

REPORT.

THE cause of Missions is the cause of God ; and, in whatever aspect we contemplate its existence or operations, the Christian's deepest sympathy is awakened, and his most ardent attachment secured. If we review the past, alike conspicuously may we behold the smallness of its beginning, and the certainty of its progress : if we investigate its present position and rapidly increasing strength, its vitality and progress to maturity are manifest ; or, if imagination ventures to delineate the glorious issue of "the handful of corn," or "the grain of mustard seed," prophetic vision seems to withdraw the veil, and open before us an enlightened world, the triumph of truth, and the universal reign of the "Prince of Peace." In whatever department of the Missionary enterprize we are engaged, or however limited our influence, it is a pleasing reflection, that we may subserve the purposes of redeeming mercy, and bear an honourable (though humble) part, in crowning the Redeemer—Lord of all !

In presenting to this meeting our Annual Report, your Committee record with gratitude the providential care of the Ruler of the universe, which, in the time of public calamity, has mercifully screened our Missionaries from the sword of the destroying angel. The season of calamity is past ; and, with unbroken ranks, we are permitted to engage in the services of the present Anniversary. This, our joy, is however mingled with trembling ; for, while our Missionaries are enabled to occupy their several spheres of labour, we regret to state that our esteemed brother, J. Hughson, Esq., who, from the formation of our Auxiliary Missionary Association, has rendered such efficient services as Treasurer of the Society, and for a still longer period as Treasurer of the Connexion, has been the subject of protracted bodily affliction. In con-