

never forgot our individual necessities. I sometimes fear that in this age of hurry and excitement, this age of public meetings and intense activity of every kind, even Christian men are in danger of neglecting that daily, prayerful study of God's Word, which is the indispensable condition of a noble, well-developed Christian character. The book embodies all that is beautiful and good. Intellect, imagination, and genius have all yielded a hearty homage to its claims. Men of the most comprehensive minds, men rich with the spoils of time have brought their trophies to its feet. There let us humbly lay our offering, too, assured that the infidel might as well try to pluck the sun from the firmament of heaven as to rob the Bible of its grand pre-eminence, in being at once "the Book of God, and the God of Books." The Word of the Lord shall endure for ever.

The Rev. Dr. TAYLOR seconded the resolution in a few words. He said :—

I have been requested, Mr. Chairman, to second this resolution, in doing which I will occupy but a moment. I would first, however, intrust this large audience with a secret in connection with the subject.

The *illustrious trio*—the Secretaries of the Society—having filled up their programme as to the *speakers* of the evening, looked about them for some one who, they supposed, would have *grace* enough to second a resolution without making a speech, and, therefore, requested me to undertake the duty. Now, Sir, I confess it does require some grace to resist the temptation to make a speech on so glorious a theme, and surrounded by the many friends of the Bible Society in the magnificent assembly now before me. But I must restrain myself, and this I can do the more cheerfully, when I note the hour which we have reached, and especially when I think of the two illustrious speakers who are to follow; gentlemen who are not only ready to speak but who are full of the grand subject which has brought us together this evening. Perhaps, Mr. Chairman, I cannot give a more fitting expression of my reason for taking my seat at once, than by quoting a passage from one of the addresses of Elihu, the young yet distinguished friend of Job. It will not be found inapplicable to your own able address, Mr. Chairman, and the addresses of the other eloquent gentlemen who have preceded me:—"When I had waited, I said I will answer also my part, I also will show mine opinion. For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth. Behold my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. I will speak, that I may be refreshed; I will open my lips and answer."—(Applause.)

Before closing the Reverend Doctor informed the audience that the Hon. Wm. McMaster, the Treasurer of the Society, who was detained in Ottawa by Senatorial duties, wished him to say to the friends present, that he very much regretted that he was denied the privilege of being present at this Annual Meeting of the Society.

*3rd Resolution.*—Moved by the Rev. Prof. Inglis; seconded by the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, M.A.

"We devoutly rejoice that in God's providential dealings with nations,—whether by means of the fearful scourge of war (as between France and Germany) or in the political and social amelioration of peaceful revolutions (as in Italy),—an effectual door is opened to the venerated Parent Society for the introduction and greater diffusion of "the light of the glorious gospel," and that we are permitted to aid in this great work."

The resolution was proposed by the mover as follows :—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND DEAR FRIENDS,—I rejoice in the assurance that the greatness of the objects and purposes of this Society has drawn together this splendid congregation. In addressing a people who are brought together by a common love for the Bible, one may be assured that his hearers are influenced also by an intense sympathy with their fellow-men of every country and of every class. The Bible itself is emphatically universal in its spirit—wherever the one