

REPORT.

ANOTHER eventful period in the history of the world has rapidly passed away, marking the age in which we live with the most important results, since the Committee of "THE HALIFAX ASSOCIATION IN AID OF THE COLONIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL SOCIETY" had the pleasure of meeting the friends and supporters of that Institution. Mercies without number have been bestowed during the past year; yet few have escaped the portion of sorrow and trouble appointed to all; whilst to very many it has proved a period unusually fruitful of mournful mementoes of the uncertainty and vanity of all earthly joys and hopes. War, with its attendant evils has continued to rage with increased fury, threatening to absorb all the energies and all the attention of the Empire. And whilst such a state of things must naturally make the friends of missions very anxious as to the effect it may have upon our religious societies; it is a matter for sincere congratulation and encouragement, that notwithstanding the heavy demands upon the individual and collective resources of our common country, the pecuniary support necessary for the maintenance of the missionary efforts of the Christian public has not in any great measure diminished.

A confirmation of this statement will be found in the fact that the Society's income has gone on steadily increasing, and amounted to £13,547 for the year 1854-5, being an increase of £1,324 13s. 9d. above that of the preceding twelve months.

It is, however, but proper to mention that more than £1000, of the augmentation in the Society's funds has arisen through an increased amount of contributions from