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FINAL REPORT.

The publication of "Lessons for the Day" having ceased, the Committee have to present their Final Report, Financial Statement, and Balance Sheet, and to thank the Subscribers to the Guarantee Fund, without whose assistance the experiment could not have been made. The result, even from a financial point of view, appears to us to be quite sufficient to justify the course adopted, and but for Mr. Conway's intention, as intimated twelve months ago, to terminate the series at the end of six months, and his final determination to close it at the end of the year, it would no doubt have been still better, as greater efforts might have been made to push the sale, and further expenditure incurred with the same object, which under the circumstances could not properly be done.

It is important, however, to remember, that the undertaking was not set on foot with the idea of making profits, but rather as a means of diffusing more generally the moral teaching which the Members of South Place Religious Society value so highly ; and looking to what has been accomplished in this direction, the Committee feel that their efforts have by no means been in vain. More than 140,000 copies of "Lessons for the Day" have been distributed, and several instances have come to our knowledge in which they have been publicly read from the pulpit or platform, whilst in others they have been the means of exciting useful discussion in newspapers. It need hardly be said that no reluctance on the part of the Committee to carry on the work led to its cessation, but as Mr. Conway found himself unable to continue it, they could do nothing but acquiesce with regret in his decision.

It will be seen from the Balance Sheet, that there is an outstanding debt due to the Treasurer of £64 17s. 3d., whilst the assets consist of stock in hand amounting, at the lowest trade price, less 10 per cent., to £124 4s. od. These assets we propose handing to the General Committee on their taking over the liability to the Treasurer. An offer has been received from a bookseller in the North of England to purchase the entire stock, but we think it would be more in accordance with the wishes of the Society that it should be in the hands of the Committee. If *half* the Stock be sold at the full price for single copies, which is not an unfair assumption, the total value will amount to £172 14s. 6d., so that the margin is sufficiently large to obviate the risk of any appreciable loss.

January 19th, 1884.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Guarantee Fund (50 per cent. called up) ...	139	7	0
„ Sales by Publisher ...	225	19	7
„ „ at Chapel ...	131	12	7
„ „ J. Heywood ...	16	4	2
„ „ Town Travellers ...	4	3	6
Balance due to Treasurer ...	64	17	3
	<u>£582</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Advertising
„ Posters, Small Bills, Posting, &c.	46	3 3
„ Town Travellers	4	0 0
„ Printing “Lessons for the Day”	383	10 8
„ Mr. Conway	100	0 0
„ Binding	17	11 0
„ Postage and Sundries	8	12 2
	<u>£582</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

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BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
To Amount due to Treasurer ...	64	17	3
„ Balance ...	59	6	9
	<u>£124</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

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	£	s.	d.
By Value of Stock, viz. :—45,042 Single Numbers, 207 Volumes, 153 Covers, at trade price, less 10 per cent.
	<u>£124</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

