

ertion as extensive, noble, and fertile, as any in the world, and under the blessing of Providence, about to yield as luxuriant a harvest. I allude to the conversion of the Indian tribes, to Christianity. And here let me observe that while I repeat what the report has just stated, that the Committee to whom was referred the important consideration of the means of communicating the Christian faith to these tribes, found the constitution of this Society such as does not admit of any thing being done by us in that respect, the object of this Society being merely that of circulating the Bible; it would in such an attempt depart from its constitution, in some measure invading the province of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and would involve the necessity of sending Missionaries, a matter quite beyond the power of the friends of this incipient branch of the Bible Society; and therefore the Committee have requested to be discharged from that duty; yet let it not be supposed that the Committee have any doubt of the practicability of civilizing the Indians. No, Sir, the Committee have sanguine hopes of the result, if a plan and means were set in operation, but it belonging to other authorities to undertake a matter of this nature, the Committee could not with any benefit enter on the consideration. To conclude, let it not be forgotten, that omitting all care of the Indian's condition, is omitting a serious duty; that he is our brother, and that if we do not make some exertion to stay the desolating degradation that seems to have seized upon him, we cannot be Christians. I move, Sir, that it be resolved that the Society views with great pleasure the success of the continued exertions of the Parent Society in translating the Scriptures into various languages." Carried unanimously.

After a conversation of some length, in which most of the Members took a part, it was unanimously resolved: That for want of any translation of the Scriptures in the prevailing language of the Indian tribes, within this extensive Province, numbers are unavoidably without that religious instruction necessary to their happiness, but the means of removing this evil are not within the reach of the limited funds of this Society.

The Solicitor General begged leave to propose, That this Society views with affectionate interest the mighty progress now making through all the Christian world in disseminating the Scriptures.

"Mr. Chairman—After having heard the very admirable and highly animating Report just read, the Rev. Doctor Strachan, and observing the benevolent and sympathetic feelings exhibited by this meeting towards our Savage brethren in this extensive colony, and the earnest desire they have expressed of extending to them as far as possible the benefits of this Society, I am sure there will not be one dissentient voice to the sentiments contained in the Resolution I have just submitted."