

other Sabbath readers, who, where worth employing, would prosecute their work under the influence of love to the Redeemer, whether they rewarded their services or not. It concluded by reminding them, that even though satisfactory instances of converting souls were much fewer than they were, this would furnish no reason for giving up, or relaxing in their efforts, until another revelation from God had been made to them, which, unlike the present, would make their duty contingent upon success. From the Treasurer's accounts, it appeared that the receipts of the Society during the past year amounted to £2,965, the expenditure to £2,904 16s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of £60 3s. 7d.

Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. C. Stovel, C. Dubourg, Dr. Hoby, Rev. Messrs. J. T. Briscoe, S. J. Davies, S. Brawn (Lough-ton), S. Nicholson (Plymouth), G. Aveline (Maidstone), James Edwards (Nottingham), and S. Green, the Secretary.

CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION SOCIETY.

The thirteenth annual meeting of this Association, which seeks the evangelization of the metropolis, was held in Exeter Hall. Sir Culling Eardley Smith in the chair. The Rev. John Blackburn read the report. There are, in various parts of the town, 87 Associations, which include 1898 Visitors and 15 Missionaries; prayer meetings were held in 124 places, and 50,639 families had been called upon.

By those operations upwards of 252,000 individuals were brought under the influence of the society. More than 3,800 cases of distress were relieved during the past year, either with money, food, clothing, or medicine. By the voluntary agents,

743 copies of the Holy Scriptures had been circulated; 2,927 children were obtained for Sunday and day schools; and there had been lent to the families under visitation not less than one million eight hundred thousand religious tracts. At the commencement of the last summer, the committee renewed their arrangements for field and street preaching with more than usual energy, having been much encouraged by the truly liberal donation of Sir Culling Eardley Smith, who presented the society with two elegant and commodious tents, which cost him more than £80. Besides these, the committee purchased a third, at the expense of the society, which, with three others already in their possession, enabled them to pitch six of these Christian tabernacles in different suburban stations. At the six stations there were during the season 240 religious services, each of which was on an average attended by 230 persons. 240 religious services were held in the open air, at which an average audience of 120 hearers was obtained. Four courses of lectures had been delivered in different parts of the metropolis. The committee had continued, by correspondence and the grant of tracts, to encourage the formation and to aid the support of similar associations in the towns and villages of the United Kingdom. They had voted supplies of covered tracts, and such other publications of the society, to 14 associations. In conclusion, the report alluded to the attempt to establish the Hippodrome, which was afterwards prominently brought before the meeting by the Rev. J. Burnet.

Motions were moved and seconded by Thomas Challis, Esq., Dr. Cox, the Rev. Messrs. J. Young, J. Leif-child, J. Garwood (of the Established Church), John Burnett, and S. Dobson.