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A few instances of the many in which *The Observer* has stood pre-eminently conspicuous in this way, will suffice to shew that the present appeal is grounded upon no idle or fictitious foundation. Many of these efforts must be still fresh in the recollection of the public; and that they have been appreciated according to their merit, we may say the extraordinary sale of *The Observer* affords ample proof.

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