

darkened by human misrepresentation, and free to all, from the highest to the lowest, that they may search the Scriptures daily to see whether the things taught them by their authorized teachers are so,—and let the children in the schools be little Timothys, from their youths knowing the Holy Scriptures by heart,—then the gulf between England and Rome will remain as wide and deep as ever.

“If I might venture to urge one sacred duty upon my hearers, it should be to redeem more time for the study of God’s own Word, and to remember that the best religious books become rank poison to your souls if you allow them to absorb the time which ought to be devoted to the study of the Bible. You will never be strong against error, you will never be tenacious of the truth, so long as you take your religion from religious magazines or from the lips of ministers. If you would be grounded and settled in the truth you must give yourselves far more universally, far more industriously, far more honestly, to the study of God’s own Word, and then you will double your efforts to saturate our English people with the teaching of the Scriptures. Circulate the Scriptures and depend upon it that the more they are circulated the more they will be read, and the more they are read the more they will be believed. For God’s Word is like God’s light : it is its own best evidence. I have great pleasure in seconding the resolution.”

DEATH OF THE REV. CHAS. E. B. REED.

The sad intelligence has reached us of the sudden death of the Rev. Chas. E. B. Reed, Corresponding Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He had recently returned from an extensive official tour in south-eastern Europe and adjoining parts of Asia, and the committee looked forward to valuable results from the extended knowledge of the Society’s work thus gained. But Mr. Reed’s voice having failed him, he was compelled, temporarily, as was supposed, to withdraw from engagements, and under medical advice took a tour on the Continent. He first went to Northern Italy, and, after a short stay there, was returning through Switzerland, when, on Saturday, 27th July, crossing a mountain pass in company with a friend and a guide, he lost his footing, and falling over a precipice, was almost instantly killed. Although not personally acquainted with Mr. Reed, yet an official but most friendly correspondence of several years seemed almost like personal intimacy, and we therefore, equally with our friends in London, mourn the loss of a friend. The deceased was son of the late Sir Charles Reed, and grandson of the late Rev. Andrew Reed, both of them noted Christian philanthropists.

WORK YET TO BE DONE.

A very zealous and true friend of the Society writes as follows :—“ I am pained when I hear it stated, as I too often do, by leading men in the religious world (as I know that what they say must influence their hearers and possibly prevent them doing much or anything for the Bible Society), ‘The Bible is now translated into nearly all languages and is distributed all over the world.’ The following words, written by the Rev. W. G. Lawes, of