

John, in the Apocalypse, saw, can answer—the redeemed from among every people, every kindred, and every tongue. And what does the Bible not do in many hamlets, and among many families! How does the lamp burn bright while they have the enjoyment of the Bible! And oh, my friends, let us remember that with us time is short, and each one has a great work to do. Let England look at France, and remember while she stands that she may fall; let England stick to the Bible, and the God of the Bible will be her panoply. Nothing can exceed in importance the work in which you are engaged, namely, that of spreading the Bible. Most of us know there have been crowns and thrones which have swayed half the world, and where are they now? The sand of the desert is their winding-sheet. It is for us to pray that England may stand like a beacon shedding her light further and further till the ends of the earth are illuminated with the knowledge of the Lord, for ‘All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of our God shall stand for ever.’

The third resolution, in which thanks were given to the officers of the Society, and to the officers, committees, and collectors of Auxiliaries and Branches at home and abroad, was moved by the Rev. G. T. Perks, of London, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Willis, Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

*(Extracts from the Doctor's speech were published in the Bible Society Recorder for May.)*

The Rev. G. T. PERKS—“My Lord: I am quite aware that I owe my position this morning to the circumstance that I happen to be officially connected with a Missionary Society, a society which, in common with all such societies, is under very great obligations to the British and Foreign Bible Society. I think it is well for us on these occasions to bear in mind the intimate and inseparable connection existing between such societies. They are, in fact, twin departments of the evangelical work of the Church of Christ, and they languish or flourish together. The Missionary Societies furnish men who have supplied some of the most valuable translations of this Society. It would be a very easy matter to enumerate a long and illustrious list of such men—Carey, Morrison, Martyn, Judson, Wilson, Duff, and Moffat—men who have engraved their names on the foundations of future nations and churches. ‘They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.’ While the Missionary Societies have frequently supplied the translations, this Society, with a cheerful promptness and with a large liberality, has undertaken the printing, the publication and circulation of the precious Oracles of God. I rejoice, my Lord Bishop, that this Book goes forth under the sanction of a Society that is so thoroughly catholic in its constitution and spirit. We may have, and we certainly have had, our individual opinions and our ecclesiastical preferences, but in regard to the supremacy and sufficiency of God's Book we are essentially, thoroughly, practically one. I was glad to hear a reference made this morning, and shall presume to refer to the subject again, to the gentlemen who constitute the Education Board of London. I say, all honour to the men who by such an overwhelming majority decided that God's Book shall form part and parcel of the education of the children of this country. The connections between Missionary Societies and the Bible Society are a thousand-fold. The Bible is often the pioneer of the missionary. It will be remembered by some on this platform that in 1851 there was a seizure of New Testaments in the city of Florence. They were taken to the common gaol, and when the youth who was employed to perform this work took the last barrowful to the gaoler, the gaoler said to him, ‘Well, I hope we have finished this work at last.’ ‘No,’ said the