stead of London? Why is not even Paul's, of that momentary sleep into which he had of hundle saints of God, - yea, even of ten-Enistle to the Church of Rome in the first unconsciously fallen, when the senses and der children, whose herannas and early century, circulated by the Church of Rome fancy seem to mingle, and the pictures pre-praises of Christ in the temple, have been in the nineteenth century? And why, sented by each cannot be distinguished—heard, with joy and gratitude, by millions in the nineteenth century? And why, sented by each cannot be distinguished—heard, with joy and gratitude, by millions moreover, has no translation of the Bible in- and how he seized his large ink-bottle, and of the human race! An old minister, near-to any heather language been made by the dashed it at the shadowy image before him! by two hundred years ago, was brought be-Popish Church since the Reformation, while As we have sat on that same chair, silently fore a cruel and blood-thirsty judge, who Protestants have made upwards of one hun-gazing on the black mark on the wall, which said to him, before sending him to prison, dred?

It is impossible to estimate what the cause, the, we have thought that there was in the servest the halter." Yet this same Richard of Christ has gained by the circulation of scene an undesigned symbol of what has the lass never ceased to preach from that day the Bible. We cannot see how the Church, ken place through the Reformation, which till this; and every year now, he addresses could have existed to this hour, and how that man (a giant among giants?) was, un- millions in every land. Richard Royter's

could have existed to this hour, and how that man (a giant among giants!) was, un-millions in every land. Richard Baxter's it could continue to exist, without the Word, der God the means of effecting. What Call to the Unconverted, has been eminently flow many souls in the wilderness have, have our Christian countries and our soci-blessed for the conversion of sinners, and when tempted, been enabled to hold fast cities for the distribution of religious litera- his Saint's Rest, has been equally blessed

every Christian with deepest thankfulness, Religious Tract Society of London. to God, to contemplate the glorious achieve- That Society was formed in 1799. Duling. That dream was afterwards printed, ments of the last lift; years, in circulating ring the first year of its operations, ending and has gone through more editions than any the Word of God. The Church, like the in May 1800, it had issued 200 000 tracts, other uninspired volume. John Bunyan's angel seen in prophetic vision, has been fly-Its distribution, as reported in 1850, amount Pilgrim's Progress has travelled through ing with the everlasting Gospel to every na-jed to upwards of nineteen millions, two all lands, and its victories over Apollyon tion, and kindred, and tongue, and people, hundred and forty-five thousand publications, have been more than can be numbered. How It has given the Bible to the inhabitants of in 110 different languages, and with an antimuch has thus been accomplished during the old lands of Egypt, Ethiopia, Arabia, must revenue of £60,600! It has issued, fifty years, by Tract Societies! What ser-Palestine, Asia-Minor, and Persia—to the (along with affiliated societies,) during the mons have Flavel and Edwards preached! indomitable Circassian—the mountaincers last fifty years, five hundred and twenty-four What lessons of the rise and progress of reof Affighanistan—to tribes of India speaking millions of publications, each of which, accligion in the soul has Doddridge taught! thirty-two different languages or dialects—cording to one of the fundamental principles What blessings, through their instrumento the inhabitants of Burmah, Assam, and/of the Society, clearly states the way of sal-tality, have been bestowed by Leighton, and Siam-to the islanders of Madagascar and vation by Jesus Christ! What a mighty Brainerd, and Payson, and Wilberforce, and Ceylon-to the Malays and Javanese of the agency has this been for the dissemination a host of others, whose names or works are eastern seas-to the millions of Chinn, and tof religious truth! How extensive the in-fillustrious in the churches of Christ! the wandering Calmue beyond her great fluence, how grand the immortality, which]. wall—to the brave New Zealander—to the the printing press, employed with such evanteeming inhabitants of the island groups gelic Christian zeal, so were to the labours which are scattered over the Southern Paci-of men of God! Their holy words, which, fic—to the African races, from the Cape to without such an agency as this, could have Sierra Leone— to the Esquimaux and recached a few minds only, and in some limited to the Cape to without such an agency as this, could have the second to the Esquimaux and recached a few minds only, and in some limited to the cape to without such an agency as this could have the cape to the Association of Montreal. Greenlander, within the arctic circle-and ited spot of earth, now circulate like the to the Indian tribes of North America, air of heaven over the wide world; they en- was held in St. Paul's Church on the even-All are now furnished with a translation of ter every dwelling, and are on the tongue of ing of Monday, January Sth. In the that wonderful volume, which, with the every tribe. Histories of individuals who absence of the Hon. Peter McGill, the light of the universal living Spirit of God, would have sensitively shrunk from uttering, President, through indisposition (this being nght of the universal fiving Spirit of God, would have sensitively shrunk from uttering President, through indisposition (this being at once reveals to man, in every age and their thoughts beyond the domestic circle, the first Annual Meeting, we believe, on clime, his lost and miserable condition, and have become familiar to the universal Church which he has been precluded from presiding tells him of a remedy that is adapted to! What was spoken in secret has been prosince the existence of the Association,! John meet every want of his being,—to redeemiclaimed on the house-top. And the battle Greenshields, Esq., was called to the chair, him, by a moral power it alone can afford, of a single spirit with evil—its struggles and. The proceedings were opened with reading from all sin and misery, and to bring himitrumphs—its tremblings and rejoieings—the Scriptures and prayer by the Rev. into the glorious fellowship of the holiness, which seemed at the moment to be of no imthe Diessedness, and joy of the family of portance to any but itself, and to have no
God in earth and heaven!

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God in earth and heaven!

The Chairman called upon the Recording Secretary to read the Annual Report, which
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But the labours of the TRACT Societies, lowly sick bed, or the cottage home - has was to the following effect. during the last fifty years, also deserve our been transferred by some earnest pastor to attention. The story, we dare say, is similarly been transferred by some earnest pastor to attention. The story, we dare say, is similar to most of our readers, how Luther, pages of the religious tract—and, after multiment to most of our readers, how Luther, pages of the religious tract—and, after multiment to most of our readers, how Luther, pages of the religious tract—and, after multiment to most of our readers, how Luther, pages of the religious tract—and, after multiment to most of our readers, how Luther, pages of the religious tract—and, after multiment to most of our readers, how Luther, pages of the religious tract—and, after multiment to most of our candar, in connection with the Church of Scotland is now entering on the 10th year of its labours; and, while in reviewing their results it must be admitted that more earnest exertions on the part of the office-bearers and others might have effected a far larger amount of good, still satisfaction is felt from the osciltary hours of night, as he sat poring Pacific island! It has been thus with such the reflection that the objects contemplated by the formation of the Association have been to fiend scowling at him;—how he awoke out with innumerable biographics and death-beds a considerable extent accomplished. It is quite

written!"

perishable forms of thought?

and what great things God had done for him.

It surely cannot fail to fill the heart of Foremost in this great work has been the Twelve years he lay in jail; and there, have ing nothing to disturb him, he fell to dream-

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