

Literature and Education, Appendix No. 1. The circumstances which led to its formation, are alluded to in the Report, and were,—the increasing demand for religious and general information, the very unsatisfactory mode in which that demand was supplied, and the manner in which the increasing power of the press was directed towards the subversion of religion, and of the religious institutions of the country. The following extract from the Report must be satisfactory to the members, and may serve to direct their attention to the interesting publication therein mentioned:—"The first object to which the Committee directed their labours, was the establishment of a cheap weekly publication; and they have the pleasure to report that *THE SATURDAY MAGAZINE*, which they commenced publishing on the 7th of July last, has completely fulfilled their expectations. With one exception, it has outstripped all its contemporaries in the extent of its circulation; and the effect of its competition has been to produce a decided and acknowledged improvement in this branch of popular literature. The whole number of copies issued during the ten months which have elapsed since its establishment, amount to above four millions and a quarter; and its regular sale is now about eighty thousand. The success of such a publication cannot but be a source of satisfaction to every one who feels an interest in the progress of sound principles, as affecting the welfare of society. Without any appeal to the passions or prejudices of men, it has made its way, in a time of strong political excitement, among all classes of the people; a fact, from which it may be inferred, that when the tastes and habits, and the means of the people are consulted, in the productions of popular literature, a preference for that which is good may reasonably be calculated upon by those who are engaged in promoting their welfare. And it is hoped that by thus mixing amusement with instruction, the principles of the Society and the truths of religion now find their way to multitudes of persons who might not so readily have received them through any other channel." It is unnecessary to enlarge further upon the matters contained in the Report, but the Committee would recommend it to the perusal of the members.

No additional District Committee has been established within the Diocese since the last General Meeting.