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Another year of our existence as a Society, has passed away—another leaf of the book of Time is about to be closed forever. We would, therefore, in reviewing the prominent events which are chronicled therein, group together for your information at present, and for a stimulus and an encouragement in the future, some of those which relate to perhaps the darkest subject that the page contains, that of Slavery. It is true, this deadly Upas tree no longer grows upon our soil, to spread desolation and death throughout our borders; it is true that no Slave can breathe on British ground, but it is equally true that the rights and privileges which we enjoy, imply corresponding duties. It has been well said that "the world of mankind does not exist in fragments, nor can a country have an isolated existence. All men are brothers; and all are bondsmen for one another. All nations, too, are brothers; and each is responsible for that federative humanity which puts the ban of exclusion on none." The race is one great family, every member of which is under obligation, as far as he has the ability, to defend those principles which will permanently promote the welfare of the whole. It was on this principle that our existence as a Society was based; and it has been on this principle that we have continued to act since our organization. Humanity, as well as Christianity, forbids that we should sit listlessly by, while separated from us but by a narrow frith, live three millions of Slaves, whom God hath endowed with rational souls and created for immortality, but whom their fellow man has reduced to a state utterly repugnant to every principle of right reason, religion, and humanity. Believing, then, silence or neutrality in such a cause to be not only unnatural but highly criminal, we have, during the past year, sought to sympathize, to the measure of our limited abilities, with our suffering brethren, while we have faithfully, yet affectionately, remonstrated with those who are their guilty oppressors. A brief summary of our action in this respect we now present, as well as a more general survey of what is being done by other members of the great family, for the eradication of that festering plague spot, from whose malignant influences the remotest extremities of the body are not entirely free.

Immediately after the last Annual Meeting, the Report then read was printed, and 1500 copies of it have since been distributed throughout the Upper Province, the United States, and Great Britain. By means of the information which it disseminated, in connection with the visits