

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING.

Held in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, on Tuesday Evening,
January 18, 1848.

His Honor Judge PARKER, President of the Society,
in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened by singing the 67th Psalm:

To bless thy chosen race,
In mercy, Lord, incline ;
And cause the brightness of thy face
On all thy saints to shine.

That so thy wondrous ways
May through the world be known,
While distant lands their tribute pay,
And thy salvation own.

Let diff'ring nations join
To celebrate thy fame ;
Let all the world, O Lord, combine,
To praise thy glorious name.

O let them shout and sing
With joy and pious mirth,
For Thou, the righteous Judge and King,
Shalt govern all the earth.

The following is the substance of His Honor the President's opening address :

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

By the great goodness and mercy of God, we have been permitted once more to assemble on this most interesting occasion—the Anniversary of our Auxiliary Bible Society. I feel a peculiar call for gratitude in my own case, that my life has been mercifully spared to enable me again to meet you after an interval of two years. Instructive, entertaining and attractive as are in general the meetings in this Hall, I am sure there is none looked to with more pleasure or remembered with greater satisfaction than our annual Bible Meeting ; and rejoiced I am to perceive no diminution in our usual numbers at the present time, for I am convinced all your anticipations will be fully realized when you hear the gratifying details of the Report, and the addresses which will be made to you by the gentlemen who surround me. We come here not for information merely,

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