

Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me." Yes, let every one of us here present, let every Christian everywhere say, with respect to that blessed Book, "The Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me."

In moving the second Resolution, the Rev. J. R. LAWSON spoke in substance as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Christian Friends,—It is oftentimes the case that the same circumstance is a source of *regret*, and at the same time of *joy*. I am sure we all regret that no building can be procured in this City sufficiently capacious to contain the vast multitudes that seek admission to these anniversary meetings of the Bible Society, which circumstance renders it necessary to admit by ticket. We all feel that such a mode of admission is not in accordance with the spirit of that Bible which brings "glad tidings of great joy" intended for *all people*—that it is not in accordance with the *catholicity* of that great institution which seeks to bring all, both high and low, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, "Scythian, Barbarian, bond and free," under the influence of that truth which alone can *sanctify, elevate and save*; and, therefore, I am sure we all sympathise with the Committee of this Auxiliary, in the necessity under which they are laid, of admitting only a *limited* number to breathe the purifying and refreshing atmosphere of these hallowed meetings. May I venture to express the hope that this state of matters will not last much longer—that the Committee will soon be released from the painful necessity of excluding *any* from meetings that detail the triumphs of the Bible, and which therefore furnish the best evidences of the truth of Christianity. May I venture to express my hope, that the God of the Bible, whose is the silver and the gold, and in whose hand are the hearts of all men, will put it into the hearts of the *true* Protestants in St. John to erect a structure at no distant period, which, whilst it will be an ornament to the City, will afford sufficient accommodation to the yearly increasing number of those who seek to strengthen the moral influence, as well as to enjoy the benefit of these "annual Protestant festivals."

But, sir, if the circumstance to which I have alluded be a source of *regret* in one view of it, in another it must be a source of intense satisfaction to all those who take an interest in the prosperity of the Bible Society. It has a voice, and it tells us that the great cause of Bible circulation—that God-honoring, Christ-exalting, and soul-saving cause—is year by year taking firmer hold of the feelings and sympathies of this community; and from this may we not gather abundant cause of thankfulness to the God of the Bible, for the measure of success which He has been graciously pleased to grant to this Auxiliary; and also abundant encouragement to renewed exertion in co-operating with the Parent Society, that "His way may be known upon earth, and His saving health among all nations?"

The Resolution which I hold in my hand calls upon us "to rejoice with the Parent Society in the multiplied proofs of prosperity and extended labour which have marked its operations during the past year." And why, sir, should we not rejoice? As the professed friends of the exalted Mediator, should we not rejoice in hearing of His triumphs as He rides forth on the white horse of the everlasting Gospel, conquering and to conquer? And as the friends of *humanity*, should we not rejoice in hearing of the extensive circulation of that book, which, to use the language of one who *knew, loved, and lived* his Bible, "has God for its *author*, salvation for its *end*, and truth without any mixture of error for its *matter*,"—that book which alone can elevate man to his true dignity as a rational and immortal creature, guide him safely through all the intricacies of this mortal life—pour the balm of