

perfect, may we be stirred up to follow them who through faith and patience inherit the promises, and realizing our time is short, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The first resolution was moved by BISHOP COURTNEY, and seconded by REV. MR. WRIGHT, and was as follows :

That this meeting, devoutly thanking God for the extended circulation of His Word, resolves that the report, a part of which has been read, be received and printed for the information of contributors.

BISHOP COURTNEY, after moving the resolution, said the statistics furnished us this evening shew that Bibles or portions have been furnished in sufficient numbers to supply about one-seventh of the people on the earth. The British and Foreign Bible Society has been in existence for ninety years, and it has taken all that time, and the energies not only of this but also of all other societies, to accomplish this result. It is a question which this meeting might do well seriously to consider, "How long will it be before every individual upon earth shall have either a Bible or a portion thereof placed in his hands, that he may read therein the wonderful works of God?"

Probably we should all be far more earnest in our efforts to accomplish this end if, instead of having been familiar with the contents of the Bible from our earliest years, we had only recently heard its blessed messages. If to-night in our sorrows, for the first time we read, "I, even I, am He that comforteth you"; "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you"; "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"; we might be more zealous in pushing on this holy enterprise, so that sorrowing hearts everywhere might know the same consolation.

If to-night in our sin, with conscience awakened and alarmed, we heard for the first time the direction, "Behold