

the advantages of the cultivation of the human mind.] These, Sir, the propagation of the Gospel—the advancement of science and industry—the perfections of the artist—the diffusion of knowledge—the happiness of mankind here and hereafter—these are the blessed objects of your Missionaries, and, compared with these, all human ambition sinks into the dust: the ensanguined chariot of the conqueror pauses—the sceptre falls from the imperial grasp—the blossom withers even in the patriot's garland. But deeds like these require no panegyric—in the words of that dear friend, whose name can never die— [In this allusion to his friend, Curran, Mr. Phillips' feelings were evidently much affected.] 'They are recorded in the heart from whence they sprung, and, in the hour of adverse vicissitudes, if ever it should arrive, sweet will be the odour of their memory, and precious the balm of their consolation.'

"Before I sit down, Sir, I must take the liberty of saying, that the principal objection which I have heard against your institution is with me the principal motive of my admiration—I allude, Sir, to the diffusive principles on which it is founded.—*I have seen too much, Sir, of sectarian bigotry.*—as a man I abhor it—as a Christian I blush at it—it is not only degrading to the religion that employs even the shadow of intolerance, but it is an impious despotism in the government that countenances it. These are my opinions and I will not suppress them. Our religion has its various denominations, but they are struggling to the same mansion, though by different avenues, and when I meet them on their way, I care not whether they be Protestant or Presbyterian, Dissenter or Catholic, I know them as Christians, and I will embrace them as my brethren.—[This noble and liberal sentiment was received with the warmest burst of heart-felt sympathy and delight.]—I hail, then, the foundation of such a Society as this—I

hail it, in many respects, as an happy omen—I hail it, as an augury of that coming day when the bright bow of Christianity, commencing in the heavens and encompassing the earth, shall include the children of every clime and colour beneath the arch of its promise and the glory of its protection.—Sir, I thank this meeting for the more than courtesy with which it has received me, and I feel great pleasure in proposing this Resolution for their adoption."

To the Editor of the Christian Recorder.

SIR,

I have with some difficulty procured the following, which is the substance of Mr. Fenton's speech at our Bible Society Meeting. I hope you will have it printed in the books for this year.

Your's, &c.
A SUBSCRIBER.

York, 9th Nov. 1819.

MOST WORTHY CHAIRMAN,

I had no idea of either proposing or seconding any of the Resolutions of this day, when I entered this room; and I regret having no opportunity of declining so distinguished an honor, seeing I am surrounded by so much piety, rank and talent. The Resolution I have the honor of submitting to this Meeting, for its approval, is of a congratulatory nature: the feeling it excites in my mind, is indeed delightful, when I consider the circumstances out of which it arises. I never was more sincere than at this moment, when I am congratulating the Province, through the medium of this Meeting, on the increasing number of Associates for the distribution of the Scriptures.

The panoramic view exhibited to my mind by this congratulation, embraces the past, the present and the future. When I take a retrospective