

ANNUAL MEETING.

- The Annual Meeting of the British American Book and Tract Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. Class Room on Tuesday, February 1st, 1887, at 4 P. M.

In the absence of the President, through illness, REV. DR. SAUNDERS was called to the Chair. After devotional exercises, led by REV. J. F. AVERY, the Secretary stated that a letter from the President intimating his inability to attend on account of ill-health, and concluding by wishing the Society "success in the Name of the Lord." A letter from REV. DR. BURNS stated his continued and very deep interest in the Society though absence from the city would prevent his attending this meeting. REV. H. H. MCPHERSON also intimated that he could not be present on account of illness.

The Report was read by MR. ROLAND MELLISH.

REV. DR. HOLE moved the following resolution:—

"That the report be approved and adopted and published under the direction of the Executive Committee."

He spoke of the immense service rendered to christianity and civilization by the Printing Press. The Scriptures were diffused in millions of copies and in some 300 languages. Other invaluable publications were poured out from the press. Secular education was in the ascendant. In view of all this, how solemn the obligation upon the Church of Christ to see to it that the press be consecrated to the service of the Saviour—that all literature be penetrated with the Christian spirit. He spoke of the blessed results accruing from the operations of the Bible Society and the Tract Society. Cheap publications are issued in the Old Country, and in the New as well, by the tons, and circulated among all classes. It is part of the work of this Society to elevate and purify the taste of