

the true light now spreading in the world, and the general state of religion, and then cast those petty differences and dissensions aside as insignificant and worthless, considered with reference to the one true light and one true spirit. Let us consider the wide arena now opened for the display of the Gospel; and would it not be true wisdom to part with our dissensions, to become united together in furthering the spread of the Gospel, and thus carry out that great work for which there is now so good an opportunity,—in which you have already done so much,—and by which God's kingdom would come, and God's will be done?

But will you permit me to draw the attention of the meeting to a closer circle—a circle which embraces your homes, the circle of this city? Look around you and see, as the Noble Lord adverted to the exertions of your ancestors, see what they did within this great city. See your cathedral,—your churches,—the towers and steeples which rise like a grove in all directions within your walls!—these your ancestors formed and dedicated to religious worship; these things your predecessors have done in spreading the light of the Gospel. I think I may venture to say, that there is no part of England from whence sounder doctrines have been inculcated, and more zealous exertion has been made in the cause of Christianity and the propagation of the Gospel, than within the walls of this metropolis. Here you surpassed your ancestors in science, ingenuity, commerce, and all the arts of life; and will you fall short of them in piety and devotion to the will of your God?

One part of the resolution which has been suggested to you by the worthy Alderman, refers to the establishment of Parochial and District Committees. In this great city, where you are gifted with a greater number of zealous, excellent, able, intelligent, pious, parochial pastors than probably any other part of this country, you may with confidence associate with them in this great work; and I feel confident that you will not withhold from them your co-operation. And do allow me, although thus late in the evening, to suggest to you one point which I know is of extreme importance, namely, not only that subscriptions should be made for this purpose, which is so essential, but that one feature of those subscriptions should be their number; for, however small the subscriptions may be, they mark the zeal, the energy, the combined exertion with which you are disposed to promote the objects of this Society. Your ready hand and your willing heart co-operating, though even with a small donation, will be of the utmost possible service, not only for the purpose of supporting this establishment, but also with the view of showing your opinion and your intentions towards this great cause, and thus you will interest the rest of your neighbours in the same feeling. This is an essential ingredient of the Resolution which the worthy Alderman proposed to you, and which I have the greatest possible pleasure in seconding. With this last practical observation I beg leave to press upon you the Resolution which has been read to you, and I trust that it will meet with your cordial co-operation, and may you all say with truth, "I have not kept thy loving mercy and truth from the great congregation," but in the spirit of Holy Writ, that you have attempted to give light