

impartially, and for the good of all. It would promote the salvation of the world, and the welfare of the universal Church of Christ. Think of the service which it renders to our Sabbath-schools and to our Missionary enterprises. It opens a common fountain from which all alike may draw. What could we do in our Home Missions without the Word of God? And in the Foreign Field how could we ever get that Word into the language of the people without the help of this Society? Two years ago a company of Christian workers, the representatives of the chief Missionary Societies of Britain and America, met together in the City of Tokio, the capital of Japan, to consider how best, without loss of time, they might translate the Old Testament into the Japanese language. The New Testament, for years in the hands of a competent committee, was drawing toward the verge of a happy completion. Two whole days were spent in fraternal conference and a unanimous and satisfactory conclusion arrived at as to the mode of procedure. But supposing the Book translated—the channel of communication opened up—how shall these missionaries find means to print and publish, so that the Word of God, like the water of life, may flow forth freely and abundantly, and irrigate all this thirsty land? Just here, waiting, ready, stand the agents of the three great Bible Societies of the Protestant world, prepared at once to take the manuscript from the hands of the translators, and without long delay to hand them back the printed Book in copies multiplied and still multiplying in abundance equal to every demand. As we witness the efforts of these twin Societies—the Missionary and the Bible—to place the Word of God in the hands of the peoples “that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace,” we may well count it occasion of thankful gladness that this grace is given unto us to lend a helping hand. The good already accomplished is increasing motive to untiring zeal and liberality in the continuance of this work until the Law going forth out of Zion and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem, shall fill the whole earth with the knowledge of salvation, through “the Word of God which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away; but the Word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.”

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BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, May 18th, the Hon. Wm. McMaster, Vice-President, in the chair. The Standing Committees for the year were appointed as follows:—

On Agency and Colportage:—The Rev'ds Dr. Reid, Dr. Potts, H. D. Powis, E. M. C. Botterill, W. S. Rainsford, J. C. Antliff, and Messrs McCord, Brown, Kennedy, Colonel Moffatt, Messrs Thompson, Page and the Secretaries.

On the Ketchum Bequests:—The Rev'ds Dr. Rose, D. J. Macdonnell, and A. H. Baldwin, Messrs McCord and Hoyles, Dr. Ogden and the Secretaries.