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The Report was read at the Clerk's table, by Mr. PATTERSON and Mr. SOUTHARD. The reading of it occupied more than two hours. It is a great treat to the public, when we may be able to publish at large, and at the same time makes it an impossible task to give, in the brief space of time which we devote to this department, a satisfactory condensed view of it. We shall endeavor only, therefore, to trace its general outline, presenting that it is a Report in part, and in part an address.

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