

Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D., in seconding the adoption of the report said :—

"The Report of the Society now before us is a very interesting one. The principle and spirit of catholicity, everywhere manifest in the work of the institution, commend it to the judgment and sympathies of every Christian. All who receive the Bible as a revelation from God, and a perfect rule for belief and conduct can unite in carrying forward the work of this Society. United in a common belief of doctrines essential to knowledge of the way of salvation, people of different names can give time, money and labour, assured that in doing so, the work of the Lord will be accomplished by the means so used.

"Most liberal and charitable is the spirit by which the Society is governed. While books teaching the discriminating doctrines of the various beliefs found among those co-operating to carry forward this work, are not kept on the shelves of the Depository for sale, yet arrangements are made by which they can be ordered through the Society as an agency. Here the general good is secured and accommodation offered to denominational wants.

"The commission given by Christ is the authority for sending forth labourers. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye *therefore*—go ye *THEREFORE* and teach 'all nations, &c. The circulation of God's Word is made an important part of the work sought to be overtaken. Not only the supplying of those who feel the need of the Scriptures, but also the seeking out of those who have no interest in perusing the divine Word is sought by the labourers sent abroad.

"The books sold at the Depository, and distributed by the colporteurs, are doing a work not easily estimated. To a large extent, they anticipate a literature that enfeebles the mind and corrupts the morals of the readers,—a literature that has been labelled "leprous" by those who have carefully examined it. They give wholesome nourishment to the intellectual and moral nature of man. By them useful knowledge is imparted, sound principles inculcated, and the thoughts and sympathies turned to God.

"The work done is of the most general character,—much of it is of

the same character. The Word is preached out and helped, inquirers are directed to a Society doing second."

Colonel Collingwood, on behalf of Bible and Tract Society, because in many are totally ignorant of the Bible, the book that contains good books and the Spirit employs to it can be resorted to monition and comfort. I tasted that the Lord was in the world the same.

A poor boy that who was better than an angel that gave him his work in the denial bringing to

Rev. R. F. Burdett

"Eighteen hundred and the history of our country, the report expected would this year be \$4,000. It is estimated than realized, the fold increase since \$2,000 over 1881. We have withdrawn from us to withdraw from the precious wares to