

REPORT.

THE Committee of the Micmac Mission are happy to be able to Report that, amidst the commercial depression and political agitation of the past year, the operations of the Society have been permitted to continue undisturbed; and, slowly indeed, to advance. Our Missionary has been assiduous in his diversified labours,—travelling, preaching, lecturing, collecting subscriptions, translating, correcting, copying, reading the Scriptures to the Indians, and instructing enquirers and such as were willing to listen to the doctrines of the Bible. We think we are fully justified in stating that the interest of the public in the Mission increases rather than otherwise. The large gathering in this Hall at our last Anniversary, notwithstanding a previous unfortunate disappointment, and the sum of about £70 collected in Halifax, despite the financial panic, and the additional fact that, notwithstanding the scarcity of money every where, and our increasing liabilities, we have come out clear of debt, may be mentioned as proof that there is certainly no diminution of the interest taken in the Mission. Letters containing contributions, have been received by Mr. Rand from Europe, from the United States, from P. E. Island, and this Province. One from Lieut. Forbes, R. N., late of the Surveying Schooner *Gulnare*, contained the sum of £10 16s. 5d., principally collected by Mrs. Millar, of Caithness, Scotland, whose name has already appeared several times in our list of patrons. To her and to all such volunteer fellow-labourers our warmest thanks are hereby tendered.

Mr. Rand reports also an increasing number of Indian enquirers, calling upon him to hear the Scriptures read, and to be informed respecting the points of difference between the Roman Catholics and the Protestants. One or two cases of special interest the Committee would gladly make public did prudence permit. But were the names or the stations of the parties to be made known, they might be subjected to annoyance and persecution before being fully prepared for it. The great Teacher cheerfully received the timid enquirer who "came to him by night," and instructed