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Practical and Moral.

SUDDEN DESTRUCTION!

Unconverted friend, I am astonished at your in-
difference to the salvation of your soul! Have
you not heard that "the day of the Lord" so
cometh as a thief in the night, and when they
shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction
cometh upon them? How unreasonable your
apathy and security! You have heard perhaps so
often that there is a day of wrath approaching,
that you do not realize the consequences of being
unsheltered and unprepared for it. But the
thought of sudden destruction is most revolting to
the feelings when the matter is entertained; and
it is all the more so if it should come when men
are saying "peace and safety." How harrowing
to our feelings to read of the sudden railway or
marine catastrophe! Who can tell how the
sleeper must feel on being awakened by the shock
of the foundering ship; or how the merry party
must be overwhelmed with consternation when the
flying rail-car is suddenly crashing about them,
or they lie in one mangled heap on the gory line!
And if such small matters are dreaded, O why not
dread "the great day of the Lord?" During the
past year a new volcano burst forth in one of the
South Sea Islands. The account of the awful
catastrophe we subjoin, asking you to peruse it as
a faint illustration of "the day of the Lord":—

"On the 24th of June, 1853, the island was
visited by many severe and heavy earthquakes;
but as these are exceedingly common in their oc-
currence, no alarm whatever was felt. The
earthquakes were most violent in a district called
Ahau—most fortunately, this being the least popu-
lated, although most valuable, part of the island.
In the village of Ahau there resided a few families,
numbering in all from forty to fifty individuals.
A teacher resided among them; and a small
chapel was attached to the village. On the even-
ing of the above day nothing remarkable was
observed, nor the slightest indications of the ap-
proaching catastrophe about to occur. All the
inhabitants retired, as usual, to rest. At midnight,
an earthquake of unusual violence awoke the
whole village in alarm; but this having subsided
entirely, with the exception of a continued tremor
of the ground, and an apparently distant rumbling
sound, the people again betook themselves to rest,
little thinking that they were actually sleeping
over the mouth of a volcano, whose fires should,
in two short hours, hurry many of them into
eternity, and devastate the land! Such, however,
was the awful reality. At 2 A.M., of the 25th
of June, another tremendous earthquake rent
the ground in sunder in the very centre of the devoted
village; and in an instant the devouring flame and
streaming lava of a new-formed volcano burst forth
with terrific and overwhelming force. The whole
was but the work of a few minutes. Houses, with
their inmates, and among them the chapel, were
swallowed up, and consumed by the ascending
flames. Of the inhabitants, twenty-five were thus
instantaneously swallowed up, or lost in the deluge
of liquid fire. Eighteen individuals were saved as
by a miracle, and some of these had their backs
scorched by the pursuing flames. One man, in
flying, stumbled into a rent of the earth, but hap-
pily regained his footing, and the next moment
flames of fire were shooting up from the hole into
which he fell. The suddenness and utterly un-
expected character of this remarkable visitation,
and the awful terror inspired in the minds of those
who thus marvellously escaped, preclude the pos-
sibility of many particulars being given. In fact,
as daylight dawned, the principal work of destruc-
tion was accomplished. In a very short time,
about ten miles of the most valuable gardening
land in the island was covered to the depth of from
five to twelve feet of molten lava, which soon
hardened into solid rock. The tremendous nature
of this eruption will be better understood, when I
state that no less than thirty distinct craters can
be counted, some of which are large. This ter-
rific visitation has been the means of thoroughly
arousing the inhabitants of Niua Foa to seek the
salvation of their souls. Many who scoffed at hell-
fire as a fabulous invention formerly, now acknow-
ledge their folly, and have fled from the 'wrath to
come,' and taken shelter on the Redeemer's side."

Ah! careless souls, hell-fire is no "fabulous in-
vention!" If the God "who made the worlds"
can rend the earth in pieces, and make it spue out
suddenly ten miles of molten fire, what are you
that you should resist His expressed will, break

His commandments, and deem yourself secure
from His avenging fire? Depend upon it, God
will prove as true to His threatenings as to His
promises; and "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed
from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming
fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God,
and they obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting
destruction from the presence of the Lord and
from the glory of His power." Reader! you are
sleeping over the mouth of a volcano! Up in-
stantly, and flee from "the wrath to come."
Take refuge in the Lord Jesus. He invites you
now. He assures you that He will in no wise cast
you out; but if you reject His mercy, you must
endure His wrath; and when "the great day of
His wrath is come, who shall be able to stand?"
—[British Messenger.

PRAISE—A GOLDEN CORD AND AN ESCHOL BRANCH.

1. Praise must be heart-work, or it is nothing.
—I start not here the question, whether, or how
far, instrumental music may be used in conduct-
ing the psalmody of the sanctuary. Whatever is
done for God should be done skillfully. Men's
best abilities should be put forth, not simply in
rearing temples, but in leading the service of song
therein. Let harp, timbrel, psalmtery or organ,
pealing high, give forth the richest floods of melody;
all, all is vain and valueless, unless the soul,
the heart is there. Away with your sounding
brass and tinkling cymbals, ye who dream of
mocking Omnipotence by art without heart—
sounds without sense or soul. "God is a Spirit,
and they that worship him must worship him in
spirit and in truth." The soul of man rightly
exercised, is a musical instrument of no mean or-
der and let that soul delight itself in all the ten
commandments then have you an instrument of
ten strings, fitted to yield most seraphic music,
when touched by that great master, the Holy
Spirit. Melody is sweeter and more celestial
far than sounds artificially struck from pieces
of dead mechanism (however proper they may be
in their own place), while the inner man is all
the while full of hatred against God.

11. The heart's feelings should express them-
selves in songs.—Is any merry? "Let him sing
psalms." Cast your eyes over universal nature
—traverse the whole field of revelation in quest
of materials, but forget not the psalms of David—
forget not those songs of Zion, which the pious
mother in Israel taught their little ones to lisp
in their infant devotions; and which fed the strong
piety of the martyr souls, who, out of love to
Christ, faced the scaffold, and dared the flaming
pile. Forget not David's psalms amid the crowd
of new and uninspired compositions; and, whilst
repeating them oft, sing them too. Be not afraid
to use the voice which God has given in serving
him, who made man's mouth. It is a strange
fashion, which renders it ungenteel to sing praise
in certain families and congregations. Bands of
hired singers, when composed of those who are
ignorant of God, exhibiting themselves, and shut-
ting the mouths of the people, remind us of David's
complaint, "The bands of the wicked have robbed
me but I have not forgotten thy law." Let them do
their proper work, and help the praises of the
great congregation; but let them not supersede
these praises. "Sing aloud unto God our strength,
make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob." Singing
by proxy will no more do than believing
by proxy. God will not be heard for your
muck speaking, nor help for your loud crying; but
if the gratitude is very deep, and the love very evi-
dent, and the joy very hearty, there will be no
need to tell you to sing, and sing aloud; you
will have motive and prompter within.

III. Praise is a very pleasing and comely ex-
ercise.—The covetous, the sensualist, the ambitious,
have all their own style and standard of enjoy-
ment. The saint's idea of pleasure is this, He
means by it serving God, and specially the service
of praise. Children of Zion, have not some of
your sweetest moments on earth been spent in
praising God for all his loving-kindness? If not,
one thing is lacking in you. Is praise a becoming
exercise? As the witness for the truth, whom the
tyrant of Tuscany rewarded with a dungeon, and
would have doomed to a martyr's death if he
dared; ask her, whether she needs to be argued
into the duty of acknowledging our beloved Queen
Victoria, who, in the mighty name of Great Brit-
tain, the land of the free, demanded her release.
And O, shall men, rescued from the thralldom
of Satan, snatched from the ravenous jaws of hell,
not thank their Redeemer? Were they to re-
main silent, surely the very stones might well seek
tongues, to cry shame on their thankless hearts.

IV. Praise is the work and joy of heaven.—
You will know this and feel it when you are there.
Reader, press in; let nothing keep you out of heav-
en; make sure of a station very near the throne.
Then you shall know that you never fully knew on
earth what it is to praise the Lord. So much heart-
lessness—the musical instrument so tuneless—the
melody so discordant! O, for the time when,
standing on the sea of glass mingled with fire,
we shall see him as we are seen—when we shall
see God face to face. Then we shall find it the
very heaven of heaven, to admire and extol the won-
derous love which brought us there! Does any one
say—"O, that I could praise the Lord." How
shall I learn to sing Zion's songs in the Babylon of
this world? Here is the way. You must take the
unspeakable gift of God. You must get some-
thing ere you can praise the Lord. You must take
the best of all gifts, ere you can sing the new
song. And why not receive Jesus? He is heav-
en's unspeakable gift; unspeakably costly, yet
unspeakably free. Take Jesus—take him as your

only, your own Saviour; take him, and with him
comes the new heart; and with the new heart you
begin to sing the new song of redeeming love.—
British Messenger.

REPORT

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. B. A. BI-
BLE SOCIETY.

This meeting as noticed by us in our paper of the
5th inst., was held on the evening of the 3rd inst., in
the Centenary Chapel. Every part of that spacious
building was filled with people, probably not less 800
being present. The President, (Judge Parker), occu-
pied the chair, and around him on the platform were
seated ministers and gentlemen of different denomi-
nations, all minor differences between them being
swallowed up in the great object of this Institution:—

A hymn was first sung by the great assemblage,
led on by the Chapel choir and a well-toned organ.
The President then opened the proceedings with the
following appropriate address:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—An aged minister of the
Gospel, who not long since was taken to his rest, has
left behind him this testimonial of our Parent Society:

"No institution since the apostolic era will bear a
comparison with the British and Foreign Bible So-
ciety, whether we consider the period and circumstances
of its origin—the supreme importance of its de-
sign—the catholicism of its basis—the principle on
which alone it depends for its success—the unbroken
harmony of its numerous adherents—the magnitude of
its undertakings—the immensity of its achievements—
or the bearing of its operations on the great moral
questions which agitate the world." These are the
words of the late Rev. William Jay, of Bath, who,
though not a minister of the Church to which I belong
was, I am happy to say, one whose preaching and
whose writings have been blessed to many Christians
of different churches—one who was possessed of rare
advantages for extending the circle of his religious
friendship, and for forming a proper estimate of the
Bible Society, as he commenced his ministerial duties
before that Society was formed, and continued therein
until the year of its Jubilee. Had his life been spared
a few months longer, even he would have, I think,
had his joy mingled with astonishment, to find of what
surpassing interest were the details of the last year's Re-
port of the Society. He would have seen, as we may
now see, that the free contributions for the three funds
—the Jubilee fund, the Chinese million Testament
fund, and that for general purposes—amounted to one
hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling, of which, I
am happy to say, Canada contributed near two thou-
sand, Nova Scotia between five and six hundred, and
this Province over seven hundred pounds. In regard
to its operations: that in India the circulation of the
Scriptures was, it was confidently believed, producing
a silent and effectual revolution—that in Borneo an
open door was granted to the entrance of God's Word
—that the call for China had been more than doubly
responded to—and that advantage had been taken of
the late popular movement in Spain to introduce into
that benighted country, through Gibraltar, five or six
thousand Bibles and Testaments. I must not attri-
bute the particulars of the Report, but on one subject
I can not be silent—that which is so engrossing a one
at the present moment—the war in the Crimea, and
the wonderful victories of our arms, which must stir
the breasts of all true Britons, native or colonial, and make
us glory in the country to which we belong. An
American writer speaks of the cool, calm, determined,
unflinching iron energy as the quality which in war and
peace marks the Anglo-Saxon race; but an English-
man uses more appropriate terms, when he speaks of
the sublime courage with which a sense of duty and de-
votion to his country arms the British soldier. May we
not indulge the hope that what the Bible Society has
done may have strengthened this principle? What
comfort and support must the possession of the Holy
Scriptures have rendered to many of our soldiers
while suffering from sickness before they reached the
field of action, and from wounds and toil and disease
too, since their dismemberment; and what a source of
consolation must the knowledge of their fate, and the
details given of the improvement made of this precious
gift, have been to their friends and relatives at home?

We are told that no sooner was the expedition deter-
mined on, than that measures were taken by the Bible
Society to furnish every soldier and sailor, who re-
quired and would accept it, a copy of the New Testa-
ment; that those noble regiments of Guards, which
have so distinguished themselves, and have suffered so
severely, had, while at Malta, on their way to Turkey,
received a full supply, the officers gladly welcoming
the distributors of the Bible, and aiding in the good
work. I saw it also mentioned in a late paper that our
noble ally, the Emperor of the French, had presented
a copy of the diamond French Testament to each of
his soldiers who desired it; and that when the French
troops were assembled at Bologna previous to their em-
barcation for the Baltic, the Colporteur was permitted
to give two hundred New Testaments to each regi-
ment, and that an English gentleman present, finding
that the number was not sufficient, and that some sol-
diers even went at not getting one, purchased and dis-
tributed a thousand additional copies. But the poor
Turks were not forgotten—ten thousand copies of the
four Gospels in the Turkish language were prepared,
and five thousand in the Russian, in the hope that they
might be useful to the wounded and the prisoners.
Who will venture to say that all this seed sown will
not produce fruit?

The President concluded his address by expressing
his regret that though the place of meeting was so
much larger than it used to be, numbers could not ob-
tain admission; and while he rejoiced to find the in-
terest of our anniversary meetings still increasing, he
would assure the assembly that the Committee had
done all in their power to accommodate the friends of
the Society, and to make the distribution of tickets as
general as possible among all of them without distinc-
tion; and it was no fault of the gentleman who had
kindly undertaken this duty that all could not be sat-
isfied.

The Rev. Mr. Hennigar, being called upon, next
read the 145th Psalm—"I will extol thee, my God, O
King, and I will bless thy name for ever and ever." &c.
An abstract of the Committee's Report was next read by
the Secretary, Dr. Patterson. This document, when pri-
nted, we hope will be extensively read. It exhibits the Bible
Society as holding a most prominent position among the in-
strumentalities employed by God, in his providence, for the
conversion of men and the amelioration of the nations. It
travels through the various countries of Europe, Asia, Africa
and America, and shows that everywhere the circulation
of the Bible is making progress, less or more. Opposition
there is in many places, but chiefly in those where the po-
pish antichrist has the ascendancy. Mahometan opposition

is nearly prostrate—and through the length and breadth of
Turkey the waters of life begin freely to flow. Throughout
the British Presidencies in India, which embrace a very
great part of that extensive and very populous region of the
world, the Word of God has free course; and truly, it may
be said, that there the harvest is great, but the labourers
few. China, too, is opening her wide expanded bosom, to
receive the Scriptures. Tze-ping-wang, the leader of the
insurgent forces, as they are called, has in his camp printing
presses for the express purpose of striking off different por-
tions of the Scriptures. This gives great encouragement to
the friends of Bible circulation to anticipate a general and
friendly reception to all their efforts to publish the Scrip-
tures throughout that vast empire. The China Testament
fund has now reached over £36,000 sterling, a sum sufficient
to furnish two million copies, and leave a considerable sur-
plus. The statements given concerning the domestic opera-
tions of the Parent Society are highly interesting. These
also relating to our own Auxiliary are very encouraging. It
appears that its Treasurer was enabled to remit in the early
part of the year £300 sterling; and that the Twigs Bible
Societies, that is, Societies consisting of juveniles, begin
to be formed in the city. Two of these now exist in con-
nexion with St. Mark's Parish School, in Brussels street.
These were formed, we understand, in consequence of some
remarks made in the school room by the Rev. Philip Kent,
who was lately here as a deputed visitor from the Parent
Society.

The abstract of the Report having been read, the
following Resolutions were successively moved and
adopted:—

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Gray; seconded by the Rev.
Mr. McLeod:—

Resolved, That the Report, an abstract of which has
just been read, be received, printed and circulated un-
der the direction of the Committee.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Bennett, seconded by the
Hon. B. Kinnear:—

2. Resolved, That the extraordinary success which in
the Divine Providence, has been vouchsafed to the
British and Foreign Bible Society during the past
year, the unusually large issues, and supply of the Bi-
bles to the Army and Navy, together with the unprece-
dented amount both of its ordinary and special funds
call for devout gratitude to God for such encouraging
indications of his favour to an Association which has
been justly ranked among the noblest of institutions
since the Apostolic era.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Smithson; seconded by the
Rev. Mr. Francis:—

3. Resolved, That it should be a cause of peculiar
gratification to us all to find that the special appeal
made for one million copies of the New Testament for
China has received so warm and enthusiastic a response
from almost all quarters; and that it should be the ear-
nest prayer of the friends of this Society, that the cir-
culation of this Holy Book in that vast region may be
blessed to the conversion of many souls to Christ.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Lightbody; seconded by the
Rev. Mr. Knight:—

4. Resolved, That this meeting rejoices to learn from
the Report of the Parent Society that an important tes-
timony is borne to the biblical character of the remark-
able work of reformation now going on in Palestine,
and other parts of Syria; and that the Bible simply
by itself which has brought many who have been edu-
cated in the grievous errors of the Oriental churches,
to comprehend in some degree God's revealed plan for
saving sinners.

Moved by the Rev. G. Armstrong; seconded by
John Wishart, Esquire:—

5. Resolved, That while we express our warm thanks
to the various Branches and Associations connected
with this Auxiliary, especially the Ladies' Bible As-
sociation of St. John, we hail with much delight the ac-
cession of two important Branches recently formed at
Studholm in King's County, and Blisville in the County
of Sunbury, and the union of the Sheffield Society
with this Auxiliary.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Bill; seconded by the Rev.
Mr. Staveland:—

6. Resolved, That the following gentlemen do com-
pose the Committee for the present year:—

Samuel Bayard, M. D., L. B. Botsford, M. D., Messrs.
Samuel Hughes, John Kinnear, John Wishart, N. S.
Daniel, Gilbert T. Ray, Geo. A. Lockhart, W. J. Starr,
Edward Sears, D. J. McLaughlin, John Armstrong,
James Reed, Charles A. Hart, William Girvan,
A. M. L. Seely, John C. McIntosh, Joseph Robinson,
B. J. Underhill, R. Keddy, and T. B. Barker. For
Portland:—Messrs. John Duncan, James Flewelling,
Messrs. Tuck, and David V. Roberts. For Carleton:
Messrs. R. Selter, Isaac Clark, and Dr. Waddell.

With the ministers who are members of the Society.

The Rev. Dr. I. W. D. Gray, in moving the first Re-
solution, spoke in the following terms:—

Mr. President, I beg to move "that the Report,
an abstract of which has just been read," be received,
printed and circulated, under the direction of the Com-
mittee." It is, my Christian friends, but an abstract
of the Report which our Secretary prepares for us that
we listen to on these occasions. Our limited time ne-
cessarily confines us to this. But I can assure you, that
the whole is worthy of being "printed and circulated."
It contains a good selection of the thrilling statements
that appear on the pages of the "General Report," as
well as of our own local efforts in this cause. I rejoice
that such a compendium of the doings of this great
Society goes forth from year to year, to persons who
have not access to our anniversary meetings. Such
striking accounts of Christian efforts, such evidences
of the power of Gospel truth, cannot be contemplated
without good results. The knowledge of them must
tend to promote personal piety, as well as to interest
men in the cause of this institution.

The abstract you have listened to shows that this
great Society becomes every year more and more popular.
This is the case, I think in all our colonies. It is cer-
tainly so in our province; and, beyond all question, in
our own community. The contributions to it show this;
and still more, the reception of those who ask for
them. Where the reception was once cold, it is now
cordial. Persons of very opposite creeds express kind-
ly feelings towards it, and prove the sincerity of their
professions by giving what they can. Now this fact is
worthy of being noted. Where a Society, that is con-
stantly appealing for pecuniary support to promote the
honour of God, steadily gains upon the affections of a
people, there is presumptive evidence that the blessing
of God rests upon it.

But it is superfluous to draw evidences from frac-
tions when we can get them from whole numbers; to

deduce them from a section of our small community,
when we can elicit them at once from the broad area
occupied by the friends of this institution. What is
the testimony of the Report as to the total receipts last
year of the Parent Society? Allow me to express it
in round numbers. It is that those receipts amounted
in sterling money, to a sum equivalent to a MILLION OF
DOLLARS! A million of dollars contributed in one year
to one institution! The annals of Christendom record
no such feat as this before. I supposed, of course, that
the Jubilee year of this Society would be marked by
large contributions, but I never anticipated such a sum
as this. O, if those venerable men, who, amidst many
discouragements, founded it fifty years ago, could have
glanced onwards through the vista of half a century,
and caught a glimpse of its first Jubilee, how would
their souls have glowed with Christian joy, and their
lips resounded with fervent praise.

It is essential to the end it contemplates that this
Society should become every year more popular, inas-
much as every year the sphere of its operations enlarges.
And this must necessarily be the case. The diffusion
of light increases the desire for light. The circula-
tion of Bibles increases the desire for Bibles. The
more you send abroad, the more claimants there will
be for them. And then, as you have heard, the old
systems of error are failing. All the old idols are de-
caying. They are not found to answer. They are
losing their hold upon man's credulity; but man must
have something in the place of them, and that some-
thing is what the Bible supplies. In giving up the old
isms then, he must have the Bible in the place of them.
Then further openings are made by political changes,
and, strange to say, by some from which we should
anticipate an opposite result. Last year the revolution
in China made such an opening. The sound of war
was mingled with the demand for the Scriptures; and
the Christian public had to vote a million of Testa-
ments to meet it. This year the war with Russia is
producing the same result. It stops, I know, the cir-
culation of the Scriptures at St. Petersburg and Odessa.
But this is a small matter. Other channels wider and
deeper are opened. Supplies must now be issued to
our army and navy engaged in the war—to wounded
Russians and benighted Ottomans. As to the Ottoman
empire, it is open, I conceive, in every part of it for
the reception of the Gospel. The charter of liberty
has been signed. Protestant chapels are rising in
every direction; a Jubilee meeting of this Society has
been held in its metropolis, under the full gaze of the
Moslem power; and the people, once so bigotted to
their fallacious system, and filled with hatred to the
name of Christian, are beginning to say to the Protest-
ants in the midst of them—"You abhor idols, and we
believe in Christ, why should we not be one?" France,
too, affords another glorious opening; and the political
alliance with that power will make it broader. The
present restrictive laws there do not prohibit the cir-
culation of the Scriptures; and if we may credit the re-
port that Napoleon has ordered every soldier in his
army to be supplied with a Bible from the depots of
this Society, you may prepare to hear ere long of re-
sults from its agency, more large and blessed than have
hitherto greeted your ears.

One thing is certain, and the Report of the Parent
Society most amply proves it, viz.—that the efforts
of this Society are every year more largely blessed, and
the holy fruits of them more and more apparent. You
heard, my friends, some proofs of this from the short
abstract that has been read to you; but if you had lis-
tened to the whole Report, you would have heard of
many more. You would have heard of the reformation
it has effected in Ceylon, and the beautiful account
which the venerable Pappas gave of its blessed effects
in the South Sea Islands. You would have heard what
it has done for the Orientals in Palestine, and the touch-
ing statements contained in the epistle from the Arme-
nian churches. Well, these are only a few of the
green spots in the desert, to which it has carried the
waters of life. A few Bibles and Testaments have
done these things; what, under the blessing of God,
must its whole distributions do?

I gave a Testament, thirty years ago, to a gentle-
man, whose mind had been harassed by doubts as to
Christianity, and obtained a promise from him that he
would read a portion of it every day, and ask of God to
reveal the truth to him. He did so, and with a happy
result. He moved afterwards to England; and from
thence to Italy; but wherever he went he read the Tes-
tament. And when his son grew up, and entered the
British army, he gave him the Testament. I heard this
from his father three months ago. My friends, we know
something about that Testament; but who can follow,
in their travels, the Testaments that have issued, in half
a century, from the depots of this Society? We know
something about what one has done; but who can tell
the doings of the 28 millions? Only that God "unto
whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets
are hid." Of this, however, you may be assured, that
when you do know these things hereafter, you will
never regret having given your support to the British
and Foreign Bible Society.

Rev. E. McLeod said:—I rise to second the Reso-
lution which has been offered; and I wish to express the
pleasure I feel in meeting you, Mr. President, and
other friends of this Society, for the first time on this
platform. Although I have been identified for the last
few years with evangelical Christianity, during all of
which time I have felt a deep interest in the cir-
culation of the Word of God, and by all the means in my
power have endeavoured to promote it, yet until this
evening I have not had an opportunity of meeting you
in an annual meeting of this Auxiliary, and being, as
at present, publicly recognised as one of its supporters.
I feel that this is an honor, because the Bible Society
is in some respects both the glory and defence of our
country. To the Bible, I in common with others that
are here, owe much. Its precepts have instructed me—
its pure Spirit, I trust, has renewed my heart—its pro-
mises sustain me in life's pilgrimage—and to it I am
indebted for my hopes of Heaven. That Word is a
moral chart, a plan of life; it reveals man's lost condi-
tion, and is an exposition in God's own words, of the
way of his recovery by the cross of Christ. It is this
characteristic of the Bible which clothes this institu-
tion with such grandeur, and gives it a place so far
in advance of all others; and it is of the utmost im-
portance that its operations should be well known, in order
that its influence may be felt, sympathy enlisted, and
all who are Christians, at least, be induced to co-oper-
ate in the great and good work of giving the Bible to
the world. This was the object that filled the hearts
of those truly excellent men to whom reference has
been made to-night, and who founded this institution.
But probably, with all their faith, and largeness of soul,
they scarcely dared to hope that its first Jubilee would
teem with such offerings as it has; or that in so short
a time the little seed planted by them with trembling
hand, would become a mighty tree, whose boughs
would afford shelter for the world-weary pilgrims of all
lands, and the healing properties of whose leaves would