

"That thanks be given to the Officers, Committees, and Collectors of the various Branches through the country, to whose zeal and energy the Society is so much indebted ; and that the following gentlemen be Officers and Directors for the ensuing year :—For the names see page 5.

Mr. John Gillespie seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Rev. Dr. Duryea, of Brooklyn, was introduced, and received with loud applause. He moved—"That so long as there is a language on earth into which the Word of God has not been translated, or a country in which the poorest of the people do not possess the Holy Scriptures, it should be felt a duty and privilege by Christians of all Churches to support the Bible Societies of the day by their prayers and contributions." He said one of his dearest friends, a young rector of the Episcopal Church in New York city, began a very humble enterprise near the Grand Central Depot, out of which the traveller issues into the metropolis. Through his faithfulness, zeal, and consecration, the congregation was made larger than the building, and he had to face a practical problem, how to use the convenience he had, and at the same time to supply the facilities for work on the same ground. Through the fertility of his inventive powers, and with the help of an architect, he was relieved from the difficulty. The architect built him a new, grand church around and over the old one, and left him to use the little one until the great one was very nearly ready for consecration and occupation. There was a Church within a Church. There is a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is being built by the Holy Ghost out of the living stones around all Churches. The rector had to go into the little Church through the door of the great one on Sunday morning before he could pray and preach. We get into the various Churches by going through this great Church which Christ, by His Spirit and with His people, is building, the top stone of which is to be laid in heaven with the shoutings of redeemed men and rejoicing angels. When we come through Christ into the great Church, and find our way into the little one, and look back, we know we are all one in Him. In the Bible Society we have a practical manifestation of this unity, which cannot but exist, for the body of Christ cannot be dislocated, but needs to be manifested so that men may observe and regard and recognize it. He was glad to meet his brethren not only of various Churches, but of two nations, on the platform of this Society. The resolution opened up the whole subject of missions, and the specific topic in connection with the grand theme is this—What is the part which the Sacred Scriptures are required to perform in the evangelization of the world ? It was unnecessary, before that audience, to prove the propriety and feasibility of Christian missions to all the races that dwell on the earth. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ ; we love Him ; we feel the power of His character and of His spirit in our hearts and lives. All our hopes repose in Him ; through Him we expect glory, honour, immortality—in a word, everlasting life. We want all people that dwell on the face of the earth to know Him, trust Him, love Him. To us who believe, He is precious ; we want all men to believe, that to all men everywhere He may be precious ; and for His own sake we desire that His name be known throughout the earth, that He may be honoured, trusted and loved. First, we are loyal to Him, and He has told us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. That is His command ; it is ours to obey. We may not start any such question as this—May not the heathen find salvation through the mercy of God, by living under the light of nature with an honest regard to the natural conscience ? Or—Would it not increase the responsibility of the heathen, and therefore enhance the severity of their doom, if they are unfaithful to the light which they receive from the Word of God, if we distribute among them the Scriptures and preach to them the Gospel ? Our Lord has said, "Go