

REPORT.

YOUR Committee have called you together somewhat earlier than usual, that we might all have the pleasure and the benefit of the presence of the Rev. JAMES THOMSON, the Bible Society Agent, whose praise is now in all the Provinces, and who, in consequence of arrangements necessarily made with friends of the Bible cause in other parts, would not be able, with any degree of propriety, to attend at a later period.

Your Committee would call upon you to join them in a note of thanksgiving and praise to the God of all Grace, that we meet on this occasion under very auspicious circumstances. In saying this, they have reference not merely to the very favourable accounts of Bible Society operations abroad, but to the more extended diffusion of the Scriptures within the sphere of this Auxiliary;—to both of which your Committee, in the discharge of their annual duty, will now direct your attention.

In former years, various districts of the City and neighbourhood had been visited, for the purpose of ascertaining the Bible wants of our population, and supplying the destitute with the lively Oracles of God. But in a place like this where the population is in a state of constant fluctuation, and additions are frequently made by immigration, it must be granted, that such visits would require to be repeated again and again.—Accordingly, with the advice of our friend, the Bible Society Agent, the work was re-undertaken this year, and entered into with greater precision and minuteness than on any former oc-