

Keep a copy of these rules. Read them at least every week, and often ask wherein you have sinned against them.

Observe these rules, and though by nature your minister may be far from what you would have him, still grace and your kindness will make him a good one.

For the Christian Messenger.

The English May Meetings.

[From our London Correspondent.]

London, May 15, 1857.

IN accordance with my previous promise, I this week send an extra letter, containing a brief abstract of nearly all the anniversary meetings as yet held.

Utterly despairing of giving anything like an idea of the numbers assembled, or of the eloquent speeches delivered, I have only given the names of the reports, however, which contain the gist of operations performed.

It would be an interesting and well-repaid labour, to compile the gross amount of all the funds raised for evangelical and Bible missions during the past year: perhaps some of your readers may have the leisure and inclination to do so, analyzing the various fields of labour, and showing the amount devoted to each.

With these preliminary remarks, I offer a mass of information (the reports and proceedings of various societies) which is perhaps not to be found together in any one paper, in England or elsewhere.

NAVAL AND MILITARY BIBLE SOCIETY.—Annual meeting held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's; the Marquis of Cholmondeley in the chair. The report stated that during the past year the Society had issued 14,229 Bibles and Testaments.

LIBERATION OF RELIGION SOCIETY.—The annual public meeting was held at St. Martin's-hall; Thomas Barnes, Esq., in the chair. The Secretary made a statement, in lieu of a report, from the committee.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting was held at Exeter Hall. The Earl of Shaftesbury presided, and on the platform were the Marquis of Cholmondeley, Lord J. Russell, the Bishops of London, Winchester, Carlisle, and Rupert's Land; the Dean of Carlisle, the Hon. and Rev. B. Noel, &c.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.—The annual meeting was held at Exeter Hall; the Bishop of Winchester in the chair. The report entered into statistics, showing that more than one seventh of the population was

to be found in Sunday-school, in connexion or disagreement with the Established Church. The report stated that the total receipts for the year had been £2,952, which, compared with the expenditure, left a deficit of £5.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.—The annual meeting was held in the newly erected Jubilee Buildings, Old Bailey; Mr. Alderman Challis in the chair. The report stated that the Union was extending in England, France, America, and the colonies.

TURKISH MISSIONS AID SOCIETY.—The annual meeting was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. From the report it appeared that the mission established by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions appear to be entitled to the largest share of support, being extended over a much wider field, and having been successfully prosecuted where no other Protestant missions had existed.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The anniversary meeting was held at Exeter Hall. Several Bishops and other dignitaries of the Church were present. The Earl of Chichester presided, and in the course of his address adverted to the proposed Euphrates Valley Railway, remarking that it was an undertaking of the utmost importance alike to the Christian and the civilized world.

BOOK SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE AMONG THE POOR.—The 107th annual meeting was held at the London Coffee House, Ludgate Hill.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING THE REFORMATION.—The annual meeting was held at the Hanover-square Rooms. Lord Calthorpe in the chair. The report stated that missions had been established at Southwark, Chelsea, St. Giles's, Whitechapel, St. John's Wood, and in many provincial towns.

CHURCH PENITENTIARY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this association was held on Friday, at Willis's Rooms, Lord Lytton occupied the chair in the absence of the Bishop of London. The report stated that the sum of £500 had been granted in the course of the year to the various penitentiaries and refuge houses, and since the commencement of the as-

total receipts, from the ordinary sources of income, £137,756 14s. 11d., being £9,031 4s. 10d. more than in any former year. To the above must be added the sum of £993 2s. 4d. for the Chinese New Testament fund, making a grand total of £138,749 17s. 3s.

AGED PILGRIM'S FRIEND SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society was held on Tuesday night in Exeter Hall. The chair was taken by Mr. Lush, Q. C. The report stated that since the establishment of the society, fifty years ago, a sum of £50,000 had been distributed by the body amongst 1600 pensioners.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.—The thirteenth annual meeting of this society, was held at Exeter-hall, which was crowded. Lord Haddo, M. P. presided.

FIELD LANE RAGGED SCHOOL.—The fifteenth annual meeting was held in the Literary Institution, Oldersgate-street—the Earl of Shaftesbury presided. The report was rather a dissertation on the necessity and usefulness of Ragged-schools, than a statement of facts.

LONDON SOCIETY FOR TEACHING THE BLIND TO READ.—Annual meeting held at Hanover Square Rooms, and most fashionably attended. The Bishop of Calise presided.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCRIPTURE READERS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting was held at Hanover Square Rooms, the Bishop of London in the chair. The report spoke fully of the good effected by the readers—both spiritually, and in bringing to light cases of distress and poverty which otherwise would never have been known.

SOCIETY FOR IRISH CHURCH MISSION TO THE ROMAN CATHOLICS.—The eighth annual meeting was held in Exeter-hall, the Earl of Cavan in the chair. The chairman congratulated the meeting on the present important and influential position which the Society now occupies.

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sociation £5,275 had been so granted. Since July there were thirty-six applications. Twenty-one of the applicants were received in houses of refuge and one in a penitentiary, three were rejected for want of room, eight were not heard of again after application at the office.

PRAYER-BOOK AND HOMILY SOCIETY.—The 45th annual meeting was held in Willis's Rooms; the Marquis of Cholmondeley, in the chair. The report stated that the receipts from April 1856, to March 1857, amounted to £1,776 17s. 4d.

LONDON CITY MISSION.—The annual general meeting was held in Exeter-hall; Mr. J. P. Plumptre in the chair. The report stated that their Committee had been enabled this year to increase the number of its missionaries to 339.

ENGLISH CHURCH MISSIONS TO ROMAN CATHOLICS.—The annual meeting was held at Willis's Rooms; Captain the Hon. Francis Maude, R. N., in the chair. The report stated that the income of the Society for the year 1856 amounted to £1,432 12s. 10d., being £284 13s. 3d. less than in the previous year.

COLONIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting was held in the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen street. The Earl of Calthorpe took the chair. The report stated the income for the year to be £17,264 4s., being an increase of £4,569 8s. 3d. over that of the preceding year.

THE RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.—The anniversary meeting was held in the long room, Exeter-hall, which was crowded to excess. The Rt. Hon. J. Napier, M. P. presided. The report stated that the total issues last year were, 32,988,316, which showed an increase of 2,450,131 over the previous year.