

end of his mission, and of exalting his name amongst men. And what an honour is it, to be instrumental, in accomplishing so noble a design! What a gratification to supply with the bread of life, the poor in our own neighbourhood!—What a happiness to make known the way of Salvation to our fellow-mortals in heathen lands!—How delightful the thought, how unspeakable the privilege of being accessory to the religious instruction, the moral improvement, and the present and future welfare of millions of our race!

As a further reason, sir, for co-operating in this work, and as an encouragement to increase our zeal, in forwarding it,—I must merely allude to the highly gratifying intelligence, we have this evening received, through the interesting report, which has just now been read, of the formation of a new Branch Society, in connection with this,—the active operation of other Branches,—the success which has crowned the exertions of Bible Societies in different parts of the world, particularly the blessing which has attended the labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society, of which this is an Auxiliary,—and the present facilities for the distribution of the Bible in France, in Germany, in Greece, and the Islands of the Mediterranean, in India, in Burmah, in Australasia, and other Christian and Pagan Countries.

To all these considerations, sir, I must be permitted to add this solemn one:—that there is a great and awful day coming, when we must give an account of the various trusts, committed to our care. At the judgment seat of Christ, we shall be tried, not only for sins of commission, but for those of omission also,—not only for the things which we have left undone,—not only for our injustice,—but for our want of charity and mercy. How wise then, sir, to occupy in such a manner, that when we shall be called upon, to give in our account, we may be able to do it with joy and not with grief!—How wise to make to ourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when this temporal life shall fail, we may be found worthy to be received into everlasting Salvation!—How wise to improve our opportunities of promoting the Spiritual welfare of our Brethren, that we may be owned by our Lord, as his good and faithful servants, and obtaining the reward of those, who turn many to righteousness, may shine as the stars, for ever and ever.

The REV. MR. CRAWLEY, on moving the Third Resolution, observed, —It is well, Sir, the Bible Society needs no advocacy of mine, for it were utterly impossible for me to do justice to the grandeur of its object and the urgency of its claims. Scarcely thirty years have passed since a few individuals conceived the plan of a Society, whose simple object should be to purchase Bibles at the cheapest possible rate, to supply the wants of any part of the world, where copies of the word of God were either scanty or deficient.—Not yet 30 years!—and now behold a Society