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ned through the means of the British and Foreign Bible Society,  
perhaps the most splendid are two translations of the whole of the  
Scriptures into Chinese, the most complex and difficult of any  
dead or living language in the world, but which is the familiar  
tongue of an almost countless multitude of human beings, hitherto  
grovelling in the ignorance and pollutions of Heathen darkness.

Although our feeble exertions, and inconsiderable contributions  
may appear to many, but "as the small dust of the balance" when  
brought into comparison with the stupendous efforts and rich offer-  
ings now making, for the fulfilment of that last command of our  
risen and glorified Saviour "Go ye into all the world, and preach  
the Gospel to every creature," yet must we remember that of such  
minute parts is chiefly composed the great engine, which evidently  
guided by an Almighty arm, is breaking down with irresistible  
force, every barrier opposed by ignorance and sin, and "whatsoever  
our hand findeth to do, let us do it with all our might," for by  
Him in whose cause we are engaged, weakness is made strength  
and darkness light.

That the zeal and endeavours of every professed disciple of  
Christ in promoting the sacred interests of the Institution to which  
we belong, may become at length united, and be inspired and di-  
rected by that spirit of wisdom, love and holiness which proceedeth  
from above; must be our earnest and concluding prayer, in recom-  
mending the object of the present meeting to every friend of  
scripture and of truth.

Halifax, April 6, 1825.