

seated around a table, listening to one of the company, who was reading to them a chapter from the book that had previously been bought.

It would be impossible even to name the various fields of the Society's operations from which interesting reports have come; but the whole may be familiarly illustrated thus:—Suppose on some distant island of the far off seas, a new branch of the family of Adam had been discovered—the very name before unknown—and some person, whom the world may call enthusiast, says: “Now I will devote so much of this world's wealth specially to put into—that portion of our fallen family's hands the Word of God, in their own tongue. The British and Foreign Bible Society is the only medium by which that consummation shall be accomplished. True. Reason points to the fact, that the very sounds of the language have never been reduced to written characters, far less has a grammar of the language been made; the people themselves are barbarous cannibals. But Faith points to what has already been accomplished, and the promise that “The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” Prayer will continually ascend for *that* object among others, when the breathing of the soul goes out in “Hallowed be thy name, and thy Kingdom come.” “Have respect unto the covenant, the dark places of the earth are the habitations of horrid cruelty.” Ultimately men begin to vie with each other in being the honored instruments of conveying the Word, and being the

“—— first that ever bore  
Glad tidings to that dark, distant shore.”