

when he saw the carcasses of his late companions floating on the waves, he would hear one voice saying to him, 'Be still, and know that I am God;' and another subjoining, 'Behold the goodness and severity of God: on them severity, but towards thee goodness.' I repeat it again, if all this is possible; and possibility is no ground of action here.

"Brethren, was it a prospect of possible good, or was it a foresight of the late unhappy fate of the Royal George, that induced you to act as you did? That was the first ship to which you gave Bibles! When she sunk, there were 400 Bibles on board! Whether the men made a proper use of them or not; you have done your part. I am happy to be able to say, that, by letters from some on board that ship, written before the sad event, and which I have been reading again this morning, there is sufficient ground to believe that the holy Scriptures had made some of that crew wise unto salvation.—'When the sea shall give up her dead,' perhaps you may have the honour of saying to the Judge, 'Behold us; and the children which thou hast given us!'"

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

In our fourth Number we inserted some animating extracts from the speeches delivered at the last Anniversary of the Parent Society. We have since received the Thirty-third Report of proceedings. It abounds in facts and details of the most interesting and encouraging character, some of which we shall select for the gratification of our readers.

In reference to Africa, the report observes:—

"A renewed interest cannot fail to have been awakened on behalf of Africa, by the visit of the Rev. Dr. Philip, and of the Rev. Mr. Read, a

Missionary to that country of nearly thirty-seven years standing; accompanied by his son, together with a Christian Caffre Chief, and a Christian Hottentot. The Caffre Chief and the Hottentot attended a public meeting convened by the Directors of the London Missionary Society in August last; and your Committee cannot forbear enriching the pages of the Report with extracts from their addresses, seeing that they bear so immediately upon the one single object which the Society aims to accomplish.

'When the word of God came among us (said the Caffre Chief) we were like the wild beasts, we knew nothing! we were so wild that there was nothing but war and bloodshed. Every one was against his neighbour; there was no confidence between man and man, and each man tried to destroy his brother. The word of God has changed us; the word of God has brought peace, has reconciled one man to another; and in us is fulfilled that text of Scripture, 'The wolf shall dwell with the lamb.' I thank the English nation for what we have received at their hands.'

'The Christian Hottentot said, 'I will not dwell upon what we were before, but I will tell you what the Bible has done for us. There are three gentlemen in this country who are witnesses to what Africans were—Dr. Philip, Mr. Read, and Mr. Campbell. I wish to tell you what the Bible has done for Africa. What would have become of the Hottentot nation; and every black man in South Africa, had you kept the word of God to yourselves? When you received the word of God you thought of other nations who had not that word. When the Bible came amongst us we were naked; we lived in caves and on the tops of mountains; we had no clothes, we painted our bodies with red paint. At first we were surprised to hear the truths of the Bible. The Bible charmed us out of the caves, and from the tops of the mountains. The Bible made us throw away all our old customs and practices, and we lived among civilized men. We are tame men now. Now we know there is a God; now we know we are accountable creatures before God. But what was our state before the Bible came? We knew none of these things. We knew nothing about heaven: We knew not who made heaven and earth. The Bible is the only light for every man that dwells on the face of the earth. I thank God, in the name of every Hottentot—of all the Hotten-