

REPORT.

IN offering to the Society their annual statement of proceedings, your committee may be permitted to be brief on the present occasion, both because the past year has produced but little variation in the progress of the Institution, and because your respected agent being present from his recent long tour on behalf of the Society's funds, as well as many other friends, it is hoped your attention will be much more interestingly engaged with addresses from them.

The department of instruction has continued during the past year to prosper under the able superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Pryor, assisted by Mr. Edward Blanchard, junr. in the same branches of instruction, for the most part, which have heretofore engaged attention, and which have been attended by large and thriving classes. At one period, during the course of the last winter, there was so large an accession of young persons requiring instruction in several branches of science, that the committee felt themselves called on to seek the assistance, for a short time, of an additional teacher, and accordingly engaged Mr. Laird, of Horton, for a quarter.

For the last year, the system of boarding in the establishment belonging to the Society has been in full operation, and has been exceedingly beneficial in promoting the comfort of the scholars, and in placing them, at all hours, more immediately under the guardianship of the officers of the institution.

At the last anniversary a large debt appearing against the Society, and the necessity of strenuous endeavours to liquidate it being pressed on their attention, they directed agencies to be commenced in this country and abroad; and several ministers of the denomination were nominated for this purpose. The Rev. Mr. Vidito subsequently visited several of the Western parts of the Province, accordingly, and collected about £48. The Rev. Mr. Richardson travelled along part of the southern shore Westward of Halifax and obtained subscriptions amounting nearly to £70, only part of which, however, has been realized. The Rev. Mr. Bill, who had been nominated