

He then mentioned a case illustrative of the fact alluded to, and which at the same time shewed the great energy which the human mind in the most unfavourable circumstances can put forth, when under the influence of a motive so powerful as that of the desire of salvation, viz:—that of a woman, who had spent a long life in gross ignorance and unconcern about spiritual things. She had rarely, he said, been in any place of worship, and at the 80th year of her age, she was unable to read—yet, after that period she was happily visited with a concern to prepare for death and judgment—and this concern according to the account which she herself gave, led her to mingle prayers with her tears and cries to the Saviour, that she might be able to read his word; and her endeavours, aided by an occasional lesson from a Christian lady in her neighborhood, were abundantly blessed to this end, for as Mr. R. stated, when he became acquainted with her, in her 82nd year—and she was living he added, when he left the shores of Cumberland, she could read the New Testament; and in so far as the daily reading its pages, and meditation on its truths, and hope and joy in the prospects of dying, are proofs—she proved, that she had found him, of whom the Evangelists and Apostles testify, JESUS THE SON OF GOD, AND SAVIOUR OF SINNERS.

Mr. R. dwelt at some length on the necessity for the universal diffusion of the inspired Records towards the full success of those other great means for the Evangelization of the world—the preaching of the gospel—the instruction of the young in Sabbath Schools. He congratulated the meeting on the increased activity of the York Society in circulating the Holy Scriptures—and reminded them that according to the terms of the resolution he was about to propose, God was to be acknowledged in the success of their operations.—He urged the necessity of increased activity and liberality, from the peculiar circumstances of the population of the province, and its rapid increase; and strongly recommended the formation of a Ladies' Bible Association in the town of York. He mentioned that a great part of the work of collecting the small weekly contributions of the laboring classes in England, for supplying themselves with the word of God, or aiding in its general dissemination, was performed by Ladies—and stated his conviction, that notwithstanding the number of copies of the Scriptures which had been circulated in the town of York, a great want of them would be found if a minute survey were made, and this principle recognized—that *every person who can read, should possess a copy of the word of God*. He also stated, that the blessings which ladies, who employed themselves in circulating the Holy Scriptures received for themselves, were only second to those, which they imparted to their fellow creatures.

And in reference to the dependence on God for an enlarged measure of success, which the resolution he was about to read, called on the meeting to cultivate. He observed, that a spirit of prayer was an element absolutely necessary to success in their operations—that the prayerful acknowledgment of God in the deliberations of their committee—and the acknowledgment of him, whether silent or expressed,

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