

swearer, and says to him, "Swear not at all—but let your communication be yea, yea, nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." It lays its hand upon the *Moralist*, and says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." It lays its hand upon the *Self-righteous*, and says "We are all an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags, and by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified."

When we thus reflect on the *opposition* which the Bible has to contend against in its mission of mercy to our fallen world, and when we reflect that notwithstanding this opposition, it has been steadily progressing, not only in regard to the *extent of its circulation*, but also its *hold of the feelings and sympathies* of those to whom it is conveyed, are we not furnished with indubitable evidence that it is the very word of the living God; that God is smiling upon the efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to circulate it throughout the world; and may we not joyfully anticipate still more glorious triumphs in future times, when "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the seas?"

With one remark I shall close. In looking back on the past success of the Bible, and in anticipating its future glorious triumphs, let us not forget to ascribe all the glory and honor and praise to God most holy, most wise, most gracious. Let us not forget that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by the spirit of the Lord." And let us all seek grace from on high to enable us to yield our *own* hearts to the influence of that truth, which we seek to disseminate throughout the world. Let the living and life-giving doctrines of that word be the daily food of *our own* souls. Let the precepts, holy, just, and good, be the daily guide of *our own* lives, and "thus walking in the light as he is in the light, we shall enjoy fellowship one with another, whilst the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin." "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Let the words be not only written on the blank leaf of our Bible, but engraven on our hearts,—

"Within that awful volume lies,
The Mystery of Mysteries;
Ah! happiest he of human race
To whom our God has given grace
To read, to hear, to hope, to pray,
To lift the latch, and force the way;
But better had he ne'er been born
Who reads to doubt, or reads to scorn."

In seconding the Resolution, the Rev. R. STEWART spoke nearly as follows:—

It affords me pleasure to take part in this meeting, and to support the Resolution which has just been proposed. Surely if "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth," we ought to rejoice at the operation and prosperity of the agency which the Bible Society employs.

There are many considerations which demonstrate the value of this institution. By translating and circulating the Holy Scriptures, it seeks to accomplish the purpose of God, that the ends of the earth should see His salvation; and it confers the most invaluable boon upon our fallen humanity.

For, in the first place, the Bible furnishes the only and the all-sufficient rule of our faith and practice. This is essential to the welfare of man. Without it he cannot be made sensible of his depravity and danger, or be

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