

of the book for which they sought; whether they had seen it, and knew its character. They replied, that they had seen and heard the Scriptures, but that all which they possessed, were "some of the words of David," which, however, did not belong to them alone, but their family. He enquired whether they had these words of David with them? They confessed that they had, on which he expressed a desire to see the book. They looked at each other, as if they knew not what to do. At length one of them thrust his hand deep into his bosom, and drew therefrom this precious possession. Wrapt in many coverings of cloth, there at length appeared, slowly and cautiously unfolded, a few leaves of the Book of Psalms. Although kept with the greatest care, their worn appearance showed how constant a use had been made of them. Mr. Ellis naturally desired to make the cherished relic his own, and he asked them if they knew not the words of Jesus and of Paul. They confessed that they had heard them, but had never possessed them. Well, he replied, if you will give me those, I will let you have *this*—holding out a Malagase New Testament with the Psalms. They eagerly compared the Psalms of David with their own, and finding that all that they possessed was there, with much more, their countenances beamed with delight—they eagerly accepted Mr. Ellis' offer, made the exchange, and hastily left the house. He afterwards found that without the least delay, they instantly set out on their long journey homewards, "rejoicing as one that findeth great spoil."\*

And now, my friends, may I not ask, do you want facts and results to encourage you to propagate the Gospel? Then—onwards, onwards—patiently, diligently, resolutely onwards. The judgment of sense may be against you, but faith leaning on the arm of Omnipotence—Hope, cheered by the promises of "Him who cannot lie"—and the charity that never fails, kindling and prompting our zeal—these abiding with us, we "shall not faint or grow weary," but shall be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Rev. John M'Curdy, in seconding this Resolution, expressed many things that were worthy of attention, but as he has given only some statements about the Miramichi Ladies' Association, we take pleasure in inserting them:—

The Miramichi Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society was formed in 1820, and has been in operation 44 years. Mrs. Peabody, and Mrs. Abrams, the first two Presidents, have departed this life. Mrs. Richard Simonds, and Mrs. Christopher Clarke, Vice-Presidents, are also removed by death. Mrs. John Clarke, the first treasurer, and Mrs. C. Thomson, for many years secretary, are likewise numbered with the departed. The present office-bearers are Mrs. Kerr, President; Mrs. Perley, Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Cunard, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. M'Curdy, Treasurer, and Mrs. Dr. Thomson, Secretary. The Society has remitted to London during the last sixteen years, £757 2s. 1d. stg., of which £477 17s. 2d. are donations to the Parent Society. During the same time it has put in circulation 3,919 copies of the Scriptures.

Making an estimate for the first 28 years of the Society's work at an average of one-third less than the average of the last six years, the Society

\* See "Gospel in Madagascar."