

Bible an intelligent appreciation and sincere reverence in every household throughout the land.

*3rd Resolution*—Moved by the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, M.A., seconded by George Hague, Esq., Honorary Secretary—

“That the facts communicated respecting the diffusion of the Word of God amongst the nations of cotinental Europe by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and in various parts of this continent by the sister Society of the United States, are of the deepest interest to all who have at heart the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and are calculated to encourage labour and to stimulate faith and prayer for the accomplishment of that glorious object.”

The Reverend gentleman introduced this resolution by observing :—

I have been very much struck by some remarks of the Rev. Dr. Topp, in his prayer about the anniversary of the parent society. I look upon it as a matter of auspicious augury that the anniversary of this young Society of this young Province happened on the same day as that of the old one of the grand old country, to which so many of us belong. This might be called an adjourned meeting of the Parent Society. But they had greater patience in the old country, where the meeting commenced in the morning and lasted till four in the afternoon, and he wondered how Canadian patience would last through such addresses. There was an interest to sustain the people of England in the addresses, and the subject was inspiring. In Canada, which was just beginning to achieve a nationality, and stretch forth its arms east and west to fold its nursling to its embrace, there ought to be no lack of inspiration, because the highest prosperity was the lot of those States and individuals that accepted the Word of God. The characteristics of the age were vigour and push, and I feel convinced that we of the Bible Society should exhibit that characteristic in an intense form. It was a great thing to live in an age like ours, and a great thing to be fit to live in it. It was time to ask ourselves if we were *en rapport* with the movements around us. He could conceive nothing worse than a man who lived in this world like a mummy of Pharoah brought to life in the activity of London. Now-a-days, it was not enough that a man should decorously hold to a creed, or that he should enter upon the small observances of devotion. Men now try other men's Christianity by their activity in religious affairs, by their Christian enterprise; and the man who miserly hoards his own privileges, or malignantly endeavours to prevent these great movements, must be content to go along his solitary way a very Cain, with agonizing immortality, sullen, despairing heart, and branded brow. How it must have rejoiced the venerable founders of the Parent Society who yet live, or those who now look down from the sky, to see the marvellous progress it has made. It began in very feebleness in “an upper room,” now it is an ever-lengthening chain of praise and prayer from “broad Australia to farthest Ind.” There were some now who believed that the aphorism of Lessing was true—“That the desire for truth was a greater thing than the possession of it.” This might be well if men lived to