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Bible Society Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Bible Society last night, takes rank amongst the best in the Society's history in this country. It was bright and interesting throughout; the singing, led by St. Thomas's choir, was hearty; the addresses were models, both with regard to matter and length; the reports were presented with business-like briskness, and there was not a monotonous moment from beginning to end.

The President, Rev. Canon Bolt, opened the meeting, and following the singing of a hymn, the reading of a portion of Scripture by the Rev. R. J. Power, and prayer by Rev. J. Brown, called on his Excellency the Governor to take the chair. With-out any preliminary remarks, the Governor called upon the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. C. H. Johnson, to read the Report, which appears in full below. The Treasurer, Mr. Edwin Murray, then presented the financial statement, the best the Society has ever shown, which is covered in general terms in the Secretary's Report.

Another hymn having been sung, Rev. Canon Bolt moved the adoption of the Report in a striking address. We are impressed at once, he said, by the debt all the Churches owe to the Bible Society. "There is none like it that give" to the Church, the world and to the need of the times. We are impressed, as we think of the missionary problems, by the limitations of the church. The preachers, the ambassadors of Christ, are in bonds, bound by the lack of development of truth, by the natural limitations of our own conception of truth, by the limitations of the churches, by the nationality under which we live. But the Bible is not so bound; there is no time or period in the development of the race when the Word of God was not applicable to that time. The Bible conquers space. This Book penetrates villages and hamlets where no preacher ever goes; it is the one true Catholic book to all Churches. It is not bound by the limitations of language. It is now translated into 243 dialects or languages. It presents to all peoples the living Christ Jesus, and they find in him a countryman, a brother, the universal Saviour to men.

The Rev. R. E. Fairbairn seconded the motion in an equally brief and excellent address. At the beginning he took occasion, on behalf of the representatives of the other churches, to say to Canon Bolt, who will be shortly leaving for Canada, "how very much we esteem our brother and how very much we hope that the blessing of God may be upon his own soul as he goes forth to other fields of labour."

The interest in the Bible Society, said Mr. Fairbairn, cannot be any lower than our interest in the Bible, and that depends upon the significance of the Bible. It was a strange paradox that while more Bibles were being circulated, interest in the Bible seems to be waning. But perhaps it only seems so. The Bible is for those who know God by personal intimacy, and it is the link between our lives and the presence of God. Our fathers and mothers found in the book strength to live godly lives. Men were strong because they drew water from this well; women faced sorrow, perplexity, heavy burdens, because they knew how to connect with God through this book. Think of the great Christian heroes who wrought miracles and blessing for mankind. Where did they get the power? From this book. Here we touch a Divine reality, mystic but real, God's revelation. If we read this book we find the very power and inspiration that inspired them. The Society was doing something more than translating and selling. It was acting as an intermediary with God. As we read the Gospels, not alone do we catch an echo of the Apostles' words, we think with them, we turn with them looking into the face of one so human yet Divine—the face of Christ. The Bible is a link with the Saints of all ages, with the living church, with the living Christ, and through them, with the living God. Should we not read it and pass it on to those who hunger and thirst for it?

The motion was put and carried. A collection having been taken up, it was moved by Mr. George Peters, seconded by Mr. A. Mews, C.M.G., that the officers and committee be re-elected as follows:

OFFICERS.
Patron—His Excellency the Governor.
Hon. President—The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland.
President—Rev. Canon Bolt, M.A., D.C.L.
Vice-Presidents—Wm. Frew, Rev. Dr. Curtis and John Leamon.
Treasurer—Edwin Murray.
Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. H. Johnson, M.A., B.D.
Recording Secretary—W. R. Stirling.
Distributing Secretary—John Leamon.

COMMITTEE.
All clergymen who are members of the Society, and
G. of E. Cathedral—Lady Horwood, Mrs. H. Hayward; Messrs. George Bursell and H. Hayward.
Presbyterian Church—Mrs. A. G.

Smith and Mrs. (Dr.) Paterson; Messrs. R. A. Templeman and Dugald Munn.

Gower Street Church—W. Peters, A. Soper, Dr. J. Alex. Robinson and Harold Macpherson.

Congregational Church—J. Cowan, George Langmead, J. H. Thomas and S. E. Garland.
George St. Church—Chas. P. Ayre, R. F. Horwood, C. R. Steer and W. E. White.

St. Thomas's Church—Sir M. G. Winter, H. W. LeMessurier, C.M.G., H. Y. Mott and E. F. Harris.

Wesley Church—J. C. Puddister, Jesse Whiteway, Arthur W. Martin, and J. F. Chislett.

St. Mary's Church—Mrs. A. B. S. Stirling, Miss Mabel Worrall; Gordon F. Pike and Albert Whitten.

St. Michael's Church—J. M. Carberry, George Tucker, Eleanor Dave, and John R. Shears.

Cochrane Street—John Maund, W. Drover, Arch Lindsay and W. Mews.

On motion of Mr. Dugald Munn, seconded by Rev. Dr. Curtis, a vote of thanks was accorded His Excellency the Governor for presiding. In acknowledging the vote the Governor related an incident that came under his notice showing the interest of the natives of the Pacific in the Bible. Apart from the religious standpoint it was giving them an immense amount of pleasure. They delight in the old Bible stories, which remind them of the history of their own land. There was not one Archbishop in the Pacific where they haven't got the Bible. His Excellency then read an interesting extract taken from a book of adventure written by an Italian explorer, which told of life in New Guinea forty years ago and which referred to the Missionary work that was going on there at that time. Concluding, his Excellency said that everyone was satisfied that the Society was carrying on a good work.

Following the thanks to the organist, Mr. Stirling, the choir of St. Thomas's, and the Press, expressed by the President, the Doxology was sung and the Benediction pronounced by Canon Bolt.

The meeting was very largely attended, and included Lady Allard, and the clergymen of the city churches, all of whom were on the platform.

REPORT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND AUXILIARY OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, 1923.

A review of the Society's work throughout the world since last report shows that the steady progress of the past has been maintained, and that the aim of the Society to provide the Bible "without note or com-

ment" to every man in his own tongue is ever kept in view.

During 1922-23, translations have been made in eight new languages, thus bringing up the number of languages in which the Society publishes the Scriptures to 538.

Of this number Anglican Missions were supplied with 185 versions, Presbyterians with 153, Methodists with 107, and other Missionary Organizations in like proportion. The Society's help is not, however, limited to British Missionary Organizations. The Reformed Churches of Europe and the United States are also recipients of its bounty. Students, too, of Theological and Missionary Colleges, receive gifts of the Old Testament in Hebrew, and of the New Testament in Greek. Nearly 2000 volumes in Braille type were given free to the blind.

For the distribution of the Scriptures, the Society has five hundred Auxiliaries in England and Wales, and a like number in the British Dominions and Colonies. During the year the Society employed more than nine hundred Colporteurs, drawn from many communions, and diverse races, and speaking all manner of languages.

These agents sold in one year nearly five million copies of the Bible or portions of the Bible.

The extent of the Society's operations may be judged by the fact that during the year two million copies of the Bible or New Testament were issued, and over six and a half millions of portions of the Scripture.

Such a colossal enterprise involved an expenditure of £200,000 stg., for translating, printing, and publishing, and £150,000 in administration, and in distributing at home and abroad. When it is borne in mind that it costs two or three times more to produce a book now than it did before the war, it will be seen how greatly the Society stands in need of increased support. The fact, too, that apart from its free gifts, the Society only receives back one third of production from its sales, means that the more books it sells, the more it loses. The more extensive therefore the Society's operations become, the more it stands in need of help.

Turning to our own work at home, your Committee are thankful to be able to report that the contributions for the past year have been the largest in our history. An appeal to some of our mercantile firms in the city met with a hearty and generous response, and this accounts to a large extent for our increased income.

Our remittance to date to the Canadian Bible Society amounts to \$4,000.00, including \$750.00 collected in the previous year. Our total contribution for 1923 amounted to \$3250, being the highest yet for any year.

During the year we have received \$568.70 for 1381 copies of the Scriptures sold at our Department by Messrs. Dicks & Co. the managers. Gratifying though this record is, there is still room for improvement. Representing as we do on this platform two thirds of the population of the country, our contribution ought to be larger than it is. When we reflect that by far the larger portion of our income is subscribed in St. John's, and that even in the city not all who are able to subscribe are reached, it will be seen that the country as a whole can do more than it is doing to support this great missionary agency.

It may be well to repeat that the policy of our Auxiliary is not to supply Bibles to our own people free of cost, except in very exceptional circumstances. We take the line that our people as a whole can afford to purchase their Bibles, and that our efforts should be directed towards supplying the Foreign Mission Field, and under this head we include Western Canada, where the conditions among the numerous people, who are flocking to that area call for missionary effort equally with other parts of the Empire and the Foreign Field. It is a question in some cases of not only keeping the West British, but also Christian.

In April last the President represented the Auxiliary at the annual meeting held at Winnipeg. The meeting was well attended, and on the Sunday following all the pulpits of the Anglican and Free Churches in Winnipeg were occupied by delegates to the meeting. The President has given the Committee an account of the proceedings, which showed that those in charge of the Society's affairs, and particularly the General Secretary, are doing all they can to extend to operations.

The year 1923 will be the four hundredth anniversary of the publishing of Tyndale's New Testament. It was agreed at the last annual meeting to take steps to fittingly celebrate this auspicious event. Our Auxiliary in common with all others is asked to take part in this celebration.

Our Committee cannot conclude the account of their stewardship for the past year without once again emphasizing the claims of the Society. Your Committee feel that our friends and supporters have not yet realized the importance of the Society's work, nor the magnitude of its aim. That

aim is to give the record of God's revelation of Himself to mankind, to every man in his own tongue. In other words the Society seeks to be the handmaid of the Church of Christ in proclaiming the Gospel to all the world. This is a duty which we cannot as Christians decline. It is an obligation laid upon us by Christ Himself. It is a work in which we can all co-operate. It is an opportunity for creating the atmosphere in which unity may become possible. A Society which has such aims is not an ordinary organization, and is worthy of the greatest support that we can give it.

Anxious as we are to impress upon our people the importance of the work in which we are engaged, we cannot do better than conclude this report by quoting two messages recently received by the Society, at headquarters in London, from very representative sources.

The first is from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who states:—"No one who is conversant with the place which Christian England has been called to fill in the world's life will understate the importance of the vast endeavour which the British and Foreign Bible Society has effectively made. It has set itself, under the guidance of God, to make the circulation of the Bible in the vernacular speech of every nation a reality. Not merely has it equipped the missionary, but it has supplied successive generations of Christians with the message of the Word of God. The scale of its operations is immense, and the confidence of all who believe in the value of Holy Scripture as a sure foundation of our Faith."

The second is of like tenor from the President of the Free Church Council:—"I have seen in many parts of the world the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and have heard everywhere grateful testimonies to the great work done by it. The Bible is, in the truest sense, a great 'Missionary of Empire,' and Britain which owes its soul to the Book, has the obligation to enrich, with this Divine treasure, all the peoples which have been brought under its rule. Everywhere the native soul is awakening and crying for fuller light. . . . No greater boon can be offered to backward peoples than the Bible, and no agency for circulating it can compare with the British and Foreign Bible Society."

We respectfully commend these weighty utterances to the earnest consideration of our friends and supporters.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. H. BOLT,
President.
CHAS. H. JOHNSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

St. Paul
INTO MODERN PSYCHOLOGY.
Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

"Translating this paragraph into modern psychological terminology, it might run," writes Olive C. Wheeler, M.Sc., in the Welsh Outlook:—"Though my knowledge is complete, and all my cognitions and beliefs are true, though I see all the universe in its proper proportions, yet if my feelings are not what they should be, my character has no absolute worth."

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. "Again paraphrasing into modern psychological terms:—"Though, my actions are all that could be desired, and my habits are perfect, yet if they do not issue from right feelings, my character has no absolute worth."

"Putting these two statements together, there is implied a general view of the nature of the foundations of character. A man's beliefs and actions may play their part in its formation; but most central of all, most at the root, lie his feelings. If charity is his master-sentiment, all is well with his character; if it is not, there is a canker at the root, which eventually will affect the other aspects of experience which are less fundamental."

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