

faring sumptuously every day, and by the ulcerated beggar at his door, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fall from his table ; by lisping youth and tottering age ; by men in every meridian of longitude and every line of latitude ; by the man panting at the line, and by the man shivering at the pole. It has failed nowhere ; it has succeeded everywhere ; and it has proved itself to be the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. I was reading the other day a very interesting account of the shipwreck of Dr. Duff, when he sailed for India, in the year 1829. When about twenty miles north of Cape Town, the ship was wrecked, and the ship, cargo, and everything went to the bottom ; and the Doctor's curious and carefully-collected books, and all his manuscripts, the accumulation of his life to that period, were destroyed, beaten into pulp by the waters as they dashed upon the rocks on which the vessel struck, and the Doctor himself said, "I never knew before then that I was an idolator of books and written papers." But, strange enough, the waves washed up one box containing a Bible and a Psalm-book that had been presented to him by a number of friends before he left. Being packed in a leathern case they were preserved to him ; and he said when he found that Bible it seemed like an inspiration, as if a voice from heaven said to him, "You want no other book, you want no other paper ; take that Bible in your hands, go forth and preach the message it contains to the people of India, and you want nothing more." A very curious comment on that was given in this room on Monday last. A returned missionary told us that a friend of his, some time ago, was travelling in Bengal. Arriving at a small town, he heard that some fifty-two people at that time were engaged in Christian worship. He found them out ; he discovered that they really were acquainted with the Truth, and that they met for worship and witness. He inquired as to the manner in which they were brought to a knowledge of the Truth, for no missionary had ever visited the place before ; and he was told that one of their number some time before had got a copy of the Bible in the Bengalee tongue ; he read it for himself, he read it to his neighbours, and it had been the means of bringing them to Christ. They had believed to the saving of the soul ; they had formed a little church among themselves, guided by the teaching of the Book, and they met regularly for worship, and celebrated in the best way they could the divinely instituted sacraments of religion ; proving that without messenger or missionary, if you give this Book a fair chance, it will accomplish in the world the great designs for which it was sent. This Society has done a great work in the circulation of this blessed Book ; * * but only think of the countless millions, the teeming millions, that have never seen a copy, never read a word, know nothing at all about the glorious Gospel which that blessed Book declares. There is great reason to be thankful, and we are encouraged, but we must not relax our efforts. We are not to rest and be thankful. The very successes of the past beckon us onwards ; multiplied facilities, open doors, and a waiting world impose upon us the gravest responsibility, and urge us to renewed effort.

Bishop Crowther, in seconding the resolution, said : My lord, ladies and gentlemen,—I am requested to second the resolution. It is with the greatest pleasure and gratitude to the Bible Society that I stand here to acknowledge the benefits which we in Africa have derived from this Society. Before I embarked for England, the request that I received from those who were engaged in completing the translation of the Scriptures into the Yoruba language was to ask the Bible Society to take into consideration the best mode of binding the whole of the Scriptures in the Yoruba translation into one volume, so that it can be portable, and the people may conveniently carry it with them wherever they go. That, however, was merely a secondary object. &c., &c.

The Rev. Canon WILKINSON moved, and the Rev. Dr. STOUTON seconded the resolution of thanks to the Chairman, who responded in his usual earnest tone and the meeting was closed with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Bergue.