

Rev. Geo. W. Hill considered it an honor to move the resolutions placed in his hands, as this work is God's, and is manifestly directed by His Holy Spirit. The Government has instituted a general system of education, so that all the youth of our land have an opportunity afforded them to learn to read and become acquainted with the thoughts of the greatest minds in the world. And now the church should keep apace and provide the many men and women in the country with good religious reading. It is a most cruel thing to create an appetite and not provide the wherewith to satisfy it. And when a craving for knowledge is created in people, if they are not supplied with good reading you may rest assured they will get the bad. And now our Society comes in as an opportune mode of doing this good work. It should be our earnest desire to cultivate the intellect of our fellow-men, and so improve their condition corporeally and spiritually. The best citizen is the best and holiest Christian. All the books distributed by this Society have the true ring of the Gospel in them. And it is well that these books should be scattered broadcast all over the land, that the minds of reading people may be stored with good and useful knowledge. Let the importation of vile and spurious literature be discouraged, the reading of which is most corrupting to the minds of those who read those bad books. We bring before the public a high class of books, unfolding the riches of our blessed Redeemer. Woe be to us if we do not exercise all the influence we can. Let us be earnest in our acts and consistent in our lives. The Church of Christ is and shall be a powerful influence in the land. Let us go forth and fight like faithful soldiers under the banner of our great captain. It will be our fault if the country be not filled with good religious literature. Some of the books sent out by this Society must be highly valued by Christians, such as *Pilgrim's Progress*, *Doddridge's Rise and Progress*, &c., &c. This is a great and good work, and by aiding it we shall be serving our country and our God.

Rev. J. Fraser Campbell said those who delight in seeing the cause of God advance, cannot but feel an interest in this Society. Mr. Campbell desired to explain that the Society's work could not be carried on without means—they are like a company of merchants—that is—have to conduct the business part of their work in a proper businesslike manner. They are under heavy expenses such as Colporteur's salaries, &c., and to meet this they must have donations. I am told by the Secretary that now the society is constantly and necessarily in debt to the amount of \$5,000. And I ask you is this right or should it be so? No one can say that the Society is not doing a good work. If we are to do the work efficiently, we must not only pay the debt, but have a few thousands more in order to have a proper stock of books in the Depository, and in the hands of the Colporteurs. Owing to our limited means now you cannot get all the books you