

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
British American Book & Tract Society.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the British American Book and Tract Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Thursday, February 9th, 1882, at 8 o'clock, P. M. The President, Thomas A. Brown, Esq., occupied the chair.

After singing "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," the Rev. Thomas Duncan offered prayer.

An abstract of the Annual Report was read by the Secretary.

The Hon. S. L. Shannon, in moving the adoption of the Report, congratulated the Society on the good attendance at its annual meeting. He spoke of the great value of both branches of the Colportage work—the sale of books in the homes of the people, and the personal effort to do good. He referred to a period in the history of Halifax when there was only one book-store, and libraries were exceedingly small; also, to the great scarcity of books in country sections, where the Bible, "Fourfold State," "Crook in the Lot," "Saints' Rest," "Pilgrim's Progress," and "Cowper's Poems" constituted the best libraries. A book added each year was considered a very valuable acquisition. Many families were only supplied with reading from the minister's saddle-bags, as he made the tour of his extensive circuits. This Society had done much to scatter good books, at a low rate, in sparsely settled sections in these Provinces. People often purchase books when taken to their doors, who would not go to book-stores for them. The persistent efforts of the Satanic press in circulating pernicious literature by sending catalogues to the pupils in public schools and inducing them surreptitiously to purchase and read books which corrupt their minds and hearts, and the great

Little Dot, Hesba Struton and A. L. O. E. Series kept.

necessity of using every
were pointed out.

Rev. Allan Simpson
gratulated the Society
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