

to the China Seas. But there is one feature in that map which would perhaps, be more striking, perhaps, also, more melancholy still. In those parts of the world which you may suppose to be laid down in the blackest white, those which have enjoyed the purest light of the Gospel, there would be large patches and streaks of dark, shadows as dark and deep as those which lie around the centre of Africa. And where, let me ask you, would those streaks and patches of black be found? In the great centres of our population, wherever there is most wealth, most intelligence, most luxury concentrated, there under the walls of a hundred churches, within sound of the singing of a hundred congregations, and of the appeals of a hundred pulpits, there would these black spots be. And let me ask you, is there anything in the Heathenism at Home which would raise in our minds less sympathy than the Heathenism Abroad, or less sympathy with those Missionaries who devote their labours to lighten this darkness? Quite the reverse. The Heathenism at Home, I say it advisedly, is a worse Heathenism than the Heathenism Abroad. There is much poetry in the life of those who go abroad to preach the Gospel among Heathen nations; there is much of the outward appearance as well as the reality of self-devotion; but there is no such poetry in the life of those who cross the gutter into the dirty lanes and wynds of our cities. Taking all these things into consideration, looking to the Reports of our Missionaries, and the scenes through which they have to pass, daily and hourly, I do not hesitate to declare my deep conviction that there is more of the reality with less of the excitement of self-devotion among those Missionaries who preach the Gospel in the wynds and closes of cities such as this, than in the case of those Missionaries who rear the banner of the Cross under the palms of India.—*Edinburgh Paper.*

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The Annual Meeting of this excellent Institution was held on Tuesday evening. The attendance was large and respectable. The Chair was taken by the Hon. J. W. Johnston. He was attended on the platform by most of the Clergymen belonging to the City, and by other known friends of the Bible Cause. The proceedings having been commenced with praise, and with an appropriate and impressive prayer by the Rev. Mr. Scott of St. Matthew's, the Chairman addressed the Meeting in a few pertinent and eloquent remarks. The Annual Report of the Committee, which was highly encouraging, was then read by the secretary, Mr. Shannon. It embraced details of the operations both of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of its Auxiliary in this Province. As this Report will be immediately in the press, we need not at present advert more particularly to it. There was one fact in it, however, which we cannot omit to mention, and which, we are sure, will give great satisfaction to all the friends of the Society. The Parent Institution has continued for another year its grant of £100 to the Travelling Agent, Mr. Smith. The diligence and faithfulness of this officer cannot be too highly commended. Branch Associations have sprung up through his zeal and labours in every district of the Province. The Meeting was addressed by the Rev. Drs. Crawley and Twining, the Rev. Messrs. Hill, Maturin, Nicol and McGregor, Mr. Smith, the Agent of the Society, and Mr. Lynch, in support of the various Resolutions. A vote of thanks having been moved to the Chairman by Dr. Avery, the Meeting was closed with praise and the Apostolical benediction by the Rev. Mr. Uniacke of St. George's. The delightful spirit, which pervaded this Meeting, leads one to wish that there were more of these re-unions in Halifax. At the present time especially it becomes the friends of Christ to rally round the Bible, when its greatest enemy is so bold and persevering. May our Province ever be filled with its Divine light.—*Halifax Guardian.*

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