

Gospel of peace, and may we not, must we not believe, that in this general awakening of the Christian world to this pious duty, we see the visible operations of God accomplishing the prophecy of that blessed time when nation shall no longer rise against nation, nor shall there be war any more. It may tend perhaps in some degree to this happy consequence that all who join in this Christian work should express their hope that such may be one blessed effect of their exertion; and I therefore move, that this Society express their conviction That the religious communication which the distribution of the Scriptures promotes between Christians of different nations, may, under the blessing of God, produce the happiest and most important results."

Doctor Strachan, in seconding this motion observed, that it was evident "to every person who took the trouble to examine the state of Christianity twenty years ago, that a mighty change was effecting. That already much had been done, and the foundation laid for the most important revolutions in the religious opinions of the heathen. In the East, a spirit of enquiry has been awakened among the natives, and they are becoming eager for instruction. Persons recently returned from that distant portion of the British Empire, had observed that a wonderful change had taken place there within a very few years, both in the disposition of the natives to receive instruction and in the opinions and views of the Europeans resident among them. A similar change is gradually taking place in this country: in truth it appears that the zeal which gave rise to so many religious Societies in London, and which has added new strength and energy to those already existing, begins to manifest itself where it was the least expected. Those who are conversant in the narratives of travellers, will recollect that it was their boast to refer upon every possible occasion, to the Classics. One boasted that he travelled through Italy with Virgil in his hand, and derived great delight from examining on the spot the various descriptions of this excellent Poet. Others in visiting the different parts of Greece and the plains of Troy, have endeavoured to discover the names of places from their resemblance to the descriptions of Homer. To discover classical allusions was to obtain a triumph to which the traveller did not fail to attach much importance. But even here, there is a change, and many travellers are now found with their Bibles in their hands, instead of the Classics, comparing the