

he had likewise full command of English, he could make his appeals to his countrymen in that language, which, as the vehicle of religious thought, comes with stirring energy and moving sweetness to their hearts. * * * It is to be feared that in the case of Dr. Phillips, though possessing a singularly sound and robust constitution, his ardour carried him beyond the limits of prudence, and he accepted a burden of engagements, against which the Committee repeatedly remonstrated, and which imposed too severe a strain upon his strength. It was, however, difficult to restrain him, and in his burning zeal for the Society he too often forgot himself.

* * * In the year 1853 arrangements were made for celebrating the Society's Jubilee. * * * The practical wisdom, painstaking zeal and ample experience of Dr. Phillips, at once suggested to the Committee that no one could be found better fitted to frame and carry out the numberless details which would have to be settled and acted upon, and he was therefore summoned to London and entrusted with the duties of Jubilee Secretary. How admirably and efficiently he filled this position, is well known to those members of the Committee and officers of the Society who survive him; and it is not too much to affirm, that the success of the Jubilee scheme, which brought so munificent an offering to the Society's finances, and gave a new prominence to its objects and claims before the public, creating an influence, the effect of which is felt to the present time, was in great measure, under God's blessing, to be attributed to the vigorous, well concerted, and popular measures devised by Dr. Phillips. * * * It was at this period, too, that he was brought into intimate acquaintance with a lady (Mrs. Ranyard) to whose efforts the poor of London are largely indebted, and whose deepest sympathies have ever been enlisted in the cause of Bible circulation: and the interchange of thought which ensued had its practical issue in the publication of that most interesting and useful volume, *The Book and its Story*; a volume which has been translated into various languages, and which, wherever read, has not failed to gather fresh friends around the standard of the Bible Society. Dr. Phillips, after a residence of eighteen months in London, brought his Jubilee labours to a happy conclusion by passing through the press a volume entitled *The Jubilee Memorial*.

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It was scarcely possible that one whose period of service was so long, and who was so prominently identified with the Society's work, could altogether escape the presence of those controversies by which attempts have been made to disturb, if not alienate, the confidence and attachment of the Society's friends. It was painful to Dr. Phillips to be diverted from the even tenor of his official duties to deal with disputed points; but he never quailed before any assailant, and was ever prepared with fact and argument to vindicate the Society's procedure, not on the questionable ground of expediency, but on the higher ground of Christian principle; and he rarely failed to impress others with the convictions he personally entertained. Through the medium of the local press and in the form of useful tracts he explained the action of the Society, and relieved the minds of many, of the scruples and doubts which had been insinuated.

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The Committee had frequently expressed to Dr. Phillips their wish that he would reduce his own exertions within more reasonable limits, and seek to associate with himself some colleague who would share the burden of labour, and be in course of training for more enlarged and responsible service in after years. Yielding, at length, to this importunity, he was happily guided in the selection of an individual whom he could commend to the Committee with unqualified confidence, and he found in the Rev. W. Dickens Lewis, who had recently completed his collegiate course at the University of Oxford, a man likeminded with himself, who was master of both languages, and inherited from Christian parents much of Welsh enthusiasm for the Bible Society. After assisting Dr. Phillips for three years, the result was so