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The THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY of this Society was held in Exeter Hall, London, on Wednesday, May 3d; the Right Hon. LORD BEXLEY, President, in the Chair.

From the Report, an abstract of which was read at the meeting, it appeared that the issues of the year had amounted to 541,843 copies; of which number, 163,046 had been issued from Depôts abroad. The total number of copies issued by the Society, since its commencement, was 10,293,645.

The Funds of the Society were reported to be the largest ever received in a single year; having amounted to £108,740 19s. 11d. The donations had amounted to £13,989 6s. 11d; being an increase of £11,125 7s. 3d. as compared with the preceding year. The Legacies had amounted to £9995 6s. 8; shewing an increase of £5382 17s. 7d. The Free Contributions from Auxiliary Societies had been £30,633 19s. 8d; and on this item also there appeared a considerable increase. The total amount received for the Negro Fund, from its first opening to the 31st of March 1837, when it was closed, had reached £10,249 5s. 9d; while the cost of the Testaments required had only amounted to £12,657 2s. But it was proposed to hold the balance in reserve, for the purpose of supplying the Negroes at the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, &c. The Expenditure of the Society, during

the year, had amounted to £103,171 5s. 2d., and its present engagements exceeded £40,000.

The meeting was most numerously and respectably attended, and the speeches delivered on the occasion, of a very encouraging character, richly imbued; too, with pious and devout sentiment.

LORD GLENELG, Secretary of State for the Colonies, among many other excellent remarks, observed as follows:—

“It is well, my Lord, at times, to meet on what the Report terms ‘common ground,’ and it is still better if that common ground be holy ground—if we meet (as I trust we do this day) under that standard which has been exalted for all nations—the standard of the Cross—our emblem and pledge of woe, and expiation, and rescue, and triumph; that standard which is associated with so many memorable and mysterious recollections, at once plain and sublime—at once so clear as to perfect praise from the lips of infancy, and so profound as to elude the keenest eye of angelic intelligence. My Lord, it gave me the highest satisfaction to hear, both from the Report and in the speech of the Right Rev. Prelate who has just sat down, deductions from the nature of this Institution, such as must have delighted this Assembly. If, indeed, the Cross be our standard, then, not only in those few moments in which we are assembled here, should we lay aside all angry passions and discordant interests of common life, but, at all times, we who are engaged in this cause ought to be distinguished by that spirit of benevolence, which is its fundamental principle, and its chief and primary object.”

Dr. Cox, of Hackney, gave the following illustration of the value and power of Divine truth, even when presented in fragments: