

much as the poison is circulated, in a form and manner, in which, according to its usual course of proceeding, or by any of its accustomed organs, the Society cannot offer the antidote.

“Your Committee feel, however, the magnitude of the mischief to be so appalling, and the peril to the souls of thousands so imminent, as to demand from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge every practicable exertion, and to justify almost any departure from its ordinary habits, which shall not actually compromise its character, or endanger its constitution. With this feeling, therefore, they call upon the General Board, to do all in its power, under these reservations, to stay the moral plague, which, though like its antitype in the natural world, of rare occurrence, and they humbly trust, by the divine mercy, of short continuance too, would like it, if unchecked by proper antidotes, sweep millions to destruction in its course.

“The Committee, therefore, finally submit to the General Board their earnest hope, that a Special Committee may be appointed, with the fullest discretionary powers suited to meet the exigence of this extraordinary crisis, with a recommendation that they immediately engage in the most active distribution of the above-mentioned works, on the list of the Society, and of such small single sheet Tracts, and other temporary pieces, not having a claim to a permanent place on the Society's catalogue, as may in their judgment be fitted for the purpose; that they have authority to add to their number; and to call upon the public for contributions, in aid of their designs; and that the Society do encourage the formation of a fund, for these important objects, by paying 1000*l.* at the disposal of such Committee.”

“Whereupon the Society, taking into consideration the interesting and important particulars contained in the Report of their Committee,

“Unanimously agreed to adopt and do what is therein contained, con-

curring with them in all particulars

“Also, that the Special Committee, for the purposes stated in the Report, do consist of the present Committee for Correspondence, with the addition of the Secretary (the Rev. Dr. Gaskin,) the Reverend Preachers of the three Inns of Court,—the Temple, Lincoln's Inn, and Gray's Inn,—the Rev. Incumbents of St. James's, St. George's, and St. Martin's, Westminster, the Dean of Westminster, and the Christian Advocate of Cambridge.

“That there be a Committee of Superintendence, consisting of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury President of the Society, the Bishops of London and Lincoln, and the Bishop of Peterborough, Margaret Professor of Divinity, Cambridge, and the Bishop of Landaff, Regius Professor of Divinity, Oxford.

“That the powers of the Special Committee do last for a twelve month, and then expire, unless revived by the Board.

“That the Special Committee do make Reports of their Proceedings, from time to time, as occasion shall require, and

“That the thanks of this Board be returned to the Lord Bishop of London, for his attention to the business of the Meeting.

“*The Special Committee hold their Meetings at the Society's House, No. 5, Bartlett's Buildings, Holburn, to whom all Communications are to be addressed, and by whom Contributions are received, as well as at Messrs Gosling's and Co. Fleet-Street, on account of the Treasurer.*

ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC.

“At a time when the enemies of Christianity are employed in disseminating the poison of Blasphemy and Infidelity to an unparalleled extent, THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE consider it their peculiar duty to call into action all the means within their power to arrest the progress of the evil. Upon the magnitude of that evil they deem