

Treasurer, who is requested to continue his services. That warm thanks be also presented to the Committees and Collectors of the various auxiliaries and branch societies at home and in the colonies, on a continuance of whose cordial help the Society relies; and that the following gentlemen be the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to fill up vacancies." [Names read.] In doing so, he made a speech, in which he gave a very graphic description of the difficulties and encouragements in his far north diocese. We regret we can only find room for one extract.

The Indians, when they had once received the Word of God, became missionaries to their brethren. Some time ago, while I was at Rupert's House, where there is a numerous tribe of Indians, a man came to me, and said he should be very glad to be baptized. I looked at him with astonishment, and said, "I have never seen you before; how, then, can you ask me to baptize you? Can you read?" "Oh, yes," he replied. I asked him to bring me his book, and he did so, and read with great fluency. I said to him, "How came you to get this book, and to gain this knowledge?" He replied, "Last winter a body of Indians to which I belong, who were out on a hunting expedition, met with a body of Rupert's House Indians. Finding that they could read, pray, and sing, we asked them to teach us to read, and they did so." Those two parties of Indians sat down side by side, and one party taught the other to read; and when they were obliged to separate for want of food, the Rupert's House Indians gave their companions, at parting with them, a portion of their books. I am happy to be able to add that, before my departure, I baptized the man, and the whole tribe were afterwards admitted by baptism into the Church of Christ, a large number of them being communicants.

The Dean of RYON seconded the resolution in a good speech, showing that all missionary societies are indebted to the Bible Society.

In answer to a vote of thanks, the Earl of Shaftesbury said:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—It is to-day, I believe, the thirty-second time that I have had, by God's blessing, the honour and happiness of taking this chair upon the anniversary of the Bible Society; if so, it is the thirty-second time that I have received your vote of thanks—it will be the thirty-second time that I have to return my expression of gratitude for the vote of thanks you have passed; therefore you cannot expect anything novel either in sentiment or expression. I can only say that every hour of my life, and all that I hear and see, attaches me more and more to this great Society. Dark and dismal as the prospect is in England and on all sides, I see in this a great conservative principle; and I cannot but think that by the blessing of God this grand old empire will weather the storm under the sheltering protection of the Bible Society and kindred efforts from God's house. Now, your resolution to-day is particularly warm and affectionate in its expressions. I am deeply grateful for it, and I feel honoured, too, by being made the subject of a particular resolution; nevertheless, I assure you I like very much the resolution that preceded it, in which the President was mixed up with the Vice-Presidents and with all the officers, and the Committee and many others. Let me say of that Committee that I have known them in succession for above thirty years, and I have never known in my experience such a succession of men so judicious, so sincere, so careful, so anxious to devote their time and talents to the furtherance of this great cause. We have gone on for all these years without a difficulty, a collision, or a doubt. The affairs of the Society have been governed with singular prudence to such an extent that I cannot but look upon the whole from the beginning to the end as a positive miracle and an intervention of Almighty God. I can only say again I very deeply feel the sympathy you have expressed, and if it should please God to grant me health and strength, I trust to meet you here again another year;