

REPORT

Our Eleventh Annual Report must, like all the preceding, be taken up with a relation of the labors, difficulties, discouragements and encouragements of the past year. During the winter Mr. Rand was engaged in the work of translating the book of Exodus. The native assistant attended the Normal School, and in the Spring, having become involved in pecuniary difficulties, he withdrew from his connection with the Society, with the hope as it would appear, of bettering his condition in a pecuniary point of view, by having himself the control of his time and earnings. So far as we can learn he has no intention of returning either to Popery or the woods. He has been since travelling in the United States, as well as in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, lecturing on the Manners and Customs of the Indians, in order to obtain the means of supporting his family and paying his debts; embracing opportunities at the same time of instructing his people. His family still reside at Truro, where two of his children continue to attend and make good proficiency at the Model School.

In our last Report allusion was made to the "New England Company," an Indian Missionary Society, located in London. It was proposed to apply to them for aid. An application to that effect was made accordingly. A very courteous reply was received but the Company declined assisting us.

Mr. Rand having requested that some measures might be adopted for relieving him, to some extent at least, from the burden of collecting the necessary funds, which besides detaching him from direct missionary work, has at times been so onerous as to amount to little short of earning his own salary