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Mr. DICKSON, in proposing the resolution, said:

I have much pleasure in moving this resolution. The Report which we have just heard read, so loving and so luminous; so catholic and so comprehensive; so interesting and so instructive—needs no commendation. It is its own highest commendation. I do cordially thank the secretary on behalf of you all for it, for I am sure you have been pleased with it and profited by it.

The officers of the Society need no eulogy. Their work, so earnest, so faithful, so self-sacrificing, is their best eulogy. Yet, we cannot but return them our grateful thanks for the manner in which they have done their work and discharged their duties. Indeed, the Bible Society is peculiarly happy in its officers. They are all of them devout men, men intensely devoted to the cause of God, scrupulously faithful in every trust. Every word of the Report shows this. As I read it at home this morning, I noted these indications of the faithful discharge of duty:—The establishment of branches in Manitoba and British Columbia—the issue of 42,414 copies of Holy Scripture—the continuance of the Provisional Agency, which has proved so satisfactory, and so efficient—the increased revenue of the Society in \$4,051 over last year—the maintenance of seven Colporteurs, to whom two others are about to be added, that other important districts may be taken up—and last though not least—the interest manifested in the work of every other Society, and the hearty sympathy and co-operation with those within reach, is especially delightful. These facts speak volumes.

In listening to all this, we realize that we have been invited to a grand festival of the ear and of the heart to-night, in which there is much to please and much to satisfy, much to thrill the soul and awaken the deepest emotion, much to stir us to thoughtfulness and to incite us to labour. All the operations of this Society, under its efficient officers, are like Dr. Lyman Beecher's preaching, "on the move," suited to the wants of the time; adapted to the demands of the country: setting before us all an example that speaks out very loudly—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

After another season of seed-sowing—for the seed is the word, and the field is the world—the Society has called us together to hear what has been done, and to rejoice with it. And we do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. By our presence here to-night we crown the work of the year with our approval, and by the generous contributions we may give, we say to the Society—Go forward! Carry out the desires that God has put in thine heart! Go up and possess the land! And in these symbolic acts of ours we declare that we ourselves appreciate the Bible. That we believe it to be the word of the living God, the word of the living God to men. The sheet-anchor of all human hope. The enlightener of all human hearts. The regenerator through the eternal Spirit of all human souls. The light of all human life. What would human life be without the Bible? A dark and dreary and sorrowful night! The Bible, like the sun, gilds the horizon in the morning of our days, and