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I found it very hard to bear myself away. And to show that it is not from any want of interest in, or sympathy with this Society, I may tell you that we are to devote to it the weekly collection in our prayer meeting, for the next month. If I may presume to do so, I would suggest to other congregations that they might take a leaf out of our book.

The Rev. E. Annand said:

Now that the length of the programme has pushed this resolution so far into the night and so far on your patience, further address must be brief. The report read to-night points to the fact that the Society, by a circulation of a wholesome literature, has been pushing aside those sensational and obscene publications which float so abundantly among us, cursing, polluting and blighting as they go—has been making the good and great of the past speak to the present in words which stir and mould the age—has been making thousands and tens of thousands speak from the printed page in the ear of a dying world. This is not a small result.

This resolution recognizes the fact that God owns and blesses the circulation of religious books and tracts. The history of tract distribution gives numerous incidents in proof of the claim. (The speaker here stated a fact which had come under his own notice, and then remarked.) From this and like examples we see not only the truth that God through the tract speaks comfort to the sad, strength to the weak and guidance to the wanderer, but can, and does sound an alarm in the ears of the unconcerned, startling them from the sleep of death. I believe, and therefore speak and say with all heartiness, God speed the Colporteur on his way and the Society in its work.

This resolution also recognizes the fact that direct personal contact with individuals in this work is owned of God and blessed. I believe in that mode of working as strongly as the resolution does. Spencer in his "Pastors' Sketches" tells us that on one occasion when leaving a family after a pastoral visitation, taking the hand of a thoughtless girl, said, "One thing is needful Mary." A few weeks after she came to him under strong convictions, which as far as man could judge resulted in conversion. She told him that she had heard his general exhortations in the pulpit and in the family unmoved, but when he addressed those words to her personally, the truth went to her heart. The lesson for workers