

REPORT.

IN presenting to our friends and to the public the first Annual Report of our proceedings in this Colony, it cannot be expected that we should have any very interesting or extended operations to record. Our existence has been brief, our labors limited and our exertions, we trust only preparatory to more enlarged and widely extended efforts. We are well aware that the adherents of our Church, and the contributors to the Association, are but very imperfectly acquainted with the field which ought to be occupied and possessed by our Missionaries. In this as in every other department of public usefulness, a practical training and discipline is essentially necessary. We know that our attached friends are willing to be taught; they are anxiously desirous of information, and it is certainly our duty to lay before them such intelligence as we from time to time can obtain, to stimulate their zeal and direct their exertions. It would occupy too much time and space, were we to introduce into this Report the varied and extended Educational and Missionary operations of the parent Church at home and abroad. Those who are desirous of obtaining such information ought to consult the accredited publications of the Church of Scotland, the Acts of Assembly, the exceedingly exciting and interesting reports of the different Committees, and the monthly Records of the Church. Our field is necessarily limited, to a certain extent isolated; but as immortal souls in all parts of the universe are inestimably precious, our labors, although on a limited scale, cannot be viewed with indifference. We are seeking to promote the spiritual and immortal welfare of a number of our fellow creatures, living in the same neighborhood, professing to belong to the same Church, and placing, as we trust, their hope and confidence in the same Saviour with ourselves. We have often been astonished that even true and sincere Christians should feel so little interest in the spirit-