

versary Meeting, £34 0s. 3d. Hence the gratuitous distribution amounts to rather more than double the free contributions to your funds, although no free grant has been received from the Parent Society.

During the year there have been remitted to the Religious Tract Society, London, £80 Sterling.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Your Committee, deeply convinced of the paramount importance of diffusing the knowledge of the "glorious gospel" through the medium of Tracts, and other Religious Publications, desire exceedingly to behold the Christian Church fully alive to this effective instrumentality, brought within her grasp. Here armour of every description is prepared "for the defence of the gospel." No other means can supplant the use of the Tract. Often it is read when the Bible would remain neglected; and sometimes it leads the mind of its reader to the Oracles of God. It is allowed silently to address the conscience in private, when the living voice proclaiming "the unsearchable riches of Christ," would not be listened to in public. The gratuitous circulation of religious Tracts holds, therefore, a prominent place in the order of means, calculated to regenerate mankind.

In directing attention to this department of benevolent and Christian enterprise, it is not necessary to depreciate other Societies. All are important and necessary; they are co-workers in the cause of our common Lord. Let the Bible, Sunday School, and Missionary Societies be embalmed in your affections, and sustained by your liberal contributions and fervent prayers; but, at the same time, let this noble Institution, which is in part self-sustained, share in proportion to its just claims; and then, you will "multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness."

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