

ADDRESS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE UPPER CANADA RELIGIOUS TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY, was at its formation well introduced to a considerable part of the Christian Public of York, by the various Speakers who addressed the Meeting. But as this Society contemplates a wider field of operation than the Town of York, and wishes to conciliate the support and co-operation of Christians in the adjacent, as well as the more remote Townships of the Province, it has seemed good to the Committee, to commence the work intrusted to them by publishing this short Address.

The propriety of Associations amongst Christians for diffusing Divine Truth, through the medium of Tracts and Books, is justified by these obvious considerations : that the Press, as well as the living voice of the Preacher, must be extensively employed in illustrating and applying the Word of God ; and that the exertions of many, when combined, are more effectual than they would be if put forth separately, for employing the Press in this the noblest work to which its powers can be consecrated. And the advantages of such Associations are proved by abundant experience. In every age of the Church, the writings of men who have themselves known and felt the Truth, have been useful for imparting the knowledge of it to others ; and in these latter days, Tract Societies hold no inconsiderable place amongst the means that are employed in evangelizing the world.

The UPPER CANADA RELIGIOUS TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY, it will be perceived, is not a direct Auxiliary to the London Religious Tract Society, as it was conceived by its founders that the Province presents a field abundantly wide