

The Baptists led the van in modern missions. A Carey and a Thomas, sustained by our English brethren, pushed their way through much opposition, planted the standard of the Cross in India, and took possession of it in the name of King Jesus, who is extending his peaceful reign over the hearts of hundreds and thousands in that vast continent, who were once the victims of cruel superstition and idolatry.

The original projector and one of the first Secretaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society, an Institution which has sent millions of copies of the word of God in 153 languages or dialects throughout the world, was a Baptist Minister, the Rev. Joseph Hughes, A. M., of London.

The Sunday School Society, instituted in London, in 1785, was formed chiefly by the instrumentality of Wm. Fox, Esq., Deacon of a Baptist Church in London, who, with Robert Raikes, was the first to project and establish in England nurseries for the increase of Christian knowledge, and the enlargement of the Church of God.

The efforts of the denomination have been remarkably successful in illuminating the dark portions of the earth by the light of God's word, our missionaries having translated the Scriptures into about fifty different languages. The nations into whose languages these translations have been made, include more than half the population of the whole world.

In conclusion, we would remind you of the indefatigable labors and successful efforts of the aged and honored men of God in these Provinces, some of whom are now with us, but who will soon join the noble band who have entered into their eternal rest in glory.

And now, dear brethren, while we review the past with gratitude to God, who has so signally distinguished us in spreading light and liberty throughout the world, and in maintaining inviolably the ordinance of his house, let us, the Baptists of New Brunswick, beware lest we prove unworthy of the high trust which has been committed to our hands. We are called upon to be zealous in the diffusion of light and knowledge amongst ourselves and around us, and to put forth all our moral might in doing good and extending the influence of pure religion over the world; let us then cultivate a spirit of disinterested benevolence—a self-sacrificing spirit,—and let us never cease to labor in the vineyard of our master till we are dismissed from the toils and afflictions of earth, and welcomed to a participation of the rest and felicity of Heaven.

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