

us not forget this in our love for the Bible, and in our gifts to the treasury of our societies for increasing its circulation. The Report of your Society which we have heard to-night is encouraging. To increase its efficiency according to the urgent needs presented, you should liberally augment its funds. The Parent Society at London reports for the past year the magnificent sum of one million of dollars given for its work. The Society at New York has announced as received for its work some six hundred and seven thousand. It is thus that the daughter emulates the mother. As this fair child increases in womanhood, let the mother look to her laurels that she is not surpassed in her gifts and works of usefulness. Long may England's Queen and Columbia vie with each other in such a strife and for such prizes. The Christian use of money is the modern miracle. But let us not forget to-night that this Bible has its personal application to our own wants. It is the guide to our feet continually, and the comforter all our way along. The celebrated Jay, when dying, was asked what legacy he left for his children. He thoughtfully and solemnly replied, "They have the Bible." And that is enough; the Bible is surely the young man's best friend and strong helper. And equally is it for the aged. An old man lay blind and helpless on his couch. His little granddaughter was reading to him from her Testament. She read "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." The old man said, "Stop, read that again." She read it. The blind man says, "Are you sure that is there?" "Yes!" "Put my finger on it, and read it again." The little child put her blind grandfather's finger on the verse, and read again, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." And he was satisfied. He fell back again upon his couch, and said to his child, "If any one asks how your old grandfather died, tell him I died resting upon the verse, 'The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.'" Oh, yes, the Bible is sufficient, while young and strong, to live by; and when old, it is all-sufficient comfort by which we may die in peace and hope. Mr. Chairman, I am glad to be with you to-night, and to second this resolution. When you meet on your next anniversary, I trust it may be reported that your usefulness has been enlarged, and that the funds of your Society have been greatly increased.

The Very Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, moved the following resolution:—"That as the Scriptures are the symbol and outward basis of the spiritual unity that binds together Evangelical Christendom, and the common standard of faith to which it appeals, the duty of the Church of Christ, especially of the English-speaking churches, to disseminate them wherever Christ is preached is imperative;" and in doing so said—

Some persons, I am sorry to say, are uninterested in Bible Society Meetings, because, in their opinion, nothing new can be said about the Bible, and because nothing new is likely to be said. They are quite satisfied that the Bible is a good book, and that it should be circulated; but, not expecting to hear anything new, they prefer not to attend anniversaries. Facts certainly indicate that such people are mistaken; and that much that is new may be said about the Bible, and that the people's interest may be stirred to the utmost. For instance, an article on the Bible that appeared, two or three years ago, in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, by Professor Robertson Smith, has stirred Scotland, as that Bible-loving country has not been stirred since the eventful times of 1843. It is admitted that the writer has as profound a reverence for the Scriptures as any man, and that his aim is to reconcile the old faith with the new scholarship and criticism. To him, the Bible is much more than a storehouse of texts and a *repertory* of doctrines. It is the history of a long and loving union between God and man, under unique conditions and leading to the unique result of the perfect revelation of Himself in His Son for our salvation. One good result of the article in question is that