

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee appointed at a meeting of the General Committee of the Ladies' Educational Association, to enquire into the practice of kindred associations with reference to the admission of gentlemen, as members or otherwise, beg to report:—

That they addressed a circular letter, submitting the following questions, to the Secretaries of the Edinburgh, London, Birmingham, Dublin, Cambridge and Toronto Associations:—

DEAR MADAM,

A "Ladies' Educational Association" having been recently formed in this city, the members are desirous of obtaining information as to the practice of other similar associations, and would feel much obliged by your furnishing the same, and for any suggestions which, from past experience, you may consider would be an improvement upon your present practice.

1st. Whether gentlemen are elected as honorary members, and whether admitted as auditors or on the platform?

2nd. Whether other gentlemen are admitted as auditors, and whether by election or otherwise.

3rd. Whether gentlemen take any part in the administration of the general business of the association, and if so, what part?

4th. Whether lady-honorary members are elected, and as such admitted as auditors, and whether they take part in the general business of the association?

Dr. WILSON of Toronto, in acknowledging this letter writes:—"Except on occasions of an *introductory* lecture, gentlemen are absolutely excluded from the lectures delivered to the Ladies' Educational Association of this city, which is managed by a small joint committee of ladies and gentlemen; the correspondence with lecturers and financial details being left to three gentlemen, in whom all have confidence."

By communications from Boston we learn, that everywhere college-courses are open to women; but that within the past few weeks a few ladies interested in "the better education of women," invited a number of Professors and other distinguished experienced gentlemen to a conference on that subject, with a view to the organization of an Educational Association. On that occasion one of the most prominent speakers said:—"I hold that the different training of the sexes can only be explained by the consciousness, coeval with civilization, of a native difference of mind, suggesting and demanding diversity of intel-