

seem advisable, met at the office of Capt. Maitland, 19th April, 1862. There were present Capt. Maitland (chairman), Messrs. W. C. Baynes, John Dougall, Henry Vennor, John Greenshields, and T. M. Taylor. After prayer and conversation, the following resolutions were moved :

1st. We recommend that the constitutions of the three Societies be so amended, as that money shall not confer membership, nor entitle to any position, and that "friends" not "subscribers" as such be invited to the annual meetings.

2nd. We recommend to these Societies that the present mode of obtaining funds by the going round of collectors making indiscriminate applications for money be discontinued, and that instead thereof, the means be used of printed advertisements and printed appeals, setting forth the operations, wants, and claims of these societies ; and that it be then left to the friends of these societies to send in funds ; or more properly speaking, that it be left to Him whose are the silver and the gold, and who can turn the hearts of all men as He will, to send through such friends what He pleases.

After discussion of these proposed resolutions the meeting adjourned to Saturday the 26th inst., at the same place.

There accordingly met on that day—Capt. Maitland (chairman), Messrs. Baynes, Dougall, Greenshields, and Taylor. The two resolutions were again proposed.

The first was unanimously carried.

As to the second, Mr. Greenshields moved in amendment, "While we agree in the principle embodied in Mr. T——'s motion, we are not yet prepared to recommend it, and we therefore agree to the following resolution :

"That the present mode of sustaining the religious societies is unsatisfactory and should be abolished. That in lieu of that system annual subscriptions and voluntary donations be relied upon exclusively. That the different Societies be recommended to carry out these resolutions, as to them may seem fit : suggesting that in the meantime appeals be made to the public, and books opened at the Depository for donations and subscriptions.

This resolution was passed, and it was agreed that a copy of these minutes signed by the Committee be remitted to the three Societies.

After prayer the meeting closed.

(Signed),

J. H. MAITLAND,

JOHN DOUGALL,

H. VENNOR,

W. C. BAYNES,

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,

THOS. M. TAYLOR.

Here, therefore, there was, by a unanimous vote, a distinct recommendation of the abolition of the money qualification Law.

It was at its meeting in May, 1862, that this report was submitted to the Committee of the Bible Society, when it was re-