

interesting document, replete with facts important and encouraging. The Halifax Auxiliary has remitted £200 stg. during the year to the Parent Society; and since the accounts were made up, the Treasurer has remitted £234 more chiefly on purchase account.

The adoption of the Report was moved by Rev R. F. Uniacke, of St. George's Church, who delivered a truly catholic address. Mr Uniacke expressed gratitude to God for his early connection with the Society, and his deep conviction that neither time nor circumstances would separate him from it or diminish his attachment to it. Among the causes which endeared it to his heart he referred to the *blessed results* which he had witnessed as flowing from the Bible among the young, to the *facilities* which the Society afforded for supplying Sabbath Schools and the poor with copies of the Word of Life, to the *happy effects* visible among officers and men during the War, making particular mention of Captain Vicars, whose biography was so universally known and loved, and to — Anstruther, who died with the Bible in his bosom stained with his own blood, the leaf turned down at the words, "In my Father's house are many mansions." Mr Uniacke closed, as he commenced his address, by expressing the happiness which he had always experienced in associating with the intelligent and pious clergymen and laymen whom he annually met on this platform, and read sentiments of the same kind delivered by the Bishop of Melbourne at a recent meeting in London.

This resolution was seconded by J. G. Creighton, Esq., who declined occupying the time of the meeting owing to the numbers of speakers who were to follow.

The second resolution was moved by the Rev Professor Tompkins, who, after reciprocating the sentiments expressed by Mr Uniacke on christian unity among the friends of the Bible, bore testimony, from the observation of years, to the christian zeal and devotedness of Mr Isaac Smith, the Society's Agent in Nova Scotia.

The Rev speaker then made some admirable remarks on human improvement and progress, and declared his opinion that all social and moral elevation to the human family must come from the Bible. He urged that the circulation of the Word of Life was *our duty as christians*, as the friends of *freedom and progress*, and as *Protestants* united on the one true foundation, the Rock of ages. Emphatically he repeated, *it is our work*. The partizans of Rome will not do it, the Romish Hierarchy will not do it. The Bishop of Rome may be expected to hurl anathemas against the Society, its agents, and its work, as he has done in times past, and we may rest assured that, in opposing the use of the Bible in education and its diffusion among the people generally, his adherents will come forward in one compact phalanx under one guiding mind and organization. The grand question as regards our country and our education is—*the Bible or no Bible*. To the one common and perfect

standard we all appeal.—To it we trust as our guide in life and support in death, when they appeal to the decrees of the Council of Trent. The one, as a foundation of hope, is the Rock of ages, the other a foundation of sand, the one infallible indeed, the other worthless and fluctuating.

Rev James England, in seconding the resolution, expressed the obligation of the Wesleyan body for assistance from the British and Foreign Bible Society in all parts of the world where their missions were established. During the present year they were publishing the Scriptures in the language of Fijees. He rejoiced in the prosperity of the Society. It had been blessed in the past and he believed would be in the future.

The third resolution, which was an acknowledgment of thanks to Ladies' Associations and also to Branch Societies in the country for their zeal and aid, was moved by Rev J. Hunter and seconded by Mr Isaac Smith.

Mr Hunter stated that, as a stranger, he was very slightly acquainted with the Auxiliaries of the Society, but, referring to the Female Associations he said that he was prepared to hear that they were conducted with zeal and perseverance. The Female sex, it appeared to him, had an instinctive sense of their obligations to christianity and the Bible. We all owed to it a debt of gratitude for its domestic, social and personal blessings, which was incalculable; but, above and beyond all that man owed, great was the debt of woman. In all barbarous, heathen countries she was, alas! a poor degraded slave, enjoying neither respect nor happiness. In civilized heathen countries (he alluded of course to the partial and imperfect civilization which may exist without christianity) her situation was but slightly improved. In Popish countries woman still occupies an inferior position, degradation to some extent always existing as the light of divine truth was withdrawn. It would seem as if woman had an instinctive knowledge of the fact that she owed every thing to the Bible, and hence her ardour and constancy in sustaining such a movement as this.

Mr Smith, in seconding the resolution, said that he had formed fifty Branch Societies in Nova Scotia. Some of these had languished during the last two years. He had revisited twenty-two recently. The weather had been most stormy, but the meetings most refreshing. He had formed four new Societies, and named them,—Kennetcook, Kentville, Nictaux Falls and Petite River.

He had been invited to labour in Newfoundland and New Brunswick. He found the former a most interesting field and had formed there sixteen Branch Societies. In New Brunswick he had formed eighteen Branch Societies and three Auxiliaries.

Mr Smith asked what the world would have been without this Society. He referred to a remarkable saying of Voltaire, to the effect that during this century the Bible would become obsolete and forgotten or else have an unparalleled diffusion. What a work is that which is being carried on.

Forty Millions distributed in half a century. Such a work is God's and not man's. He did not mean to say that every great work was good. The huge rock might fall, and acquiring terrible velocity, bid defiance to human power as it rolled down carrying destruction with it, and entombing itself in the earth. The progress of this Society, however, while it is onward is upward. It carries salvation in its train and gives God's Word to the nations of the earth, gives them life and joy and peace.

The resolution appointing the office-bearers for the next year was moved by the Rev Mr. Crisp and seconded by T. A. S. Deno's Esq., when the meeting, after singing the Doxology, was dismissed with the Benediction, pronounced by the President.—*Protestant Witness*.

Missionaries Appointed.

It must be extremely gratifying to our numerous friends in the country, more especially those who are destitute of religious resources, to learn that two clergymen have been appointed as missionaries within the bounds of this Synod, who have not yet arrived in Nova Scotia—the Rev. James Patterson, who received his appointment on the 17th of December last, and the Rev. Thomas Tealoch, who was appointed a missionary about the middle of April. By the first steamer, due this week, we expect to receive accounts of the movements of these missionaries, perhaps be enabled to welcome them as fellow labourers in the colonial vineyard. There is still ample room in the eastern parts of the province, without occupying new ground, for their services. Hitherto our church has been too feeble to attempt any aggressive movement as we have still vacancies that were formerly supplied with fixed pastors. Should the active cooperation of the Colonial Committee be continued for some time longer we may be enabled to undertake, like other denominations around us, some missionary duty which will be both pleasing to ourselves and profitable to our adherents in remote districts.

Youth's Vocal Music Instructor.

This is the first part of an elementary treatise on the principles of Vocal Music designed, we are informed, for the use of Schools and the younger members of the family circle, by Mr. J. S. Cunneen, who has been long and favorably known as a teacher of music in this city. It is got up in a neat style, and at a moderate price, and contains much useful information on the popular and attractive branch of science. We have no doubt his fellow citizens will appreciate Mr. Cunneen's exertions for promoting the study of vocal music, and extend the patronage to the "Youth's Vocal Music Instructor."

We shall endeavour to furnish our readers with a condensed abridgement of the pro-