

REPORT.

THE Executive Committee, presenting their annual report to the Society, desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the support which he has been pleased to give, and the blessings which seem to have attended its work. During the past year, which has been a time of unusual financial difficulty, the friends of the Society have been led to acknowledge its claims and generally to answer its appeal.

It will be remembered that while the income has been fully pledged for the support of missionaries, it has been necessary to pay during 1869 the sum of \$875 to make up the deficiency in the Block Sum of S. P. G.

In the last report it was stated that an income of \$6250 would be required to meet all the engagements up to the end of 1869: Although the receipts have fallen nearly \$600 short of that amount, yet, owing to special exertions and the temporary surrender by most of the Parishes of their right to reserve one fourth of their collections, the income was nearly \$1600 in advance of the previous year. Several grants made for missionaries have not been expended which has enabled the Committee to meet all the engagements entered into for 1869.

The Society will, no doubt, regret that this has been effected partly because of vacancies in several of our missions, and will heartily join with the Committee in the hope that more men may speedily offer themselves to work for the "great master."

Many applications, some of them very urgent in their claims, have been unsuccessful because the funds of the Society are deeply pledged to keep up the Block Sum to the promised and required amount. For the same reason it has of course been impossible to extend the missionary work.