

REPORT.

IN proceeding to present to their friends and to the public, the ordinary outline of such measures and results as have marked the continued operations of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society, it is proper that the Committee should begin with an expression of regret that a more punctual observance of the usual period for the Annual Meeting, should have been precluded by a succession of circumstances over which they had no control. It is, however, at once gratifying and encouraging to the Committee to find themselves enabled to resume once more a strain of grateful praise to God for such measures of his grace and guidance as have been, in answer to continued prayer, conferred upon the labours of another year. Diversified, indeed, have been the incidents attendant on the various means employed from time to time in furtherance of the important ends for which the Society exists ; so that whilst new and widening spheres of action have been opened for the operations of the Society in one direction, the door of usefulness has seemed, for a season, to become closed against them in another. But in the general tenor of the summary statement which it is now incumbent on your Committee to make, of the past proceedings, present condition, and future prospects, of the Society's affairs, they venture to persuade themselves that adequate grounds will be discovered for adopting the renewed conclusion, that hitherto the Lord hath helped them.

The ordinary business of the Society, naturally and necessarily separating itself into the two general departments of Income and Distribution, the Committee invite the attention of their Constituents, firstly, to a few of such occurrences as have been connected more directly with the latter of the two. Their early notice having been directed by a Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting, to the then projected plan for supplying the whole of the neighbouring and newly settled county of Megantic with the Word of God ; and "every possible exertion" having been prescribed to them with a view to its completion previous to the termination of the then current year ; it became the duty of your Committee to endeavour to profit by the local knowledge and personal assistance