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"ONE IS YOUR MASTER, even CHRIST: AND ALL YE ARE BRETHREN."

Much pleasure is experienced in presenting to the readers of the *TRIBUNE*, in the last and present numbers, so full and clear a view of the movements of the various companies of the "LORD'S HOST." The precept, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others," has, it is conceived, a very important application to the intercourse of denominations. Whenever this precept is acted upon to the extent it should be, by the sects, the absurd and iniquitous misrepresentations of which they are now guilty, when speaking of each other, will all be laid aside; and with them will pass away the painful heart-burnings of which they are now the cause.

Movements of Organizations.

From the News of the Churches.

ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

The annual meeting of this society was held on May 3,—F. Crossley, Esq., M.P., for Halifax, in the chair. The meeting was, as usual, densely crowded. Mr. W. H. Watson read extracts from the report, which stated that—

"The grants made by the committee in aid of foreign schools have been sent to France, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and especially to various parts of the West Indies, where Christian education is being extensively prosecuted under many outward disadvantages, which call for much sympathy and aid. It has afforded the committee great pleasure to witness the energy with which the Paris Sunday-school Society is pursuing its labor, where the existence of nearly 300 evangelical Sunday schools have been already ascertained. During the last year a union, under the title of the New South Wales Sunday school Union, has been formed at Sydney, and the committee were agreeably surprised, a short time since, by receiving from Melbourne, South Australia, an order for books amounting to £300. The committee have also sought, as far as lay in their power, to promote the establishment of a union in every town of adequate size, so as to form a centre of Sunday school influence for the surrounding district; and they aimed to secure a systematic visitation of existing Unions once in two years, as a means of keeping them in a state of healthful activity. They have further sought to secure an enlarged use of the press, and greatly increased efforts to promote the circulation and regular use of the publications of the Union. Notwithstanding the influence of many unfavorable circumstances affecting trade in general, the sales at the depository for the year ending 31st

December, 1854, slightly exceeded those of the preceding year, and amounted to £10,819, 2s. 9d. The committee believe that very few persons have the slightest idea of the very little pecuniary support given to the Union. The sum received on account of the benevolent fund of the Union during the past year, including the collection at the last annual meeting, subscriptions and donations, and a small legacy, only amounted to £357, 11s. 1d., while the committee have been called upon to make sixteen grants in aid of the erection of new school-rooms, amounting to £205, 10s.; to grant 217 lending libraries at one-third of the retail prices, being a gift to the schools of £487, 7s. 2d.; to expend more than £200 in books and money in aid of schools; to sustain a system of visitation throughout the country; and to provide a library of circulation and reference, and a reading-room for teachers, at a nominal subscription of 1s. per annum. The result has been, that after taking into account the profit made on the business, the balance of £741, 10s., which stood against the benevolent fund of the Union at the commencement of the year, has been increased to £805, 7s. 10d., and will be still further augmented, unless pecuniary support is yielded."

COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—CONGREGATIONAL.

The Committee of this Society state in their Report to the Congregational Union:—

"The colonies continue to attract a large measure of public attention. Parliament is intent in devising constitutions for their government, merchants in supplying them with the necessaries and even the luxuries of life, which they have done to an extent that has unhappily occasioned great embarrassment to all the parties concerned. The Committee of the Colonial Missionary Society desire with equal zeal to provide for the spiritual necessities of these rapidly increasing communities. They deeply lament that