

of Mr. Charles meeting her at that time would lead him, as it afterwards did lead him, to come up to London to ask for Welsh Bibles—that the thought should then strike our venerable friend, Joseph Hughes, “Why not establish a Society for sending Bibles to Wales, and if to Wales why not to England, and if to England why not to Europe, and if to Europe why not to the world?” And thus the little mustard-seed has spread and increased so that within the life of a single man that simple act of the little Welsh girl going seven miles a week for her Bible has led to this wonderful distribution of 76 million copies of the Word of God, in whole or in part, circulated throughout the length and breadth of the world. Need I say how wonderful that Book is? As one grows in years and ripens in experience one becomes more and more alive to the value of the simple Word. So plain is it, that you teach it to your little child as soon as it can learn to lisp the name of Jesus; so profound, that an inspired Apostle stands aghast at the sight. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God—how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! May we all increasingly value this blessed Book! As we grow in years and reach the verge of life, may all of us increasingly value the simple Word—the God-inspired Word—until we reach that blessed place where, as Richard Baxter expresses it, “we shall have an enlightened understanding without Scripture, be governed by no written law, have joy which we draw not from the promises, and communion without the Sacraments.” “I saw,” says the inspired Apostle, “no temple therein, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.” I have much pleasure in seconding the Resolution.

J. W. Pease, Esq., M.P., then moved the following Resolution:—

“That the thanks of this meeting be given to the President and Vice-President for their continual patronage; also to Joseph Hoare, Esq., the Treasurer, who is requested to continue his services. That grateful thanks be also presented to the officers, Committees, and collectors of the various Auxiliaries, Branches and Associations throughout this country and the colonies, to whose untiring zeal and energy the Society is again indebted for so large an amount of free contributions, and to whom they would earnestly appeal for a continuance of their efficient and valuable services; and that the following gentlemen be the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to fill up vacancies. (Then followed the names of the Committee.)

My Lord, ladies and gentlemen: I feel certain that it requires no words of mine to commend this Resolution to your acceptance. You are most fortunate and happy in your President; and with regard to the other members of the Committee, I should feel that I was only taking up your time unnecessarily if I were to attempt for a moment to commend them to your attention. Their work has been before you in the Report that has been read, and I feel certain that my Resolution will have your unanimous approbation.

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I would encourage the contributions of each individual, however small those contributions may be; for I feel certain that the success of this Society does not depend so much upon these large contributions as upon the broad basis of individual interest; that these little streams, coming into the great aggregate, show not only that a great amount of good is to be done, but also that there is a warm feeling towards the Society on the part of a Bible-loving people. I would not detain you by going over the list of places and that list of nations to which the efforts of the Bible Society have been directed; but the thought has occurred to me how interesting it would be if we could trace the large circulation which has taken place during the last twelve months of copies of the Word of God, or portions of it. How many a cottage has been blessed by it, how many a palace, how many a merchant's home! how much have the people of the middle classes in other countries, as well as in our own, been enlightened by the dissemination of the Word of God in these 210 languages in which the Society prints this blessed Book! There is another