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CHRISTIAN UNITY MANIFESTED.

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The oneness of all who truly believe in Jesus Christ is a fact declared by divine authority. It is affirmed in terms so definite and precise that they cannot be mistaken. It is made clear by illustrations that cannot be misapprehended. The person who denies, or even questions it, must be convicted of ignorance or unbelief of the Scriptures. The exposition of the Christian religion which does not set it forth as a principal truth, is not only defective, but radically erroneous. It lies in the centre of the purpose of redemption, and is accordingly chief among its issues. It is distinctly stated to be the purpose of God to gather together all in one in Christ. In his prayer for the consummation of this purpose Jesus desired that all might be one. Believers are described as lively or living stones built up into a spiritual house, as branches of the one vine, as members of the same body. This unity is not external and arbitrary, but internal, vital, and natural; for believers are said to be quickened by one and the same principle of life, to be renewed, sanctified, and inhabited by one and the same Spirit, and to be made partakers of the divine nature, which is changeless and cannot be diverse.

In view of all this, it is proper to affirm, that the unity of believers is not to be contemplated as an object to be obtained. It is a fact accomplished. In so far as men are believers they are one in Christ Jesus.

The various schemes, the intention of which is described as "the promotion of Christian unity," if intelligently conceived, are not aimed at the production, but the manifestation of the oneness of believers. In so far as they tend to the accomplishment of this purpose they are justified and warranted by the New Testament. The prayer of our Lord "that they may be one," was not superfluous. But it certainly was if it implored the unmanifested unity of believers. For this is involved in the very fact that they are believers, in respect of this they are in Christ and of the Spirit, and therefore must be one. Jesus accordingly asked for something more.

The Report referred to the spread of Bible knowledge throughout the world. How that in well nigh every clime God's work was now read and treasured. It stated that the British and Foreign Bible Society, in its seventieth year, is still hale and hearty; its income is now £220,964, and its expenditure £210,183. During the last year it issued 2,654,080 copies of the Bible, Testaments and portions, making its total issues 71,131,111 copies. The American Bible Society has an income of \$700,000, and its annual issues are over 1,200,000. The receipts of the U. C. Bible Society, in its thirty-fourth year, were nearly \$35,000, and its issues 42,240. Since the last anniversary meeting deputations from the Kingston Auxilliary have visited and held meetings at Bath, Pittsburgh, Odessa, Wilton, Gananoque, Barriefield, Portsmouth, Glenvale, Elginburgh, and Collingsby, and in all these places collectors have been appointed.

The income of the Auxilliary for the past year was \$1,020. Of this \$168.60 was collected in three Wards of the city (the collectors in the other Wards not having yet reported), besides \$147.58 collected by the ladies. The sum of \$498.87 had been sent as a free grant to the B. and F. B. S., and claims to the amount of \$187.54 given to the U. C. B. S. Cash on hand, \$242.35; due by branches, \$131.10. Stock worth \$460.29, on which is due \$104.57. From the Depository were issued in 1874. 454 Bibles, 305 Testaments and 4 parts, of a value of \$202. Free grants of 48 Bibles have been given, half to the Y. M. C. A., and half to the Hospital. This was an increase of 167 copies over 1873. Since its formation the Auxilliary has issued 88,927 copies of the Scriptures. The Ladies' Bible Association employed Mr. Jack in the work of colportage for four months. He sold 120 Bibles and 17 Testaments. Among the branches of the Auxilliary the Kingston Ladies' Bible Association stands pre-eminent. Their receipts were \$147.58, expenditure, \$162.76, and they paid over \$48.84 as a free grant to the B. and F. Bible Society. Of the other branches, Gananoque sent in \$50, Portsmouth \$33.10, Glenvale \$24.20, Battersea \$9.60, Catarauqui \$18.85, Odessa \$8. The Report concluded with the prayer that all may work with more earnest prayer and more abounding liberality till the day dawns when the Written Word shall be translated into every tongue, treasured in every house, read by every eye, and the Word Incarnate who is enshrined within it shall reign in every heart.

The Rev. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, that the report now read be adopted, and that the following be the office-bearers for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. F. W. Dobbs.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. J. B. Mowat, N. McLeod, Esq., Dr. Mair, and the Rev. St. V. Rogers.

Treasurer—Dr. Skinner.

Secretary—R. V. Rogers, Esq.

Committee—Ministers of the Gospel, Rev. Ppl Snodgrass, Professor Fergusson, Professor McKerras, A. Chown, H. Cunningham, G. Robertson, B. Robertson, Major Wilson, S. Gaw, G. M. Macdonnell, J. Duff, Dr. Jarvis, G. S. Hobart, A. Macalister, R. Gage, G. Cuffey, jr, R. M. Rose, D. Fraser, J. Lawson, M. Gage and the President and Secretary of each Branch.

Mr. Smith said he was not very familiar with the operations of the Kingston Branch of the Society, and therefore he was not prepared to say much in regard to it. To his audience it was not necessary to laud the Bible nor to speak of its preciousness. Men sometimes talked of God as familiarly as if the comprehension of Him was an easy matter. They were told that God was a spirit—an infinite, an eternal spirit. Left to ourselves what can we know of this holy Being? We were left utterly in the dark. Who by searching can find out God? None. This mental darkness prevailing where are we to go to find out about God? To God's Word. The Bible is the book—the holy book. Without it we would be ignorant of God's will concerning us. In it a declaration of His will was to be found. Such is man's estimate of Deity that a piece of wood or stone has sufficed to be his

God. The Bible lifts God before us in His true character, and reveals to us our proper position in regard to Him. One of its offices was the elevation of the Deity on the throne of the Universe—another to give man a proper estimate of himself. The elevation of the Deity has a good deal to do with the humbling of man. The Bible introduces us to the worship of God. Without it how could man learn to worship? Where else were they taught to lift their voices in prayer and to sing the song of praise? The Bible revealed it. The Bible harmonized the whole race of man. What was their duty towards the Bible? First to study it for themselves and then to obey it. With its principles guiding them they were to let their light shine. If the light of heaven shone in their hearts its influence must be felt. It was their duty to make every effort to spread the Bible. If Christ were in their midst they would bring their friends to see Him. Let them assist in giving His Word to these who had it not.

The Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick said the topic on which he was to speak was so unspeakably grand that he found it a matter of difficulty to know what to say. The British and Foreign Bible Society may be defined as an association for the promotion of the circulation of the Bible. Where in the world is there a religion equal to ours, or a literature equal to the Bible? The Bible is a wonderful book, containing history, law, politics, poetry and prophecy. It was their duty as Christians to aid in circulating the Bible. The professing Christian world might be divided into two classes, those who aid in circulating the Bible and those who opposed it. The Bible may be likened unto the tree of life spoken of in the book of Revelation, which was for the healing of the nations. No remedy was to be found for the sin-stricken soul of man compared with the healing leaves of the tree of life. Mr. Kirkpatrick urged his hearers to aid in spreading the Bible. He concluded by reading the report of the Ladies' Association.

"Rock of Ages" having been sung.

The Rev. J. F. Porter delivered an address. He contended the Bible had nothing to fear from the investigation of the most enlightened, or from coming in contact with history, science or experience. To day the Bible flourished most in the great centres of intellectual life. The constitution of the Bible Society was fixed on the highest Christian principles. It is utterly unselfish. It is the agent of every Church, and is subject to none of them. It had often struck him as peculiar that during the seventy years of its existence no similar organization had been organized in opposition to it, so broad were its Catholic principles. There was great necessity for the Society. It was at present in a most prosperous condition. It never possessed more fully the confidence of the Christian people. Mr. Porter referred eloquently to the influence the Bible had on England's history. He favoured the engagement by the local Society of a person whose business it would be to read the Bible in families where it was not known. He concluded by urging his hearers to aid in the circulation of the Bible.

A collection having been taken up, the doxology was sung, and the Rev. Mr. Elliott pronounced the benediction, when the meeting broke up.—*The Daily News*.

QUEBEC AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society was held in the Music Hall of that city, on the evening of Friday, the 12th February. We take the following account from the *Quebec Morning Chronicle*. The meeting was attended by a large and influential assembly. The chair was taken at eight o'clock by Henry Fry, Esq., and after the singing of a hymn, the Rev. Mr. Powis read a portion of Scripture and offered prayer.

The Chairman then made a few appropriate introductory remarks, mentioning the extraordinary increase in the work, and usefulness of the

Parent Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has now a branch established in the city of Rome itself. In looking over the report he had been gratified to see the progress which had been made, particularly in Ontario. So long as this noble Society could issue the Bible for ninepence, and the New Testament for threepence, he had no fear for the existence of Protestantism in the British Empire, nor for the ultimate success of Gospel truth throughout the world. (Applause.)

The Secretary Mr. Lamb, then read the report of the Quebec Auxiliary Society. The Committee had employed, during the summer, two French colporteurs on either side of the St. Lawrence, and propose to continue the same work next year. Their English colporteur reported gratifying success in his work. The Committee recognized with gratitude the gift of \$500 from the Upper Canada Bible Society to be applied to the support of a French Colporteur. The number of English Bibles sold during the year was 460; of English Testaments, 308, of Foreign Bibles, about 450. The Treasury statement showed the total receipts for 1874 to be \$1553, including a balance of \$311 from the previous year; collections in the city and suburbs, \$337; total expenditure \$1234. The report of the Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society stated that they had opened a prayer meeting at St. Rochs with such success that they intend to continue it. Total receipts for the year were \$370; expenditure, \$213.

The report recommended the following names of gentlemen as officers for the ensuing year:—President, H. S. Scott, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Christian Wurtele, Esq., David Logie, Esq., Henry Fry, Esq., John Ross, Esq., Daniel Wilkie, Esq., John Gilmour, Esq., James G. Ross, Esq., and all Protestant Ministers in the city who are members of the Society. Treasurer, James Hossack; Recording-Secretary, George Lamb. Committee—Messrs. James Gillespie, N. Neilson Ross, James Woodley, W. H. Tapp, Joseph Whitehead, H. H. Miles, LL.D., Thomas Morkill, John C. Thomson, Henry W. Powis, J. T. Harrower, John Storey, James Hamilton, Jas. S. Crawford, William Brown, Peter MacNaughton, Peter Johnstone, Alex. Woods, Wm. Marsh, Wm. Cream.

The report also recommended the following named ladies as officers of the Quebec Ladies' Bible Association for 1875:—President, Mrs. John Ross; Treasurer, Mrs. Powis; Secretary, Miss M. Powis; Committee, Mrs. Henry Torrance, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Cassels, Mrs. James Hossack, Mrs. Musson, Mrs. Myles, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Robertson, Miss Macpherson, Miss Meiklejohn, Miss Powis, Miss Allan, Miss Racey; Bible-woman, Miss M. Latimer.

Rev. Mr. Bland moved the first resolution, which was as follows;—"That the Report to which we have just listened be adopted and published together with an abstract of the Parent Society's Report; and that the following gentlemen be the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year." The Rev. gentlemen commented upon the satisfactory nature of the report, and expatiated upon the immortal character of the Word of God, and its adaptation to the wants of the human race under all conditions.

Rev. W. B. Clark, seconded the resolution in a few brief remarks, and it was unanimously carried.

Rev. J. S. Black, of Montreal, moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting, whilst tracing the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society during another year, would devoutly recognize the providential goodness of God in the many opportunities of extended usefulness which have been vouchsafed, and the growing evidence that, through His grace, the efforts of the Society are contributing largely towards meeting the spiritual necessities of the world." The Rev. gentleman, in speaking to the resolution, remarked that the Bible Society had in it the essence of a true Evangelical Alliance and the union of all Christians. This Society held in keeping the blessed light of the Sun of Righteousness, which it was gradually diffusing over the whole earth, lighting up the dark places of sin and making them to

smile and blossom as the rose, and those men who, as colporteurs, were travelling through the country and distributing, often under great trials, the Word of God, would shine among the brightest in the day when God would make up his jewels. As the planets of the Solar system revolve around the Sun, so the literature of the world seems to circle around the Word of God, and if all the literature of the world, having some relation to the Scriptures, for or against, were gathered into one pile, and all the literature of the world having no such relation were gathered in another pile, the former pile would appear as a mountain, while the latter would be quite insignificant. We see the Word of God, like a perpetual miracle, adapting itself to the ever changing customs and opinions of the world, and the various social and political reforms which have arisen in these latter days have been gradually developed in proportion as the Spirit of God, revealed new light from the sacred pages. All Christians were taught to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, and in order to hasten the fulfilment of their prayers they should liberally contribute to the funds of this Society. If we wished to advance the Kingdom of God we must put His holy Word into the hands of rich and poor high and low, wise and ignorant, Protestant and Romanist. (Applause.) In view of the approaching great conflict which European statesmen were prophesying—a conflict between the powers of light and the powers of darkness—it behoved all Christians in every land to be diligent and earnest in circulating the Word of God and preparing the minds and hearts of men for a signal manifestation of the power of the Most High.

The Reverend P. Wright, in seconding the resolution, said he was much gratified that his first words to a public audience in Quebec should be on so glorious a theme as the Bible. If we considered what God's Word had done for us and what we had done for it, we should feel rebuked at our negligence. The fact that it is the Word of God should enlist our highest regard and most active efforts for its propagation. Being the Truth of God it was the only basis upon which we could rear a fabric of national greatness and material prosperity. If ever this Dominion was to take a high rank among the nations of the earth, it would be so just in proportion as its inhabitants imbibe the the spirit of the Christian religion which the Bible unfolds, and just in proportion as its institutions, customs and laws were the genuine expression of Bible morality and principle. (Applause.) The more we studied the present condition of those nations who do not profess the Christian Religion, the more conspicuous would appear the beneficent influences of this religion which the Bible unfolds, for there was not a single element of national greatness which we, as patriots esteem which had not been inspired or afterwards developed by the religion of Christ. And in Christian lands, wherever we see the religion of Christ corrupted, we find men debased and secular prosperity at a low point. The reason why Spain had sunk to the lowest degree among the nations of Europe was because she years ago banished the Word of God, and now that she begins to tolerate it we see some signs of a better day dawning for her. Upon the rock of an open Bible our fathers in England have reared the most noble and beautiful structure of a civilized nation that the world has ever seen. (Applause.) And in this Dominion we should look to it that our national life was laid on the same foundation—the truth of the living of God. Whether we regarded its influence upon nations or upon individuals, we would be constrained to recognize in it a redeeming angel destined to bring the world back again to the God it had deserted, by the divine truths it reveals to us.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted. After the singing of another hymn, the collection was made.

In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Stevenson, of Montreal, who was expected to be present, the next and following resolution was moved by the Hon. James Ferrier, President of the Montreal Auxiliary :

“ That this meeting, whilst tendering its thanks to the retiring Officers and Committee, would urge upon their successors in office to consider the

manifestations of divine favour and blessing so abundantly vouchsafed as a call and encouragement to continue the work with renewed energy, and unwavering confidence in God."

The Rev. D. Marsh seconded the same, and urged upon the Committee to take as their motto for the ensuing year these words of the Apostle Paul, "Forgetting the things that are behind, and pressing forward to the things that are before, let them press toward the mark."

This resolution was likewise adopted, and the meeting was concluded with the Doxology and a benediction.

British and Foreign.

OXFORD.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Oxford Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society took place in the Town Hall of that city on the 1st of December last, under the Presidency of Professor Pritchard, the Savilian Professor of Astronomy, who opened the proceedings as follows:—

"Permit me to express my grateful acknowledgment of the honour conferred upon me in placing me in this chair. Hitherto I had reluctantly declined it, mainly because I do not consider myself sufficiently identified with those parties or communities who, for the most part, assemble on platforms such as this. But the circumstances of 1874 present themselves to my mind in a form which has overcome my reluctance and satisfied my scruples. For I, whose duties take me beyond the circle of the religious world, cannot shut my eyes or my ears to the uneasy condition, both of the most highly and of the most lowly educated classes in our day, with respect to the true claims of the Christian religion. The religion of the Cross is, I will not say fast losing its hold on cultivated intellect, but assuredly it is universally felt to be on its trial. There can be no doubt also that its distinctive doctrines, as they are called, or distinctive facts, as they are in reality, are far less frequently made the topics of discourse from the pulpit than they were a quarter of a century ago. The attacks also upon Christian society from the sides of material, literary, or critical atheism are persistent and formidable beyond the precedent of former times; while the seductions of Popery in its various guises assail it in the opposite direction. The former misrepresents the Bible; the latter practically closes its pages and ignores its existence. The obvious remedy then is, by every legitimate means to circulate the Scriptures without the notes or comments of men, and let them tell their own tale and seek their own way. For my own part, I have made it my duty to become acquainted with and to understand the grounds on which Christianity is attacked. Such reading is not always very pleasant, and yet in some respects it is not always unsalutary, because in it you may see a mirror held up before your eyes, which, although it distorts and exaggerates, nevertheless exhibits in some sort or other, whatever happens to be uncomely in your portrait or in your apparel. These persistent and elaborate attacks will, I think, also teach a candid mind to distinguish between ecclesiastical Christianity and the Christianity of the New Testament. Nevertheless, they have left my own mind unimpaired in all the main articles of its faith, and have rather strengthened than weakened my strong attachment to the principles of the Church of England, as by law established in this Protestant country. But beyond all, the result of such study as I have been able to afford is to make it ap-

parent to me that the real battle-ground lies around the fortresses of the Gospels and the Epistles of St. Paul; and I, for one, believe them to be impregnable, not only because they contain a Divine spirit within them, but because they contain the Truth. You cannot defend yourself and your faith, simply or chiefly by appeals to the traditions or constitutions of a Church, or to the decrees of a Council, or to the writings of an ancient Father; but, like Luther, your safety lies in taking your Bible into your hand, and declaring, 'By this I stand.' Hence, I say, by all legitimate means, print and circulate the Scriptures. In a recent work, which contains the most formidable attack made in modern times on the veracity, the authenticity, and the genuineness of the four Gospels, it is asserted that Christianity, as yet, has not been even nominally accepted by a third part of the human race; and it is affirmed that the followers of Buddha are nearly as numerous as those of Christ. I say nothing now on the barfaced one-sidedness of a numerical comparison between the ill-educated and ill-informed natives of Asia, and the most civilised, perhaps the only really civilized nations of the earth; but if even this numerical comparison be correct, that is all the more reason for the increased activity of such an Association as this in its attempt to send the Word of Light and Truth among so numerous and so benighted a race. We have the testimony of an eminent Indian statesman that even a fragment of the Divine Word has more than once and within his own knowledge first of all excited the curiosity, and then stimulated the inquiry, and last of all led to the conversion of entire Indian villages to the faith of Christ. In the sure conviction, then, that a virtue accompanies the Bible going forth and encircling and informing the soul, let us proceed with the work that lies before us, resting assured that herein we cannot be otherwise than fellow-workers with God. And now but one word as to the individual who thus ventures to address you. Even as Professor of Astronomy in this University, I am not without a sufficient precedent in joining an Association such as this. The Parent Society is now just seventy years old, attaining to the limit of vigorous existence spoken of by the Hebrew poet; happily it exhibits no symptoms of decadence, having attained to the possession of a revenue approximating closely to that of this whole University. But I can tell you of a Bible Society which sprang up in the sister University some fifty years before the British and Foreign Bible Society was so much as thought of. True it was a very small Society—it consisted but of two members—but those two were Sir Isaac Newton and his friend; for it is recorded of Newton that he annually entrusted to his friend a sum of money for the purchase and distribution of the Bible. Such was Newton, the astronomer, at Cambridge. The Savilian Professor at Oxford cannot be wrong if he follows (*hand pari passu*) in his steps.—*The British and Foreign Bible Society Reporter.*

THE BIBLE IN THE BARGE.

"At one of the theatre services, Jabez Inwards, Esq., had preached a striking sermon from Rev. iii. 20, 'Behold I stand at the door and knock.' I went towards the door, and I spoke to a young man dressed as a sailor, and he told me that he felt very miserable; that he had strolled up Waterloo-road, and seeing the door open, he came in, and 'I never felt as I have since I heard the preacher.' He gave me his name, J. B——, aged twenty, serving on a barge, 'George Francis,' loading at the wharf near Waterloo-bridge. 'Oh, sir,' said he, 'could you give me a Bible, for I want to read it?' I promised to bring him one. I provided a Bible and went to the wharf; he was on the look out, and he at once recognized me, and came across several barges moored, and asked me to follow him. I was not accustomed to descend a rope-ladder, but I ventured, and soon set my feet on a barge, and then clambered over one and another, and then descended with him into the cabin. Here by our two selves I set the way of peace before him, heard his simple story, got him

on his knees, and during prayer he sobbed aloud. I gave him the Bible, and wrote his name in it, and his gratitude was very hearty. He asked me for my name, and where I lived, and he said, 'When I see my mother I shall tell her all about you, and what I feel.' Concerning the services, he said whenever he was in London, and they were held, he should come."—*The Christian*.

THE BIBLE FOR THE JEW.

"A Polish Jew, named B——, many years since attended theatre services, and for the first time became dissatisfied with Judaism, and every winter continued to attend these services; and for the last three or four years, when the theatre services were over, would attend a church. 'But,' said he, 'I like the theatre services, for they make things so plain, I can understand them; and then I can come to these services, and not look different from other people, as I can't make the appearance now as formerly and when I go to church, I get into any corner where I can hear, but not to be seen, if possible. After attending the South London Palace one evening, I asked him to come to my Sunday Men's Bible-class. He came, but was at first very shy. I followed him up, and gained his confidence. He was then most anxious for instruction. After a few weeks, a converted Jew, a member of my Bible-class, procured for him a Hebrew Bible, and spent one hour with him in reading and searching the Scriptures which testify of Christ. At his own request, I introduced him to the Rev. W. Thomson as a candidate for baptism."—*The Christian*.

THE BIBLE IN THE PIT.

On Thursday, December 17th, being the day appointed for the presentation of a Bible to the miners employed in the Muxton Bridge Coal-Mine, Miss Battersby, of Lilleshall, who presented the Bible, accompanied by two ladies, a curate of Lilleshall, and the town Missionary of Newport, with George Heath, Evangelist, of London, walked to the mouth of the pit, where a goodly number had assembled to witness their descent. The overlookers had made every arrangement in their power for the safety of their friends. Reaching the bottom of the mine, they traversed some distance, assisted by the glimmering lights of the colliers' candles. The men having forty minutes for dinner, gave ample opportunity for a short service. A verse of a hymn being sung, a few verses were then read from Isa. xi. and John iii. George Heath then addressed them from Psalm ciii. 14, to which they listened very attentively, closing with prayer and the doxology. The Bible was then presented, the men expressing their warmest thanks. They then assisted their friends to the bottom of the shaft, from which they were safely drawn up. The party then returned to the home of Miss Battersby, feeling thankful for the privilege of leaving the lamp of life in one of the dark places of the earth, praying that others may be led to do likewise.—*The Christian*.

We are sorry to notice the death of the great Biblical scholar, Constantine Von Tischendorf, Professor of Theology and of Biblical Palæography, at the University of Leipsic. He was born January 18th, 1815, and studied at Leipsic from 1834 to 1838. Two years later, when he was practicing there as "docent," the Saxon Government sent him out on a tour of investigation of Biblical MSS. and VSS.; and Tischendorf visited France, England, Holland, Switzerland, Egypt, the Holy Land, and the Monasteries of the Sinaitic Peninsula. In 1849 and 1859 he visited the East again. On the latter

occasion he was assisted by the Russian Government, and then he discovered the Codex Sinaiticus which was published in 1862 by Alexander II. Tischendorf again visited England in 1865, and Oxford and Cambridge gave him their honorary D.C.L. and LL.D. For some time past the great scholar has been ailing, and repeated attacks of paralysis made it evident that the end was not far off. He died on the 7th of December last.—*Evangelical Christendom*.

THE BIBLE IN RUSSIA.

[WE have pleasure in availing ourselves of the permission accorded us to make a few extracts from a private letter (though from a high official), which—let the *Morning Post* say what it pleases—shows conclusively that there are those in Russia who do care for God's Word, and who are labouring hard to spread it. Neither, as will be seen, do they lack encouragement.—ED.]

PETERSBURG, 20th January, 1875.

“Mr. Alexander, during his stay here, showed me the kind letter he had received from you, in reference to the sensation produced here by the account of the presentation of the Bible from the maidens of England to her Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh. In this letter you inform Mr. Alexander that you wished to entrust me with the residue of the sum subscribed for the Bible, with the view of extending the circulation of the Word of God in our dear Russia. Although I have not the honour of knowing you personally, I address you directly, as a Christian, in order to express my great joy at the interest you take in the spreading of the light of Christ in Russia. ‘The time is at hand,’ and we ought to work, lest we should resemble the ten foolish virgins, and be found without oil in our lamps. England is the lantern which illumines the word by its divine light. May your country be blest and continue to hold out this light, and call upon the nations to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ! It touches me deeply that you should stretch out your hand in spreading God's Word. I cannot thank you for your offering, which is made for our Saviour's sake; I can only beg you to express to your sisters in Christ the joy which I felt in accepting the 21l. 11s. just received from Mr. Hawke. Knowing that you are interested in Christian work in Russia, I may tell you that the work of Lord Radstock has not proved fruitless, and that many persons are now walking before God, having had their eyes opened. It seems, also, that our priests are beginning to be aroused, at least in the centre and more distant parts of Russia, and they ask for many copies of the Word of God for distribution among their parishioners. Yes, the time is come when Christians of all nations should sustain and prove the love they bear their Shepherd.”—*The Rock*.

The demand for the Bible and New Testament in Russia is greater than can be supplied. An edition of 10 000 Testaments has recently been disposed of, and another is in press. The British and Foreign Bible Society has circulated 27,000 copies of the Finnish Bible within the past year.—*Christian Weekly*.

The following letter from Mr. Alexander to the *Christian* is very interesting:

DEAR SIR,—Whilst your readers, in common with all in this land who labour, and watch, and pray for the coming of the kingdom of our blessed

Lord, are greatly cheered by the great blessing which the Holy Spirit is pouring out, through the instrumentality of our American brethren here, there is a fear that many fail to observe the less marked manifestation of gospel progress in other parts of the world. I should like to call the attention and bespeak the prayers of Christians here to the work of the Lord in Russia, a country which has lately become specially interesting to us through the marriage of its imperial daughter to our royal prince. And I am the more induced to do so by the impression that, from a religious point of view, Russia is to the British Christian almost a *terra incognita*.

You are probably aware that the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, had been endeavouring for the last twenty years, to obtain permission to locate Jewish missionaries among the upwards of three millions of Jews resident in Russia and Poland, but that all such attempts had ended in failure, the law of the land stringently excluding *all foreign missionaries* from the empire. Last November, the Society above-named deputed myself and their Clerical Secretary, Rev. F. Smith, to proceed to St. Petersburg, to make another effort in this direction. Through the earnest efforts of friends there, who had for some time been interested in the work of the Bible-stand, the special object of our mission was placed before persons of high influence and authority, and so effectually pleaded for, that we fully succeeded, and obtained permission, and the sanction of the Emperor, for missionaries to be sent to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation among the descendants of Abraham in that vast empire.

When we consider that, in the dominions of the Emperor of Russia, there are nearly as many Jews as in the whole of the world besides, ought we not, with a loud voice to bless the name of the Lord, for the wide door being opened for the gospel of Jesus Christ. I might mention by way of illustration of the above fact, that in Russia there are at the present time about 90,000 Jews, about double the number of their co-religionists in England.

During my stay in the capital, I was rejoiced to find that many Russian Christians were actively engaged in various ways in making known the unsearchable riches of Christ among their countrymen. One feature of the work is remarkable, namely, that most of the efforts to spread the Gospel in its simplicity and purity are made by ladies of the highest social position and refined culture. Foremost among these "honourable women" is her Imperial Highness the Princess Eugenie d'Oldenburg, niece of the Emperor and cousin to our Duchess of Edinburgh. This exalted lady devotes her rare ability to the good of others, and is known and loved as the true guardian of the poor. She not only devotes herself to the organization and direction of numerous charitable institutions, such as the Society for aiding Discharged Prisoners, the Institution for Training Hospital Nurses, etc., but she visits the hospitals and prisons, and distributes the Scriptures to the inmates. The princess has also translated some English tracts into Russ. and has them scattered far and wide. She graciously sent for me, and inquired particularly as to the work of the free distribution of the Scriptures in Roman Catholic countries, which seemed to be a work of special interest to her. I was very much struck by her unaffected piety and gentle demeanour. At the Paris Exhibition she had herself received one of the Gospels from our Bible kiosk, and now she aids in prosecuting the same blessed work in her own land.

The following letter, addressed by her Highness to our committee some time since, will show her appreciation of our work in Russia:—

" To the Committee of the Bible-stand, Crystal Palace.

" It is with true joy that I have received the copy of the Holy Scriptures which you have kindly sent me through Count Korff. I have heard much of your work, and know with what zeal you are spreading the good seed. It is indeed necessary to attract souls to Christ, and to live in Him, for I am

persuaded that only those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour can do any real good to their fellow creatures. The copy of the Bible will always be to me a *souvenir* of your good work, so beloved by all Christians.

(Signed) "EUGENIE PRINCESS D'OLDENBURG.

"St. Petersburg, Oct. 25, 1874."

It would occupy far too much of your space to detail the particulars of many of the excellent plans of Christian usefulness pursued by the Lord's servants there with which I was made acquainted. I will merely mention one or two. One lady has established a Home of Industry for poor women; another has instituted the first Night Refuge for the Destitute, of which hundreds avail themselves; and others have promoted and are carrying on Ragged Schools. These and other similar enterprises are mostly of English birth, or at least are modelled after similar good works here, which have been visited by our Christian brethren, the Russian philanthropists.

These Russian Christians take a deep interest in all kinds of Christian work in England, and are almost as familiar with it as we ourselves are. The labours of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, Pearsall Smith, Lord Radstock, and other evangelists, have interested them very much. For very much of this they are indebted to the *Christian*, and it seemed like meeting an old friend to find copies of your paper on the drawing-room tables of Christians in St. Petersburg.

J. ALEXANDER.

Bible Stand Crystal Palace.

THE GOSPEL IN FRANCE.

In a letter to *The Christian*, from Paris, we find the following passages:—
 "We heard a busy hum as we entered one of our out-lying stations last week. The room was filled—musicians, sappers, sergeants, corporals, privates, all calling out for books of our gratuitous lending library; then we had to resort to all sorts of expedients to seat others who came in afterwards. It is so pleasant to see how soon they make themselves at home, their shakos hung up, their swords unbuckled, and a pleasant look of recognition. One soldier going out said he wished the meetings were every night. Another young soldier, on whom the truth has been telling, says he sits up till one o'clock to read his New Testament, one we furnished him with from a small grant of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Our friend, D—, will be a little astonished to hear that as he entered our meeting at A—, to take part, he was taken for the curé of the adjoining barracks; but on looking more narrowly, they remarked, 'No, it is not our curé, but it is very like him.'

"Oh, how we long for the Spirit's power to work amongst these dear people!"

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"Many of your readers are aware of the great facilities on the continent for the circulation of books by post. My friend, Mons. Dardier (The Oratoire, Geneva), has 4,500 New Testaments for distribution by post in France, but has no means in hand for posting them. They cost twenty-five centimes each. If any friend can assist him towards this £45, he will be able to put them in the hands of persons who can only be reached by this means.

"I am, my dear brother,

"Yours affectionately,

"GEO. PEARSE."

"Paris, Dec., 1874.

REPORT OF BIBLE WOMEN IN ROME.

ROME, 27th November, 1874.

RESPECTED SIR.—Being asked to say something of missionary work in this city, I would refer to some facts recorded in the journals of our Bible women. One morning in the winter of 1872, one of these zealous women, finding that no one in the houses and shops visited by her would buy her Bibles or listen to the word of God, bethought herself of the Roman *carabinieri*. Entering their barracks, she spoke to them of the Captain of our salvation, and entreated them to enlist under his banner. Two soldiers bought New Testaments, and to others she gave tracts, inviting them to the evangelistic meetings. Parting with them, with a heart full of gratitude to the Lord, she called on the wife of a municipal guard, and leaving with her a copy of "Come to Jesus," and an invitation to the meeting of that evening, she returned to her own home. That evening, Mr. Gavazzi lectured, when something occurred which was not in the programme. A deep detonation and the lamentations of some woman told that something serious had happened. A bomb-shell had been flung into the place of meeting by the enemies of the truth, whom making their escape were met and arrested by a municipal guard, the husband of the woman who had received the invitation to the meeting. Strange to say, two of the *carabinieri*, fulfilling their promise, were present, and assisted the guard in arresting and conducting to prison the authors of the intended mischief. In this we saw clearly the hand of the Lord.

True conversions take place. A certain man, known to us, was one of the greatest blasphemers in Rome; his wife was devoted to every superstition: their daughter was trained by nuns. Now they are a family of Bible readers. One evening near the beginning of the year 1873, they sat up long past their time for going to bed; the word of God held them reading, when a sudden crash announced that a part of the roof had fallen. The bed was covered with the fallen materials; but, through their love for the Bible, they had escaped death.

Other instances could easily be given of persons being moved by the reading of the Bible to cast their Madonnas and saints into the fire, and trust only in the Lord. Such instances, occurring from time to time, enable these Bible women to bear the derision which they too frequently encounter.

Two Bible women, however, in a city of 300,000 souls, are not many. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest. These Bible women, through us, beg the prayers and sympathies of God's people.

I conclude with brotherly salutations in the Lord, and am yours, most affectionately,

ENRICO LURASCHI,
Elder.

A lady writing to the *Christina*, from Frosinone, Italy, says—"The door which is but very partially open for the more public work of preaching is quite open for the distribution of the Scriptures. These should be given gratuitously, because of the poverty, ignorance and superstition of the people. Religious tracts can be distributed without any opposition, while wall-papers with woodcuts are eagerly sought, and carefully nailed up in the house or shop. Visitation from house to house is easily carried on, and would, I am sure, produce great results. The people have no difficulty in sending their children to us. At present many come, and on Sunday morning last we had a class of fourteen or fifteen."

BIBLE COLPORTAGE.

Dr. Murdoch, the agent for the Christian Vernacular Education Society, says in his "Review of Colportage in India:"—The British and Foreign Bible So-

ciety carries on colportage in India on by far the largest scale. Its agents greatly exceed in number those of all other societies taken together. During the year 1873, the society spent £5,271 on India, of which £2,600 was devoted to colportage. Out of a total circulation in 1873 of 170,645 Scriptures, 91,032 were sold by the society's colporteurs.

The number sold has increased from 56,863 in 1870 to 91,032. In 1870 each colporteur on an average, sold during the year 541 Scriptures; in 1873 the number rose to 771. The proceeds of sales increased from 4,124 rupees to 6,251 rupees.

In the early stage, the more aggressive agency of colportage has a decided advantage. Still, book-shops are useful in large cities, and eventually they yield good returns. In some cases they are also useful as depots from which colporteurs may draw supplies.

MEXICO.

LETTER FROM THE REV. M. N. HUTCHINSON.

MEXICO CITY, November 14, 1874.

DEAR BROTHER,—This is to acknowledge the receipt of the three boxes of Bibles and Testaments granted by your Society to the Presbyterian Church in Mexico, and to thank the Society most cordially for the same. You do not know how much they were needed. Others had been well supplied, but that did not meet my wants; for you will remember that, outside of this centre, each denomination respects the occupation of each of the other denominations, on the one hand; and, on the other hand, each is responsible for the work in the field which it enters.

Within ten days four conversions (so far as we can judge of conversions) have come under my own eye, and these were in connection with the study of the Bibles just received; and we have an interesting case, showing the direct spiritual fruit of a single Testament. I wish I had time to give its history, as it is full of cheer for Christian workers. "The seed is the word," and I do want a sufficient supply of this same good seed to scatter widely, but wisely, as Providence opens the way for it. May I not hope for a supplement to the appropriation already made.—*American Bible Society Record*.

BRAZIL.

MR. MILNE'S TOUR OF EXPLORATION.

We quote the following from Mr. Milne's report in the *American Bible Society Record* :—

On the street I sold two Bibles to two gentlemen as they were passing; an acquaintance of these passed meantime, and remarked, in a jeering tone, "You are buying Protestant Bibles, are you?" I replied that the Bibles I sold went further back than even Romanism, and were not annotated by either Romanist or Protestant. Two days after I met the same gentleman again in the street, when he said, "Bring me one of those Bibles to 29 Rua Formosa." I took him the book and entered into a lengthy and interesting conversation with him. It frequently happens that the most silly remark against the Bible influences persons not fully decided to buy to reject it, at least for that time, but in this case the opposite was the case.

Brazil needs the Bible, and it is open to receive it; and of all people I know anything about, they are the most likely to be benefited by it. This opinion I have formed from observation of the habits and disposition of the people, and it is fully borne out by facts. Rev. A. L. Blackford related to me a number of cases of conversion that had come to his knowledge, through the reading of the Scriptures. In some of these cases the persons had never even heard a sermon preached, and they came to him with a clear and intelligent Christian experience.

BIBLE WORK IN UTAH.

Below are given some extracts from a letter which comes to us from Rev. C. L. Bascom, Minersville, Beaver County, Utah :—

Since August 16th I have called upon 1,810 families. Of these, 557 were without Bibles, and perhaps half that number destitute of either Bible or Testament. I have supplied 312 families, have sold 219 volumes, and given away 141 books. Many of the books sold were paid for in meals for myself and food for my horse. About half a dozen of the families visited have said, "We don't want a Bible," and something more than half a dozen had no one in the family who could read. Nearly all the people seem very willing to receive any book as a gift, and I find I can very easily give in such a manner as to prevent most of my sales. I could tell you of many kind words spoken as a Bible or Testament was left in the homes of the poor, and these words have come to me from the bed of the dying man—from the "old couple" whose aged eyes failed to read the small-print Bible given them years since in the "old country;" have come from the poverty-stricken, toiling woman, staying, with her children, in a poor earth-covered cabin, or in the more miserable "dug-out," with Mother Earth for floor and bedstead. I have wondered if the "May God bless you and prosper you!" from these would not also be heard of Him whose "hand is not shortened that it cannot save; nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear."—*American Bible Society Record.*

HUNGRY FOR THE WORD.

A missionary, telling of his call at the Island of Rapa, in the South Seas, which had not been visited by an English missionary for seven years, says :—

"I took a bag ashore, which contained, among other things, a number of Bibles and native books, which I thought I might perhaps be able to sell among the people. Their inquisitive eyes soon discovered its contents; and before I was aware of it, they had taken out the Bibles from their hiding place and were passing them around with boisterous exclamations of delight. Their faces were beaming with joy, as one after another pressed towards me, and begged of me to let him have the copy nestling under his arm. I said, 'Yes, you can have it; but they are for sale, and the price is two dollars each.' Away they ran to their homes, and in a few minutes were back again with the money in their hands. In less than half an hour after my landing every Bible was gone and paid for. When other natives came and brought their money, begging of me to send to the ship for more copies, which I did. The Word of God is, indeed, to this people the pearl of great price, and it is to them infinitely more precious than any other earthly treasure."—*Wesleyan Juvenile Missionary Offering.*

During the month of January, 2,985 families in the 17th, 19th, and 20th Wards of the City of New York, were visited by missionaries of the New York Bible Society, and 656 Bibles and Testaments distributed among them by sale or gift; 179 vessels were supplied with 1,118 Bibles or Testaments in different languages, and 519 were distributed among the immigrants in Castle Garden.

FACTS BETTER THAN ARGUMENT.

When a man feels the power of the Holy Spirit, or the power of the inner life, he does not care to argue; he has a homespun philosophy of facts which answers his purpose better. Though others may round upon him and say, "You are not learned," he feels that it does not need learning to prove that which is a matter of personal consciousness, any more than we need proof

that sugar is sweet when we have a piece in our mouths. Do you doubt the gospel? Try it. The men who speak against the Bible, as a rule, have never read it; those who rail against Christ do not know Him; and those who deny the efficacy of prayer have never prayed. Nothing is more convincing than fact. Get out of the realm of word-spinning and wind-bag-filling into practical Christian life, proving personally that these things are so, and you will soon be convinced by the blessed witness of the Spirit, the water, and the blood.—*Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, "The Three Witnesses."* (No. 1187).

Miscellaneous.

A MOTHER'S GIFT.

A colporteur of the Californian Bible Society, while visiting one of the ships in the harbour of San Francisco, became acquainted with these facts in the history of a sailor: Just before leaving his home in Philadelphia on a voyage to California, his mother knelt with him and prayed that the Lord would spare his life, and that she might see him again. On his voyage, in looking over his baggage, he found his satchel very heavy, but did not open it till after being wrecked near Panama, when he discovered in it a Bible, which he was led to read. As he read and remembered that the precious volume was the gift of a loving mother, whose prayer had been that she might not only meet her son on earth but in heaven, he was brought under deep conviction as a sinner before God, and at once sought and found that peace which can only be obtained through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

He always carries the book with him, and said to the colporteur, "No man could induce me to part with it for all the wealth of California. It is my meat and drink."—*American Bible Society Record.*

STARS.

How oft we note that, as the evening shadows
 First gently steal into the sunset sky,
 Some stars shine forth, if we but gaze intently,
 Where erst we could but vacant space descry.

Then, as the twilight deepens into darkness,
 More and more brightly gleam those points of light,
 Till, as with thick-set gems, is studded over
 The ebon, arching-palace roof of night.

E'en thus, when we peruse the Sacred Volume,
 Again and yet again some precious thought
 Our souls may pass unheeded, not receiving
 The peace with which it is so richly fraught.

Until at length the words so long familiar
 Shine with a light we ne'er perceived before;
 And ever from thenceforth we gladly hail them
 As part of our own special-promise store.

And as the night of trial gathers round us,
 More of these precious promises we mark,
 Till every page becomes a radiant cluster
 Of stars that shine most brightly in the dark.

Remittances.

RECEIPTS AT THE BIBLE SOCIETY HOUSE, TORONTO, FROM
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TO 28TH FEBRUARY, 1875.

		On Purchase Account.	Free to U.C.B.S.	Free to B. & F. B. S.	Free to Sundries.
<i>January.</i>		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Cinton	Branch	34 00	20 00	20 00	
Bolsover	"	9 00			
Richmond Hill	"	4 32			(1) 1 44
Alberton	"		21 40	10 70	
Ancaster East	"		33 17	16 53	
Copetown	"		24 62	12 31	
Stouffville	"		18 10	18 10	
Laskay	"	1 08	42 32	21 18	
Exeter	"	3 00			
Fonthill	"		24 54		
Mount Forest	"	23 24			
Unionville	"		33 00		
Newcastle	"	30 00	58 75		
Bowmanville	"	62 06			
Dungannon	"	34 00	6 00		
Egmondville	"		14 00	14 00	
Port Hope	"	73 24			
Shakespeare	"	(1) 1 50	18 80	40 00	
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Bobcaygeon	Branch		6 84		
Minden	"	10 00	10 00	10 00	
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Kincardine	"		32 86		
Brantford	"	46 10			
Drayton	"	14 76			
Hanover	"		20 00		
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Armow	"		12 46		
Bervie	"	14 37			
Lucknow	"	8 46	2 42		
Teeswater	"	37 60	28 74		
Mt. Pleasant (Brant) Branch			20 80	18 00	
<i>February.</i>					
Millpoint	Branch		22 06		
Melrose	"		20 00		
Lonsdale	"		2 40		
Ivanhoe	"		1 75		
Madoc	"	13 28	8 16		
Bridgewater	"	2 13	2 42		
Tweed	"	24 00			
Roslin	"	4 75	3 32		
St. Helens	"	6 00			
Fergus	"		100 00	100 00	
Hespeler	"			20 00	
Donald Fraser, Esq., Nairn P.O.		10 80			(2) 75 00
Scarboro'	Branch		95 60		(4) 25 00
Shannonville	"		11 10		

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<i>February.—Continued.</i>	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Belleville Branch	116 00	100 00	50 00	
South Etobicoke "		39 90	19 95	
North Etobicoke "		14 55	14 50	
Woodbridge & Pine Grove Branch		15 24	7 61	
Paris Branch	55 10	75 00	75 00	(5) 75 00
Dalston "		1 56		
Minesing "	5 05	28 28		
Lloydton "	(1) 3 00	30 00	20 00	
Lynden "		13 90		
Binbrook "		40 00	20 00	
Nairn "	20 00	28 00	15 00	
Bobcaygeon "		21 00		
Prince Albert "		60 00		
Hamilton "	400 39			
East Williams "	(1) 3 00			
Holland Landing "		4 40		
Caledonia "		83 14		
Cayuga "		1 20		
South Cayuga "	1 10	50 06	20 00	
Cherrywood "	4 22	15 55		
Hanover "	(1) 1 50			
Wingham "	13 54			
Tiverton "	33 78	12 57		
Port Elgin "	51 00			
Arran "		3 36		
Paisley "		20 74		
Kirkton "	13 00	22 00		
Manchester "		16 00	16 00	(4) 32 00
Gorrie "		17 00	17 02	
Fordwich "	8 21			
Blyth "	8 00	20 00	20 00	
Bluevale "	7 00			
Dunnville "	37 58	8 00	10 00	
Selkirk "	28 27	9 90		
Oneida "	5 00	37 02	37 02	
York (Grand River) "	18 00	20 00		
Rockwood "	7 08			
Galt "		100 00	150 00	
Whitby "	30 00	25 00		
Peterborough "	49 45			
Eramosa "		53 50	53 50	
Orangeville "	35 00	51 00		
Arthur "	9 37	13 03	13 03	
Drayton "	11 80	50 00		(1) 1 50
Hillsburg "		25 00		
Guelph "	21 68	50 00	350 00	
Clifford "	20 88			
Erin "	4 44			
Mount Forest "		20 00	25 00	
Elora "	43 94	75 00	110 00	(4) 35 00
Brooklin "	20 28			
Port Dover "	18 81	48 00		
Vittoria "		30 00		
St. Williams "	26 02	8 24		
Dumbarton "		46 00		
Duffin's Creek "		14 00	7 00	
Oshawa "	50 00	120 00		

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(4) For French Canadian Missionary Society.

(5) For Montreal Auxiliary.

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CHILDREN'S SONG.—“We won't give up the Bible.”

READING OF REPORT.

CHILDREN'S SONG.—“THE BIBLE SONG.”

1st RESOLUTION,—Moved by the Rev. A. H. BALDWIN, M.A.,
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“That the Report, of which an abstract has just been read, be adopted and printed for circulation under the direction of the Board; that thanks be given to the Officers, Committees and Collectors of the various Branches through the country, to whose zeal and energy the Society is so much indebted; and that the following gentlemen be Officers and Directors for the ensuing year.”

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2nd RESOLUTION,—Moved by the Rev. C. D. FOSS, D.D., of New York, seconded by GEO. HAGUE, Esq.,

“That while we rejoice at the increasing activity of spiritual life, which is being manifested in so many ways throughout Christendom, we pray that it may be displayed still more abundantly, in uniting *all* Christians in the blessed work of sending forth GOD'S HOLY WORD until it be brought within the reach of 'every kindred and tongue and people and nation.'”

SINGING.

3rd RESOLUTION,—Moved by the Rev. J. G. ROBB, B. A., seconded by the Rev. J. J. RICE.,

“That whilst thankful to God for His continued mercies, we are sorry to hear of a decrease in the receipts of our own and other Bible Societies, including our great Parent the British and Foreign Bible Society, and we earnestly hope that in the coming year, our people will be ready to deny themselves rather than suffer the spread of God's Word to be limited by a lack of funds.”

COLLECTION AND SINGING.

4th RESOLUTION,—Moved by Rev. J. M. CAMERON, seconded by J. GEORGE HODGINS, LL.D.,

“That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the Trustees of the Metropolitan Church for its use on Sabbath evening last; to the Trustees of this Church for its use on the present occasion, and to the Organist, Choir and Children for their valuable services in connection with this Annual Meeting.”

DOXOLOGY AND BENEDICTION.

1ST. HYMN.

1. THE heavens declare Thy glory, Lord, L.M.
In every star Thy wisdom shines ;
But when our eyes behold Thy word.
We read Thy name in fairer lines.
2. The rolling sun, the changing light,
And night and day, Thy power confess ;
Eut the blest volume Thou hast writ,
Reveals Thy justice and Thy grace.
3. Sun, moon, and stars convey Thy praise,
Round the whole earth, and never stand ;
So when Thy truth began its race,
It touched and glanced on every land.
4. Nor shall Thy spreading gospel rest,
Till through the world Thy truth has run ;
Till Christ has all the nations blest,
That see the light or feel the sun.
5. Great Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Bless the dark world with heavenly light ;
Thy gospel makes the simple wise,
Thy laws are pure, Thy judgments right.
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2ND. HYMN.

1. O WORD of God, Incarnate, 6. 7.
O ! Wisdom from on high,
O ! Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky !
We praise Thee for this compass
That o'er life's troubled sea,
Mid mists, and rocks, and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee !
2. The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still the light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the priceless casket
Where gems of truth are stored ;
It is the heaven-drawn picture
Of Christ, the living Word !

3. O ! make Thy Church, dear Saviour,
 A lamp of ~~burnished~~ gold,
 To bear before the nations
 Thy true light as of old ;
 O ! teach Thy wandering pilgrims
 By this their path to trace,
 Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see Thee face to face.

4. O ! Father, by Thy mercy,
 And by Thy Spirit's grace,
 May we abide for ever
 On this sure resting place ;
 And pass from life's long battle,
 To Thy blest home of love,
 And see, in heaven's own radiance,
 Jerusalem above.

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3RD. HYMN.

1. **L**ET everlasting glories crown,  
   Thy head, my Saviour and my Lord  
   Thy hands have brought salvation down,  
     And writ the blessing in Thy word.
  
2. In vain our trembling conscience seeks  
     Some solid ground to rest upon ;  
   With long despair our spirit breaks,  
     Till we apply to Thee alone.
  
3. How well Thy blessed truths agree !  
     How wise and holy Thy commands !  
   Thy promises how firm they be !  
     How firm our hope and comfort stands !
  
4. Should all the forms which men devise  
     Assault my faith with treacherous art,  
   I'll call them vanity and lies,  
     And bind Thy Gospel to my heart.