

## REPORT

OF THE

*BRITISH AND CANADIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY.*

As several years have passed without any Report having been made of the proceedings of this Establishment, your Committee consider it their duty to take a retrospect of its progress since the year 1824, the date of the last Report; but this they propose to do in as succinct a manner as the nature of the subject admits.

A reference to the abstract from the Books of the Society, which is annexed to this Report, will show that, notwithstanding the various obstacles with which the different Committees had to contend, the school gradually increased from 1823, until the month of March, 1830, at which time the number of Scholars was 204—as marked in the book of Daily Attendance; but since that period the number has been reduced to 85. Your Committee however have the means of accounting for this diminution in a manner which will convince their friends that it does not arise from any cause inimical to this establishment, but from such as might naturally have been expected to produce this effect. They have now the satisfaction of stating that the number is again on the increase, and hope that a proper attention and effort on the part of the members of the Society will soon cause the vacant benches to be once more filled.

The cause of the diminution alluded to above, is not such as to discourage the friends of Education in this country, on the contrary, it arises from the circumstance of three schools receiving aid from the Legislature, with several private schools, having come into operation this year; and although