

REPORT, &C.

IN making the Third Annual Report of their proceedings, the NIAGARA DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, are most happy to state that their labours during the past year have been as successful as could have been expected; and now, that a large supply of books has been received from the Parent Society, they hope, with the assistance of the Divine Blessing on their humble exertions, to follow up the design of this excellent Institution, with increased activity and success.

During the winter, the sum of £190 sterling was remitted to the Parent Society, which, with the sum of £50 sent in 1827, has nearly paid for the large supply of Books received in the summer of that year: the Committee, therefore, felt themselves warranted in ordering another supply on a still more extended scale, a Catalogue of which is annexed to this Report, embracing, it is hoped, the most important publications of the P. S. which are likely to be required in this Country. The prices to Members, however, will be found rather higher than formerly, in consequence of the regulation of the Parent Society, adverted to in the Report of last year, by which Foreign Committees are charged the full cost prices of the Books furnished to them, a departure from which regulation, on account of any individual Committee, has not been thought expedient, as none of the Foreign Committees are now required to contribute to the funds of the Parent Society in any way, which it appears from their last Report, sustained a loss of upwards £20,000 during the preceding year, by the expense of reducing the prices to members in England, (who all pay an annual subscription of one Guinea,) together with the amount of gratuitous distributions of Books to Foreign Committees: so that the revenues of this Institution, though amounting to upwards of £68,000, are barely sufficient to meet the demands made upon them; and consequently, it is even apprehended that, unless the subscriptions and benefactions at home increase, it will become necessary to raise the prices of Books to Members in England, or to limit the quantity which they are at present allowed to purchase.