

PROCEEDINGS.

THE REV. J. SCOTT, on moving the First Resolution, "That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the same be printed under the direction of the Committee"—spoke as follows:—

Mr. Chairman,—Many weighty and affecting considerations concur to induce us to engage in the benevolent work, which now occupies our attention.

Institutions, Sir, having for their object the spread of the glad tidings of Salvation, have certainly the strongest claim to our aid and co-operation. On this point, it seems impossible that there should be any difference of opinion. The subject is one which must excite in our breasts one common feeling. Having our own hope in Christ, we cannot but desire to communicate this blessed hope to others. Relying on the merits of a crucified Saviour for that grace, by which alone we can be delivered from everlasting misery, and made partakers of everlasting happiness, we would have this way of salvation made known to all, who partake of our common nature. And, sir, must not this desire of our hearts be strengthened by the hope of promoting, at the same time, the honour of Him who redeemed us? Must not the promise of the Spirit, that he will strengthen and prosper us in every good work, and the more special promise of our Saviour, in reference to the work now under consideration, effectually encourage us in such labour of love?—Must not the assurance, which is given us, of the ultimate and universal prevalence of the Redeemer's Kingdom, establish our minds in the use of all proper means for accomplishing the glory of that happy period, when all shall know the Lord, from the least even to the greatest?

Now, sir, the prime instrument to be employed in this great and glorious work, is the Bible.—The Bible is the appointed and chief means of extending the Redeemer's Empire, and of saving immortal souls. The Holy Scriptures, sir, are the power of God unto Salvation, to every one that believeth. They are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, and able to make men perfect, thoroughly furnished to every good work. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit, and wielded by his Almighty arm, it is quick and powerful, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit. We know that it has already proved mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strong holds,—casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. God himself has ex-