

## REPORT.

Some years have now elapsed, since your Committee have had a favourable opportunity of submitting any formal Report of their proceedings, or of publishing any statement of the labors and prospects of your Society; not that they have ceased to feel an interest in its operations, for they have met on several occasions to discuss matters affecting the well-being of that Church to which, in the good providence of God, it is their privilege to belong, and which it is the avowed object of your Society to uphold and strengthen; but not having accomplished the object they had in view and which met the approbation of your Society at its last Annual Meeting, in August 1848, viz., the securing the services of a travelling Missionary for the destitute settlements of the Island, they did not wish either to lessen the funds which were all set apart for that purpose, by printing an annual Report, or to call you together, when they had nothing material to lay before you.

Your Committee refer with pleasure to the readiness with which the Colonial Church and School Society met their wishes, when it was the intention of your Society to have a properly qualified Missionary for the Island, in placing at your disposal the services of one who has been for several years a resident in the Colonies, and a faithful laborer in his Master's vineyard, and in agreeing to defray the greater part of his salary. Your Committee have, however, to state, that since the arrival of the intended Missionary, unforeseen circumstances have arisen which have prevented your Society from carrying out your original purpose, and have, to a great extent, altered the whole plan of your operations, so that you have now no travelling Missionary.

Your Committee, fully alive to the importance of placing that branch of the Reformed Church established in this Island, which has within herself every requisite for the salvation of its members, in such a position as that when called away from their labors they may depart with the pleasing reflection of having secured to their children the blessings of a Gospel ministry, and the privileges of a