

are not entitled. A work descriptive of colors by a man born blind, would be quite as reliable as a criticism on a translation of the bible by a man who could not even read the tongue into which it was translated.

As to the charge that the Directorship of the British and Foreign Bible Society consists, or did consist, of Romanists and Unitarians, it has no foundation. Mr. Russell challenges them to name one connected with the Committee whose principles are so diametrically opposed to the grand object of the Society—the diffusion of the pure word of God. The public may rest assured, that if the committee consisted of persons of the stamp indicated, *ichabod* would in living characters be written upon it. When scandal, as in this case, is arrayed in the habiliments of devotion, it becomes peculiarly revolting.

The British and Foreign Bible Society select what competent judges regard as the best versions on the whole in the different languages and dialects. That some of these are not so perfect as our English version, is true, but how much better is it to scatter abroad even imperfect versions, than that souls should be allowed to perish for want of the bread of life. All the versions adopted by the Society are substantially correct, as attested by Christians conversant with the various tongues in which they are rendered. The Christian public will judge of the noble efforts of the Bible Society as a whole, and, tested in this light, there is not in the world a human organization which has exhibited so much practical Christian benevolence, under the Divine blessing, as the British and Foreign Bible Society. It were quite as irrational to object to the Sun as the great source of light and heat, on the ground that there are spots on it, as to object to the Bible Society because its operations are not perfect. Messrs. Sutherland and Munro have exerted themselves to the utmost, by slanderous insinuations, more than by direct statements, to destroy confidence in an institution which will continue to command the support and admiration of Christians in all climes. The work in which the Society is engaged is God's work. He has blessed it in a remarkable manner hitherto, and will continue to do so in spite of every attempt to mar and destroy it.

A word as to Mr. Russell's reply. It is pointed, temperate, and satisfactory. The only paragraph to which I think exception can be taken, is one at page 15, in which he finds fault with an advertisement of "The Reasons of Exception," because the pamphlet is represented, months after it had appeared, as "*Just Published.*" The phrase is purely conventional, and is so understood by the Trade, as well as by the public generally. I am, &c.

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### PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery was held on Wednesday, May 12th, in the Session house of St. Andrew's Church, Woodstock. The following ministers are members of the St. John Presbytery:—John M. Brooke, D.D., minister of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton; William Donald, D.D., St. Andrew's Church, St. John; Rev. John Ross and Rev. Peter Keay, of Greenock Church, St. Andrew's, and Dumbarton; Rev. David Fogo, St. Mary's Church, Nashwaak, and St. Peter's, Stanley; Rev. James Kidd, St. John's Church, Richmond; Rev. Geo. J. Caie, New St. Stephen's Church, St. John. Of these the Rev. Dr. Brooke, Moderator, and Rev. John Ross, were absent. Rev. Dr. Donald, Clerk, read the minutes of last meeting, which were sustained.

The Rev. Mr. Fogo, who has been recently transferred from the Presbytery of Halifax, and who, since his arrival within the limits of the Presbytery of St. John, has been labouring at Nashwaak and Stanley, was received as a member of the court, and gave a brief statement of his duties and prospects in his new field. The Presbytery appointed Mr. Fogo to labour in the same sphere till the next meeting, which will be held at Chatham at the end of June,