

time been idle ; they had been stimulated to further exertion, their funds had increased, and their operations enlarged.

But the Bible Society had not merely to speak of the distribution of Bibles ; there were incontestible proofs of the blessings flowing from them, in the improvement of Settlements and families, the aid to Schools and Missions, and, what was of the highest interest, the conversion of many souls to God, in various places, by the perusal of the Scriptures alone—the Bible reached where no Missionary could gain access.

If what had been stated was true, and facts had been given without exaggeration, could any one doubt as to the last point, and say—the Bible Society was not still entitled to confidence and support ?—was there any period at which her prospects were brighter, the calls for her exertions more powerful, or her means better applied ?—Will you now abandon it ?—Will any one take the responsibility of paralyzing this great body ; stopping the progress of this vast machinery, and after so much has been done, leave undone the still infinitely greater work that remained ?—Can any lover of the Bible wish that this Society had never existed ?—Whatever doubt or distrust might remain, would, he trusted, be removed by hearing the interesting particulars detailed in the Report.

The President concluded by observing that an Association of this sort, no doubt, required prudence, discretion, and forbearance to temper the zeal of its advocates, who, sincere in their own opinion, differed from each other in many points of doctrine and of discipline. But it was found men might meet together on this platform in peace as in the ordinary walks of life ;—and surely the field was wide enough, and fair enough, for us to occupy without collision. He trusted that all would go away this night more and more convinced that the Bible Society had been instrumental, and may yet be still more so, in advancing the glory of God, and extending truth, and peace, and charity among mankind.

The REPORT having been read by the Secretary, the following Resolutions were successively moved, seconded, and adopted :

1. Moved by the Honorable W. B. KINNEAR, and seconded by the Rev. E. J. HARRIS :

That the Report, which has just been read, be received, and printed under the direction of the Committee.

2. Moved by the Rev. JAMES REID LAWSON, and seconded by Mr. JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE :

That the benefits which continue to flow so abundantly from the labours of the British and Foreign Bible Society, call for a devout and thankful acknowledgment, that the Divine blessing has hitherto attended the operations of the Society.

3. Moved by the Rev. SAMUEL ROBINSON, and seconded by Mr. GILBERT T. RAY :

That this Meeting learn with great satisfaction, that measures have been adopted by the Committee and partly completed, for ascertaining what families or individuals in the City or its vicinity are destitute of the Scriptures, and for supplying them to all who are willing to receive them.

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