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This meeting was called from a conviction that the providence of God, conducting the Society in its career of usefulness, was largely in advance of the general apprehensions of the christian community; and that careful attention to its several spheres of labor, and discussion of the principles involved, would give definiteness to the conceptions of many as to its character and objects, and thus awaken prayer, liberality, and persevering effort to bless the world with these means of grace.

It is believed that every intelligent reader of the following sketch of the proceedings, will perceive that ample foundations were laid for gaining the ends desired. Whether we consider the character of the able documents presented, or the cheering and valuable letters from distinguished individuals who were unable to attend, or the more definite views gained of the great objects before the Society, or the impulse given to the mind of those present, and which, it is hoped, will reach tens of thousands of others, there appears abundant cause of gratitude to God that the Meeting has been held.

We proceed to the history of the proceedings, simply remarking that, for the sake of distinctness of impression, the Documents, reports of Committees, Addresses, and letters read, are given as far as practicable in the natural order of the subjects discussed.

On **TUESDAY, 4 P. M.** Oct. 25, the meeting assembled.

Present, The Hon. **THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN**, President, in the chair; **William B. Crosby**, Esq. of New-York, and **John Tappan**, Esq. of Boston, Vice-Presidents.

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