

was so struck by the poor girl's grief, that he resolved by the help of God to bring the Bible within the reach of everyone, and that resolve led to the foundation of the British and Foreign (and Kindred) Bible Societies. Since that girl's early morning visit, to the clergyman's house to buy a Bible, which was not to be had, upwards of 180 millions—complete or in parts—have gone from the British and Foreign Bible Society alone, to all people throughout the world, causing them to hear in their own tongues, the wonderful works of God.

As I proceed to speak to the power of the word of God, that it is the power of God unto salvation, that it is mighty for pulling down the strongholds of Satan, that it is the double-edged sword of the spirit, that it is the invincible defence against error, and that it is the voice of love to all—whenever I speak, I say of the power of the word of God, I never forget that there must be present to give it power the author of that word—the Holy Spirit to open the eye of the soul, to give the light of the knowledge of God, to give life to the word, Heb. iv., 12. The Holy Spirit must be present, making it quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword—a sword piercing even to dividing asunder of soul and spirit. The word of God is made by the Holy Spirit “a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Nor, do I separate, the agent and the instrument, the man of God from the word of God, the missionary from the gospel of Jesus Christ; when I see, or hear, of the seed of the word of God, springing up, I know, as a rule, the foot of the sower, has been there. True an apostle may be bound, but the word of God is not bound; true barriers and bans may be used to imprison and silence the man of God, but the Bible is free and will make its way, and has made its way where human energy has failed; nevertheless, I look upon these instances as exceptions. I believe that the law of the Kingdom of God is “the missionary with the Bible.” The “Bible and the missionary.” Let us now consider some of the work of the “British and Foreign Bible Society.” It has issued the Bible complete or in parts in 370 different languages and dialects, and is engaged to-day in promoting translations or revi-