

REPORT.

AFTER another year of unremitting toil and anxiety, involving serious consequences and demanding assiduous application, your Committee again appear before their patrons with a report of their operations. In the political and commercial world, the past has been a year swayed by strongly conflicting elements. Even the rise and fall of National Stock, has hung suspended on the uncertain success of contending armies. This has in return produced an equal uncertainty in all commercial operations. And uncertainty here, cannot, from the present state of things, but effect, either more or less, the entire operations of the Church of Christ. As commercial prosperity provides facilities for Christian liberality; so, the paralyzing of commercial energies exerts its reflex influence on the Church of Christ as a whole, and this must ever be the case, unless a deeper type of Christianity is enjoyed, and men can be induced from principle, irrespective of circumstances, to stand to previous positions, and advance on past donations, for the world's evangelization to God. Then, and not till then, can Missionary Committees, year by year, report that steady advancement, which should characterize all their operations. Still, while from these causes, your Committee cannot report the abundant success so much desired by the real child of God, yet, neither your Committee nor any of its agents have been called to labor in vain, or spend their strength for naught. In every department of their work there is evidence of vitality and indications of prosperity.

It is exceedingly encouraging that in the midst of these great national conflicts which have agitated kindred nations, and in them have beggared thousands, and materially effected the commercial resources of this country, there has been a falling off from our income, when compared with last year, of only a little over two cents for each one of our contributors. This sum, though exceedingly small, when deducted, as it has to be, from the actual income of the agents employed, amounts to a fraction over \$5.00 from each of them, and even this sum, small as it is, not unfrequently falls heavily on men, whose whole income is scarcely sufficient, as a rule, to meet their necessary expenditure.

Your Committee would also gratefully acknowledge the hand of God, in the comparative removal of these circumstances, which have largely contributed to the production of the results referred to. Peace on our continent, is again to a great extent restored. An abundant harvest, with advanced prices rewards the toil of the industrious husbandman: this lends wings to commerce, and augments the resources of the mechanic, while it affords abundant