

reflex influence of the Bible and Missionary Societies, upon the church at home, is worth far more than the cost of their sustentation. We have that real unity, whose semblance occasions such boasting to Rome. This platform exhibits it. We differ indeed on some points, but the Bible, and the Spirit of God, have taught us to "agree to differ." Our unity is not that of a painted statue, but of a living body, with many members. The Lord Jesus Christ appeared in vision to Saint John, as walking in the midst of the golden candlesticks, and holding the seven stars in his right hand. Here then is an emblem of his supremacy as the "head of the church," and of the combined unity and diversity of his church. And if we do but "hold the head," and harmoniously yield obedience to his will, as soon may the opposing powers of earth or hell snatch the stars from the firmament, or displace the Saviour of the world from his mediatorial throne, as hinder the progress or stop the triumphs of Christian enterprise. With these considerations before me, I do most heartily rejoice in the prosperity of this Society—"yea, and will rejoice," and beg leave to second the Resolution.

Rev. W. ALVES, A. M., in moving the third Resolution, spoke as follows:

Mr. President and Christian Friends,—It is with the greatest pleasure that I rise to move the Resolution which has been put into my hands. Although I should have liked that this Resolution had fallen into more experienced and abler hands, yet I rejoice in it as a Providential kindness, that so soon after my arrival in your Province, and only three weeks after my settlement in your City, I should have been called on to lift up my feeble voice in behalf of the Bible Society. It is but as yesterday that I became connected with the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, and acknowledged my adherence to it as a sound and scriptural church, holding the great doctrines of the Bible, I believe, in purity and love. To night I join with the members and ministers of other churches (each of whom, doubtless, believes his own to be the truest), in owning the simple Word of God as the source of all light and truth, and in bowing to it as above all creeds and all churches, as the only infallible authority in matters of faith and conscience.

This is the grand binding element among us. We are Protestants. Not so much because we protest against the errors of the Church of Rome or any doctrinal errors whatever, as because we seek to lift up our testimony for the living voice and word of God, and hold it forth to the world as its light and hope. "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, is the religion of Protestants." Here we are all at one—bound by one simple yet sublime influence, as the planets in their different spheres are bound to their central stay. Hence, sir, I regard the Bible Society as the greatest and best evangelical alliance in existence. It appears to me that this Society is the only real solid alliance of the members of different denominations, and that without the parade of a name; because it has this simple and sublime object in view, in which all can concur, of giving furtherance to the light of heaven, that it may illuminate, vivify, and save, the myriads of our fallen race. In this view, I regard Protestantism, as a whole, in the light of a great instrumentality raised up by God for removing all hindrances and obstacles, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. Whatever prevents the free and full and unlimited circulation of the pure Word of God—whether it be gross idolatry, or cold and lifeless atheism, or arrogant infidelity, or popery, with its searing irons for the conscience, and its polished chains for the intellect—it is the province of Protestantism to destroy.

The Resolution which I hold in my hand calls our attention to the yearly enlarged issue of Bibles and Testaments, and the increased desire evinced

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