

proaches in the history of the British and Foreign Bible Society, when it will be most becoming in all its supporters and friends to pause and review the past dealings of God with it, and to take counsel together, and to stir up one another to a more full accomplishment of the mission with which it is entrusted.

On the 7th of March, 1853, the Society enters on its fiftieth year—its Year of Jubilee. The Committee would not fulfil their own sense of duty, nor do justice to what they are assured is the feeling of the Society's innumerable friends, if they did not devise some means by which an event so full of interest may be extensively, and devoutly celebrated.

They are aware that, in proposing to observe a year of Jubilee, they are following in the wake of a number of important and valuable institutions which have already passed this period of their history, and which may therefore be supposed to have anticipated much of the excitement which such seasons are adapted to inspire: still the prominent place which the British and Foreign Bible Society occupies before our country and the world, and the deep hold which it has on the affections of its constituents, and, above all, its sublime and simple object, in connection with the best welfare of men and the glory of God, justify, and even demand, that a season like the approaching one should not be allowed to pass without some special commemoration.

The Resolutions which accompany this circular embody the sentiments and views of the Committee of the Parent Society on the subject of the Year of Jubilee.—They contain, also, a variety of suggestions and recommendations which the Committee beg respectfully to place before the friends of the Society, and to which they invite their candid and serious consideration. The Committee are far from supposing that they have exhausted the plans in which Christian ingenuity and liberality and piety may combine to promote the object in view: they rather wish to be considered as throwing out a general, though not a hastily-formed scheme, to be applied and acted upon as opportunities and other circumstances may dictate.

The Committee cannot help reminding their friends of the singular importance now attaching to the Bible—and, in its degree, to the Bible Society—from the aspect of the present times, and the condition of the world at large, both civilized and unenlightened. But they forbear to enlarge on this or any other topic, hoping, as they do, that they may have the privilege of dispersing, in the course of the ensuing year, numerous Appeals and Addresses from some of the Society's best friends. They wish, however, in conclusion, deeply to impress on the minds of all whom this circular may reach, as well

as on their own, that the Divine interposition and blessing are required to give efficacy and success to this movement:—that prayer and supplications, with thanksgiving, should especially accompany and sanctify the doings and offerings of the Jubilee Year.

Signed, in behalf of the Committee,
G. J. COLLINSON,)
G. BROWNE.) Secretaries.

Whereupon the following resolutions relative to the proposed Jubilee were unanimously passed:—

1. That the Committee of the Nova Scotia Bible Society cordially approve of the proposals of the Parent Society relative to the observance of the year commencing March 7th 1853 as a year of Jubilee, as communicated by the Assistant Foreign Secretary by letter of 16th December last, and will, so far as their influence extends, co-operate in carrying the same into effect.

2. That the Committee recommend the objects of the Parent Society, contained in their Circular and Resolution of the 6th December last, to the several contributors to their Auxiliary, to the Branch Societies and Ladies' Associations, and to the friends of the Bible generally throughout the Province, and trust that they will aid the Jubilee Fund proposed to be raised by the Parent Society.

3. That for the purpose of conforming to the arrangements of the Parent Society, the Annual Meeting of this Auxiliary take place at as early a period as it can conveniently be held, and that a Special Public Meeting of this Auxiliary with reference to the Jubilee take place on Monday the 7th day of March next, (the commencement of the Jubilee year), and that all Clergymen and Ministers friendly to the British and Foreign Bible Society throughout the Province be respectfully requested to present its claims to their congregations on the following Sunday, viz: the 13th day of March next, and that collections be made on its behalf as recommended by the Parent Society.

4. That these Resolutions be communicated to the several Branch Societies and Ladies' Associations throughout the Province, and that the Parent Society's Circular and Resolutions, together with those of this Committee, be published in the several Religious Newspapers of the Province.

S. L. SHANNON,
Secretary of N. S. Bible Society.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, it was resolved, in consequence of intelligence brought by last Mail, that the Parent Society had fixed on the 12th of October as the day for the celebration of the Jubilee throughout the Colonies and the Foreign parts, that this Auxiliary postpone the celebration of the same till

the day before mentioned. It was also resolved, that on the 7th of March, (the day of the commencement of the Jubilee year), a meeting be held in St. Matthew's Church for devotional purposes, and that the Rev. Alex. Forrester be requested to deliver an Address on the occasion.

The following Report of this meeting appeared in some of the Public Prints of this city:—

A very interesting meeting of a devotional character, for the purpose of ushering in the Jubilee-year of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held in St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday evening, the 8th instant.

The Rev. Mr. Uniacke commenced the services by giving out the cxvii Psalm—"From all that dwell below the skies", &c., and offering up a solemn and appropriate prayer. The Rev. gentleman then read the lv. chapter of the Prophecies of Isaiah, and gave out another Psalm, which, like the former, was sung by the Choir,—part of the audience joining, in a manner calculated to make "melody in the hearts" of all present "to the Lord".

The Rev. Mr. Forrester next engaged in prayer, and then delivered the Address.

After the conclusion of the Address another Psalm was sung, and a prayer offered by the Rev. Mr. McGregor, and the services concluded most harmoniously by singing the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow", &c., to Luther's "Old Hundredth". The Rev. Mr. Uniacke then pronounced the Benediction, and the audience retired a few minutes after nine o'clock.

It was truly gratifying to the friends of the Bible to see that large church so well filled by such a respectable audience, and the marked attention which was paid to all the proceedings from beginning to end—evening the hold which the British and Foreign Bible Society has obtained in the affections of the community, and the respect which is paid to the observance of the Jubilee,—and may we not humbly add—the countenance and favor of the Divine Author of that Word which alone maketh wise unto salvation.

The following is the Address delivered by Rev. Mr. Forrester, published at the special request of the General Committee:—

You are all aware of the object of our present meeting. We are not met for the purpose of celebrating the Jubilee of the British and Foreign Bible Society; this will be done on the 12th of October, the day fixed by the Parent Institute.—We are met merely for the purpose of sounding the Jubilee trumpet, of ushering in, with a spirit befitting the occasion, the dawn of that auspicious year, of supplanting the interference of that Divine