

how many are there thus even in countries, nominally christian! I did say the Bible Society needed not my advocacy—I must retract my words, and weak as my pleading may be, I must use it to implore all who hear me or yet may hear, to join in urging with unceasing energy and determination the appalling fact that these hundreds of millions perish, unless the remedy be carried to them, and that that remedy is contained only in the Bible. And oh! ought we not to remember how soon they perish? Behold! thousands in every year in pale phalanx entering the region of departed souls! Oh! could we suppose their looks, at this moment turned on us, should we be at any loss to interpret the sad but thrilling eloquence we might read in their features. "Rich man" they cry "part with your gold, a worthless bauble except for such an object as this. Send oh send the word of life to the souls ready to perish. Poor man spend not your breath nor your time in trifles whilst any remain on earth yet to be saved, and that time and breath may be employed in furnishing these with the gospel of salvation. Ye young and vigorous employ your strength in this holy cause. Ye aged who are about to quit the world, leave behind you the testimony of those who have believed and loved the Bible, and urged it while you live to excite those who possess the means to multiply and spread its pages. The motion, sir, which I introduce with these remarks, is as follows:

"That this meeting are of opinion, that it is highly desirable to revive the Halifax Branch Bible Society, and recommend their Committee to devise means for its re-organization."

I need add little on the specific subject it proposes. It has long been conceded that the overflowing treasury of the Parent Society draws its abundance far more from the pence of the poor, than the pounds of the wealthy. We need in Halifax such an institution as will enable the poor to contribute as subscribers the smallest amount. So blessed a work ought not to be restricted to subscribers of a pound.—Penny a week Societies would do vastly more. The Branch Society proposed by this resolution to be revived, is exactly adapted to meet the case, and I venture to express an earnest hope that it will go into operation.

The REV. MR. MORRISON in putting the fourth Resolution, said,—The subject of the resolution which is put into my hand to move, is, gratitude. It is expressed thus. "This meeting desires to express its unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, for the various and continued blessings which have hitherto attended the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of its numerous auxiliaries and branches, and also of all other Societies of a similar nature throughout the world."

This Sir reminds me of an ancient philosopher who used to thank the gods for three privileges—That he was made not a brute, but a rational