

commending the attentive perusal of it. Unfortunately the attacks upon Christianity are not confined to the metropolis of Great Britain: the evil has developed itself in the community in which we live; and to such an extent had the diffusion of infidel opinions arrived in this City, as in the opinion of the Committee, to call for some interference on their part. Accordingly a Special General Meeting of the Society was held on the 30th of April last, the Chief Justice in the Chair, to take into consideration what steps it would be advisable to adopt, in order to obviate if possible the evils likely to be produced, not only to Religion but to Society at large, by the introduction of principles to which we had hitherto happily been strangers; and which had already poisoned the morality and ruined the peace of many young and inexperienced persons in this community. The result of the Meeting was the appointment of a Committee, to devise and carry into execution, the most effectual method of procuring and circulating a supply of Tracts, in counteraction of infidel and blasphemous publications; who lost no time in communicating with the Parent Society, requesting through the Lord Bishop, a grant of books, calculated in the ablest manner to refute the several objections urged by infidels against the Christian Religion, which were immediately sent out by the Society. While the Committee to provide for the immediate urgency of the case, addressed a letter to the Bishop of New York, requesting the favor of him to cause a selection of works of a similar nature to be made from the Repository of the New York Tract Society. To meet the expense attending this specific object, subscriptions were entered into at the time.

Connected with the above object was another which the Committee availed themselves of the opportunity of bringing before the Public at that time, which was "to diffuse religious information and excite an interest in religious proceedings among persons in different classes of society." In furtherance of the above object, a Committee was appointed, to take immediate steps for the formation of a Library, and the establishment of a Reading Room, for the use of the different Congregations of the Church of England in this City, to be under the regulation and government of Members of our Communion. For the promotion of this most desirable object, some liberal contributions were also made, which have since been much augmented.