments made in the previous year, and to engage a large band of able colporteurs for the city, and the most destitute parts of the country. With this view, correspondence was opened with the Boston Tract Society; and the object seemed on the point of being secured (as in 1851,) in the engagement of several Theological Students, as colporteurs for the summer vacation, when their attention was called off to a kindred undertaking, and their services were devoted to it. After this untoward disappointment, your Committee were not successful in finding other agents. Hence no more than 3 colporteurs have been employed in the course of the year. One of these Mr. Jersey, has been laboring in Missisquoi county, but with much interruption from ill health and bad roads. The two others, Messrs. Jamieson and Le Marchant, prosecuted their work extensively among the French population, with praiseworthy zeal and industry in the face of discouragements.