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their voices were hushed. And
voices are employed in echoing the
hostiles dwelt. So also has he ap-
peared to-night to recommend. He
Commandments of the moral law.
David and Solomon, the Prophets and
which combined, have been the
Christian writer for nineteen cen-
turies destined to go hand and hand
with the

from the depository of this Society,
High Richmond's and John Angel
doing valuable *Home Missionary*
every branch of Christ's Church, in
this Society, and richly earning
recompensation of all.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting their Fourth Annual Report the Committee desire
humbly and devoutly to acknowledge the goodness of God, in prospering
and blessing the operations of this Society, so largely during the past
year.

During the year the Society was deprived of one of its oldest, most
influential and most interested friends. It pleased God to remove by
death the Hon. M. B. Almon, who held the office of President from
the first establishment of the British American Book and Tract So-
ciety. At the very outset of the efforts to organise the Institution, he
warmly joined with it. There was something in the aim and the
manner of carrying it out that met his practical views. He attended
the meetings of the Committee whenever practicable, and although for
the last year or two his health had failed, he was ready to meet his
co-workers, and give his wise counsel. The Committee will miss him
at their Board, the Society will miss his liberal assistance. But he
had passed the boundary line of three score years and ten, and has
entered into his rest, leaving behind him in the Society a most pleas-
ing memory.

"In conducting any enterprise, it is important frequently to recur to
first principles, and to define clearly the objects for which the enter-
prise is undertaken." Especially is this true with respect to an enter-
prise professing to be for the public welfare, and seeking public
sympathy and co-operation.

In order to accomplish the greatest possible good, and command the
desired confidence and support, its principles and aims, its work and the
results of it, must be not only such as are worthy of commendation,
but they must also be fully known to the Christian community.

The Committee of the British American Book and Tract Society,
realising the necessity and importance of the work in which they are