

inary and natural course of its publications, upon the system of slavery as antagonistic to the Gospel of Christ and destined to be done away through the progress of that Gospel.

In order to this result, the MEMBERS of the Society must labor directly with its Executive Committee and its Secretaries. There is no reason why an officer of any benevolent society, however valuable his services, or however estimable his character, should have a life-lease of his office, or should be continued in that office for form's sake, when he is unwilling to conform the policy of the institution to the known wishes of the great body of his constituents. Every *life-member* of the American Tract Society—made such by the payment of twenty dollars—is entitled to **VOTE** in the election of its directors. Every *life-director* is entitled to **VOTE** in the Board of Directors at the election of Secretaries and the Executive Committee. Let then the members of the Society, severally or in companies, address to each member of the Publishing Committee, and to the Secretaries the simple inquiry: *Are you in favour of bringing the influence of the American Tract Society, through its ordinary publications to bear against the system of American Slavery, as sinful and hostile to the Gospel of Christ?*

If this question shall be answered in the affirmative, the course of the Society in future will be plain. If in the negative, on the part of any or all the members of the Committee or of the Secretaries, let there be at the annual election of the Board of Directors a *vote* equivalent to a vote in the British Parliament of "*want of confidence*" in the existing ministry. Whenever the constituents of the Society shall make it apparent to its officers, that they intend to apply the principle of the responsibility of representatives to the management of that Institution, the policy of the Society upon the subject of slavery will be made to conform to an enlightened Christian sentiment.

#### IV. AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The last society upon the list is the American Sunday School Union.

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