

DUNHAM, December, 1855.

SIR,—We are pleased to state that, while no very marked revivals have attended our labours through the past year, we have made advance in point of discipline, and those Teachers and members of the Schools, whose hearts are given to God, are progressing spiritually. Their souls are in a healthful state, and they are prepared to move forward in the work of the Lord.

Some of our Committee have enjoyed an increase of the religion of Christ—their graces have been refined, and an anxious desire is manifested for the prosperity of the Schools. This we regard as a harbinger of more extensive achievements. A sentiment prevails among some of our members that personal happiness, and not public usefulness, is the great end for which men are converted and gathered into Christ's Church. This is one end, but not the great end which God has in view. If we rightly understand the mind of the spirit as revealed in the Bible, the great end for which men are converted and formed into religious communities, is to benefit others, by bringing them to a knowledge of the Truth as it is in Jesus, that they may obtain the forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ Jesus, and an inheritance among them that are sanctified.

Our Libraries are in excellent condition. The books pass from hand to hand, and from house to house. The two Libraries purchased at the Depository, last year, are thought more highly of than any we purchased previous. Our Librarians are men of sterling worth; they know how to appreciate good books, and how to take good care of them. The public, generally, read them, and their influence upon the public mind is visible; a spirit of enquiry, diligence and emulation is seen in some families, whilst in others the books are disseminating their silent but useful lessons of religion and