

pious literature within our reach, that the Bible shall not have the prominence which should ever belong to it? Why should we not give our clearest and best hours of study to the book which comes directly from God?

(b). Again let us show our appreciation of God's Law by holding fast the great truths therein declared. These never change; they are the same to us as they were to the Saints of old; and they will be the same to our children as to us. Progress indeed there was in the manifestation of God's gracious purpose, from the first gracious word spoken in Eden till the last words of the Apocalypse were traced by the hand of the beloved disciple; nor shall we deny that, in the providence of God, by the faithful study of the completed revelation, and by the illumination of the Spirit more and more fully vouchsafed, the Church of God attains to a comprehension of the depth and riches of meaning that is in *Scripture*, which is ever becoming more and more complete. But how different this progress, which we would wish with deep gratitude to recognise, from that rejection or fundamental revision of the great doctrines of the Christian faith to which some, in the name of progress, would seek to persuade us!

(c) Lastly let the estimate which we form of the Bible be seen in our earnest endeavours to send it to those who have it not. It is God's will, doubtless, that it should be rendered into all tongues, sent into all lands, and should accompany and preside over all evangelistic enterprise. Not that the Scriptures should in every instance go before the missionary: for in many countries to which the missionary goes the people cannot read, nor has their language ever been reduced to writing; but wherever the Bible can be read, and the people are willing to receive it, let us not delay to put it in their hands. The devoted men by whom we send the gospel to the unlettered heathen address themselves with great earnestness to the work of teaching them to read—chiefly that they may be able to gain fuller acquaintance with that Law which is “perfect,” and which “converteth the soul.”

It is too late to imagine that the principle of the Bible Society requires vindication. May the time speedily come when the darkness of heathenism, and of all superstition and unbelief shall be dispelled, and when “the Word of the Lord” uttered by believing lips, and enshrined in the inspired record, “shall have free course” everywhere, “and be glorified.”

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## Bible Society Recorder.

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### BOARD MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, May 8th, the Hon. W. McMaster in the chair. After the usual routine business, a report was read from Messrs. Smith and Badenach, auditors, stating that they had carefully examined the cash accounts of the Treasurer and Depositary, together with the accounts with the Branch Societies, and had compared the disbursements with the vouchers and found the same correct, shewing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$1,418.88.

The following standing Committees were appointed for the year. On Agency and Colportage:—The Rev'ds. Dr. Reid, Geo. Young, Septimus