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Although the attendance at this meeting was not so numerous as the friends of the Society desired, yet the general impression was evidently that of encouragement and hope. This impression operated both ways, as received and as imparted. The details of the Report excited a conviction in the minds of the assembly, that at least one great object recently attempted by this Society was in a fair way of being accomplished,—the supply of all the Protestant families in the province with the word of God; and the satisfaction expressed at such a probability was highly encouraging to those who were actively engaged in the enterprise. It conveyed to them the assurance that they would not be left to work alone, either in that department of labour or in any other connected with the general purposes of the Bible Society.

If any thing is calculated to teach us the value of the Bible in its relation to the welfare of the community, it is the train of events which are now passing over us. Nothing is more

clearly established in our minds than that the late out-break of party violence, was, both in its origin and its progress, at perfect variance with the principles of the gospel; and it is well known that most of the leaders in this unholy strife were destitute of "the Truth" and opposed to it. May we not assert, with regard to both them and their followers, that, if the maxims of the Bible had been the rule of their conduct, we should never have witnessed, or heard of, those deeds of violence and crime which have covered their characters with infamy, disturbed the quiet and security of the Province, occasioned the death of many of its inhabitants, and the misery of more, and endangered the peace not of America only, but of Europe and the world? If any grievances had been felt or imagined, their redress would have been sought by legal and constitutional means, and no desire would have been cherished of raising the standard of revolt against the rightful authority of the state.