

heavenly kingdom, and some to other parts of this habitable globe. Among the latter class, we beg leave to mention, His Excellency Sir John Colborne, who has been a steady friend to the Society during his administration of the government of this Province—and Captain Phillpotts, one of our Vice-Presidents, whose personal presence and counsel we have often experienced at our meetings. Such changes we must look for. The Parent Society has lost its valuable President, Lord Teignmouth, and one of its Secretaries, the Rev. Mr. Hughes. Such changes ought to lead us to pray to God, that their places may be filled up by his fitting men of like mind to fulfil their respective and important offices.

Your Committee feel much pleasure in announcing that His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, the present Lieutenant Governor of this Province, has assented to become the Patron of your Society.

If our funds are not so prosperous as we expected, we must consider it only as a trial of our faith, and as a stimulus to our future exertions. On the one hand we may lose, even in this sense, but we see by exertion we may profit on the other; and a slight change in our former system, and increased exertion to awaken the dormant principles of our country friends, may make us exult at the next anniversary. While we then lament our want of success, we may also lament our own want of exertion; and knowing the goodness of our cause, we ought to strain every nerve, and adopt every plan by which the great end in view may be accomplished—namely, the spread of the pure word of God. Those Scriptures which we circulate teach us that we must meet not merely with carelessness and indifference, but also with real opposition in this good work; but the words—"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," afford abundant encouragement.

We have, we trust, sincerely engaged in this good work. Shall we shrink? Shall the puny attacks of Satan and his emissaries deter us from proceeding? Can we coolly look upon the millions that are perishing for the lack of knowledge, and say, as some do, "I have a Bible—let others provide for themselves?" No! This is not the spirit of Christianity! No man whose soul lives upon the doctrines of the Bible, can adopt such reasoning. Christians know they have immortal souls, and that it is through the belief of the Gospel they must be saved; and having believed they feel the benefit, which leads them to feel for others who are in the service of sin and Satan—and their aim must be to circulate that Book which has given them the hope of eternal life.

Let us then unite our whole exertions for the accomplishment of the great work to which we have set our hands. Having put our hand to the plough, let us not look back, until the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth, as the waters do the channel of the sea.