

to me that any such representative is scarcely wanted. I see there, Sir, first of all, your own name as President, and long may you be spared to occupy so honourable a position! Then on turning to the Vice-Presidents, I am at once confronted by a Bishop and a Dean, these being followed at a respectful distance by four of the ordinary clergy, my excellent and distinguished friend Dr. Wilson coming up in the rear. Lastly, among the Secretaries I notice my valued friend, Dr. J. George Hodgins. So that out of forty names nine at least, and some of these the most prominent, are the names of members of the English Church; and what more is wanted to show that that Church takes a warm interest in the Society's proceedings, and has no need of being represented to-night on this platform? It is indeed true, and I am sorry for it, that some members of my Church stand aloof from the Bible Society; but even these must be regarded as thoroughly at one with the Society in the great end which it seeks to accomplish. If they keep aloof, it is not that they are indifferent about the circulation of the Scriptures; it is only that they prefer to act—mistakenly as I think—by means of their own peculiar machinery. Some years ago, Sir, as you are aware, the business of this Diocese was mainly carried on in the English Church by means of what was called the Church Society; and you will bear me out in the assertion that to a large extent that Society was a Bible Society, one of its numerous functions being to promote the distribution of the Holy Scriptures. And our Church is still engaged in the same work, though the old Church Society is no longer in existence. I myself have the honour of being on the Book and Tract Committee of the Diocese, in conjunction with Dr. Hodgins and some few other gentlemen; and by "the Book" I believe we are unanimous in understanding more particularly the Bible, many copies of which we are in the habit of granting to applicants every time we meet. And, indeed, how can we do less than take an interest in the work of this Society, when it is on the Bible that we take our stand as a living branch of Christ's Catholic Church—not merely introducing large portions of it into our services, but actually going so far as to maintain in one of our articles that "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation, so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of the faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation!" But though, Sir, I deem it scarcely necessary that I should be here to vindicate the character of my Church as a Bible-loving community. I must needs confess that I feel myself personally honoured in being allowed to stand here and assist in the proceedings of such a meeting as this. It always does me good—it always gives me pleasure—to meet my brethren of other churches, and to feel that while in many things we are compelled to work asunder, yet we can all join as one man in upholding the Word of God, and in seeking to extend its benefits throughout the world. We cannot, I think, be separated very far in reality when we have such a bond of union as is presented in the Bible. May we all love that blessed book more heartily than ever! May we so reverently and prayerfully consult its sacred pages, as to be led, through the Spirit's teaching, into all truth! And then may we so live to honour the Saviour, who is therein revealed, as to prove by happy experience that "while heaven and earth shall pass away, His word shall not pass away." I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

*2nd Resolution.*—Moved by Rev. Wm. Stewart, M. A., seconded by the Rev. Lachlin Taylor, D. D.

"That while God has so graciously prospered us in the increased income of our Society during the past year, (which we gratefully and humbly acknowledge) we have been enabled to contribute to the diffusion of His word through the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the sister Societies of Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa. And we purpose, with his blessing, to aid in the prosecution of the work throughout the north-western portion of the Dominion, until those regions are able to sustain that work themselves."