

more eastern section of the field. We are one in our objects, and occupy, as auxiliaries, a similar relationship to the God-honored Parent Society at home.

## British and Foreign.

### MEMORIAL ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF THE REV. THOMAS PHILLIPS, D. D., THE SOCIETY'S SENIOR DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Phillips took place at his residence, Hereford, on Friday, October 28. The following extracts are selected from a comprehensive and extended "memorial" of him in the "Bible Society Monthly Reporter" for December. The perusal cannot fail to benefit the reader. The sectional and fragmentary character of that now given cannot exhibit the beauty and excellence of the complete biography; but our limited space prevents us from presenting it more fully.

"The Committee having received the intelligence of the decease of the Rev. Dr. Phillips, the Society's senior District Secretary, cannot record this mournful event on their Minutes without offering the tribute of their affectionate respect to his memory, and expressing their sense of the immense loss sustained by the Society, with which he was so usefully and honorably associated."

From the moment Dr. Phillips accepted an official position in the British and Foreign Bible Society he regarded his new vocation as a work for life, and well worthy of the unreserved consecration of all his powers, intellectual and physical. Throughout his long period of active service he pursued his manifold and onerous duties with an ardour and enthusiasm which never faltered, and which had an extraordinary influence in securing that rich harvest of liberality which Wales has so nobly yielded to the Bible Society.

Dr. Phillips when but a youth gave evidence of that strong desire for personal usefulness which subsequently became the ruling element in his character. He was first introduced to the notice of the Committee by the late Charles Stokes Dudley, who perceived in him qualifications admirably adapted for the special work of the Bible Society, associated with profound sympathy for its simple object and catholic constitution. Mr. Dudley during his travels in South Wales had formed the acquaintance of Dr. Phillips, then officiating as a minister at Hay, in connection with that important and influential religious body, the Calvinistic Methodists; and having found in him a willing and able helper in his efforts to extend local organization, ventured to suggest that the work of the Bible Society might afford an appropriate and congenial sphere of usefulness for the employment of his talents. The appeal elicited a prompt and cordial response, and as the Auxiliary system needed a much wider development than had then been attained, either in England or Wales, the services of Dr. Phillips were engaged, in the first instance, for an experimental period, in order that the Committee might have full proof of his fitness, and that he might satisfy his mind that he was entering upon a position to which he was called by his Divine Master. This preliminary arrangement speedily passed into a permanent relationship; a measure which has afforded the Committee increasing satisfaction from year to year, inasmuch as the interests of the Society have been most remarkably and efficiently promoted thereby. The first report of work done was presented by Dr. Phillips at the Annual Conference of the District Secretaries in February, 1837. That document bore such clear evidence of the beneficial results of Dr. Phillips' labours—of the energetic, methodical, and successful manner in which he had discharged his duties—that the Committee arrived at the unani-