

They form part of the preface to the Genevan English Version of 1557—a version which was, I believe, for many a year the Bible specially of the homes and hearths of England. I find it written thus—

• OF THE INCOMPARABLE TREASURE OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

'Here is the Spring where Waters flow
To quench our heate of sinne,
Here is the Tree where truth doth grow
To lead our lives therein.
Here is the judge that stints the strife
When men's devises faile;
Here is the bread that feeds the life
That death cannot assaile.
The tidings of salvation deare
Comes to our ears from hence.
The fortress of our faith is here
And shield of our defence.

'Read not this booke in any case
But with a single eye,
Read not, but first desire God's grace
To understand thereby.
Pray still in faith with this respect
To fructifie therein,
That knowledge may bring this effect,
To mortify thy sin.'

Then the last stanza seems to have a special appropriateness in it to the mingled solemnity of the thought of the past and the stimulus for the future, which this meeting this year brings—

'Then happy thou in all thy life
When so to thee befalls,
Yea, double happy shalt thou be
When God by death thee calls.'

THE REV. DR. A. S. HUNT, Secretary to the American Bible Society, said :

"My Lord, and Christian friends, it is with a sense of satisfaction I know not how to express that I rise to second this resolution. You will permit me to say that I am here as the representative of another national organization, whose constitution is substantially the same as that of this Society. The sole object of the American Bible Society, as well as of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is to "encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment." If there were nothing more than this identity of aim on the part of these two institutions, it would not, I believe, be regarded as altogether inappropriate for a representative of the American Bible Society to support this resolution. But the earliest chapters of the history of the Society I have the honour to represent afford other reasons which render this service a peculiar pleasure to me. The first Annual Report of the American Bible Society states that the proposal to organize such an institution was first made in a letter addressed by the British and Foreign Bible Society to the Philadelphia Bible Society; and one of the earliest resolutions recorded upon the journal of its Managers directs that information should be given to the British and Foreign Bible Society that the American Bible Society had been organized. With great promptness, your Committee instructed their Secretary, the Rev. John Owen—a man whose memory is honoured on our side of the Atlantic as well as on yours—to send a response, which he did in the following words :—'The Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society have instructed me to offer you their