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"THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH."

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Well now, there is another point which calls for our consideration. Who were the men that first checked the awful course of mutiny and rebellion? Let us consider the character of those men, their habits, their expressions, their bearing. Were they men of the ordinary stamp—mere men of the world—men who were conversant only with the duties of their profession? Who was the man that first, by the vigour of his intellect, the force of his heart, the depth of his principles, the extent of his knowledge, the resolution of his whole character, gave a great, and, as it turned out ultimately, effective check to the rebellion? Was it not that great man—the greatest, perhaps, that India has produced, the greatest, regarded as a compound of the statesman and the Christian—a man as remarkable for vigour in action as for gentleness of soul; was it not, I say, that great and good man, now gone to his rest, and whose name I can never utter without the deepest emotion and reverence, Sir Henry Lawrence? Again, who was the man that, by deeds unparalleled in history, by a heroism peculiarly his own—a heroism which he was able to infuse into the bandful of men under his command, so that they stood undismayed in the presence of many thousands of the enemy armed to the teeth; who was it, I say, that put a final check to the progress of these awful disorders, these terrible calamities in India? Was it not that preaching, praying, psalm-singing man, Sir Henry Havelock? Well did the right rev. prelate now on my right, the respected diocesan of this great metropolis, liken that band of heroes to the Puritans of old, and draw the attention of those who heard him to the fact which is now so completely established, that psalm-singing is not inconsistent with heroism, nor prayer incompatible with the truest courage, and the discharge of the highest duties. Well now, such being the character of the men who put the mutiny down, who are the men that have to

keep it down? One of them, still spared in the providence of God, and spared, I trust, for great purposes and occasions, bears an honoured name, which I have already uttered, and is indeed almost equal to his departed brother; I refer to that heroic, wise, statesmanlike Christian, Sir John Lawrence, who did not hesitate to put forth that noble proclamation, which was countersigned by his noble coadjutor, Mr. Montgomery. There is another man who is almost equally great in our estimation, and equally small, perhaps, in the estimation of others; I allude to Colonel Edwardes. These are the men who will keep the mutiny down; and to aid these men you must send forth your missionaries, your copies of the Bible, your catechists, your teachers: in short, you must have recourse to every form of effort and organization that is available for the purpose of maintaining the strongholds in the possession of Christian agents, and of assailing the strongholds of the enemy. These are the men in whom you must confide; these are the men whom you must call to your assistance; and to whom you must not, nay, to whom you dare not, refuse your co-operation.

My friends, the Bible society has done mighty things for peoples and nations. The circulation of the Scriptures in the gross is a prodigious work; but no one can tell what a powerful effect it may produce on a single mind in the hour of necessity, and indirectly, on all around. A very striking story, tending to illustrate this, was communicated to me late last night, and, with your permission, I will bring it before you, because I consider it very suitable to the occasion on which we are met. This story comes from one of "our own correspondents," and it is deeply interesting in connexion with the recent events at Lucknow, and with the late crisis. It is so well told, that I shall give it to you in the words of the writer: it is impossible for me to improve it. I have no hesitation in reading the names, because they will by and by appear in one of the public papers; and I am sure that the parties spoken of, so far from

him he may go. But she says: "I know the great struggle in your heart, Charley; I know how wretched you feel, and how you will wish, even before you get home, that you had told the truth. Listen, Charley; while you are going home, I will be praying that God will give you strength even to turn back and come to me with a confession. Then we can ask His forgiveness."

The boy was gone. With a sorrowful heart the teacher prays earnestly that the young child may not be left to perish; for she feels that he is already almost beyond hope. But suddenly, as she remembers that He to whom she is praying is perfect in justice, as well as in mercy, she grows calm, and says: "Father, not my will, but thine be done." Then, almost involuntarily, she looks in the direction in which the boy had gone—when lo, he is coming back. With inexpressible joy she meets him at the door, and with breathless interest listens. Pale and trembling with his big effort, he says: "I told that lie," and burst into tears. *The Bible had conquered.* Such is the power of the Word of God.

The Blind Boy and the Bible.

The ease and rapidity with which the blind often acquire a knowledge of the Scriptures is illustrated in the case of a little Nestorian boy, who, though he could not see at all, learned more rapidly than any other boy in the mission school. After hearing the other boys read a chapter in the Bible a few times, he would repeat the whole of it from memory. When his turn came to read, he would repeat his verse with as much accuracy as any of them.

Children's Praise for the Gospel.

BY JAMES W. ALEXANDER, D.D.

I.
Come, children, thank the Lord with me,
That he has made us know
The words of love, which from above
In blessed Scripture flow.

II.
We sit beside the living spring,
And taste the sacred stream;
In every line is grace Divine,
And mercy reigns supreme.

III.
The little pagan cannot read
This Book of life and light.
For, fast asleep in darkness deep,
He lies in horrid night.

IV.
No story of the Child Divine
The Gentile mother sings;
But I have heard the heavenly Word,
Unknown to Eastern kings.

V.
Then let us ask, in these our lays,
That we may read aright,
And let us praise Him all our days
For blessed Bible light.

Societies Recognized as Auxiliary

During the month of August, 1858.

- With names and Post Office addresses of Corresponding Secretaries.
- Washington B. S., Mo., Dr B F. Bird, Washington.
 - Cambridge B. S., Mo. G W Harvey, Cambridge.
 - Dover B. S., Mo., Dr P. H. Chambers, Dover.
 - Kansas City B. S., Mo., Thos. M. James, Kansas City.
 - Pleasant Hill B. S., Mo., F R Allen, Pleasant Hill.
 - Tuscola Co. B. S., Mich., Peter Ewing, Vassar.
 - Port Huron B. S., Mich., John Johnston, Port Huron.
 - Riley Co. B. S., Kansas, Rev. Joseph Denison, Manhattan.
 - Welsh B. S. of Big Rock, Ill., E. Morgan, Big Rock.

Members who have Deceased during the Month.

- Kitty H. Ludlum, Rondout, N. Y.
- S. H. Fisher, Edgartown, Mass.
- Rev. L. W. Berry, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.
- Rev. Aaron Hunt, Leedsville, N. Y.
- James H. Robertson, Windham Centre, N. Y.

Monies Received

BY THE TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

During the month of July, 1858.

LIFE MEMBERS.		
Rev. S. C. Hepburn, Goshen, N. Y.	\$30 00	
Dr. Samuel Humphreys, Danville, Ill. (bal.)	10 00	\$40 00
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.		
Mrs. Samuel M. Webster, Monticello, N. Y. (3 L. M.)	90 00	
Mary B. Brown, Grafton, Ohio	10 00	
Mrs. Obed Waite, Alexandria, Va.	1 00	
A Widow Lady, Keene, Ky.	5 00	
Rev. R. Blackburn Milton, Wis.	2 00	
"Shilling Contributions," Long Ridge, Conn.	12 00	
James Allen, Washington, Ohio (3 L. M.)	90 00	
Female Seminary, Rockford, Ill. (L. M.)	23 25	
A Friend, Durham, Me.	1 00	
Students in Bowdoin College, Me.	19 80	
Rev. Douglas Harrison, Liberty Hill, S. C.	10 00	
Thomas Smith, Mansfield, Ohio.	5 00	
Sundry Persons, Scituate, R. I.	17 75	
S. Bodman, Jr., Theresa, N. Y.	1 00	
Rev. Henry B. Blake, Belchertown, Mass.	10 00	
Miss Julia D. Kibbe, Waterproof, La.	2 50	
Rev. H. W. Pierson, Louisville, Ky.	10 00	
"Mater," N. C.	10 00	
Rev. John Tevis, Shelbyville, Ky.	5 00	
Mrs. E. M. Morton, Shelby Co., Ky. (L. M.)	30 00	
A Mayne, " " "	10 00	
Mrs. H. M. Brown, " " "	15 00	
Friends at Cumberland Iron Works, Tenn. (L. M.)	20 00	
Col. A. W. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn. (L. M.)	30 00	
A Friend, New London, Conn.	3 00	
Mrs. E. S. L. Jones, Walthourville, Ga.	5 00	
Rev. W. W. Runner, Ovid, N. Y.	1 21	
"A young Convert"	1 00	
James J. Williamson and Benjamin T. Lewis, Macon, Tenn.	10 00	
S. E. Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, N. J. (3 L. M.)	100 00	
A Missionary, Philadelphia, Penn. (L. M.)	30 00	
Rebekah Armstrong, Millersburg, Ohio	5 00	
D. S. Demaree, Pleasant, Ind.	1 00	
Henry Vannee, " " "	25	
Rev. F. Symmes, " " "	2 00	
Enos Rogers, Durham, Conn. (L. M.)	30 00	
General Benev. Society, 3d Ch., Hadley, Mass.	31 00	
A Friend, " " "	2 00	
Henry L. Janeway, New Brunswick, N. J. (L. M.)	30 00	
J. P. Mitchell, Grenada, Miss (L. M.)	30 00	
Reuben Partlow, Danville, Ill. (bal. L. M.)	10 00	
Benev. Assoc., North Cornwall, Conn. (L. M.)	31 45	
Rev. H. W. Colton Middletown, Conn.	5 00	
A. L. Sturges, Woodburn, Ill.	10 00	
Bunker Hill Cong. Sabbath School, Ill.	10 00	
Enfield Benevolent Society, Mass.	110 00	
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CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.		
Ref. Dutch Ch., Aquackinok, N. J.	77 61	
Presb. Ch., Farmville, Va. (L. M.)	30 00	
First Presb. Ch., Livonia, N. Y.	47 00	
Second Cong. Ch., Stonington, Ohio	60 75	
First Evang. Cong. Soc., Clinton, Mass.	23 25	
M. E. Ch., Clinton, Mass.	5 00	
First Presb. Ch., Homer, Ohio	17 00	
" " Auburn, N. Y.	8 43	
Evang. Ch. Fort Howard, Wis.	6 00	
Churches at Tarleton, Pickaway County, Ohio (L. M.)	25 30	
Cong. Ch., Peru, Ill.	26 00	
Assoc. Ref. Presb. Ch., Due West, S. C. (2 L. M.)	76 10	
M. E. Ch. Marlboro St., Newport, R. I.	10 00	
Cong. Ch., North Amherst, Mass.	24 10	
Aux. Vase Ch., Missouri Presby.	15 00	
M. E. Ch., Shelbyville, Ky., (bal. L. M.)	10 00	
Presb. Ch., Springfield, Ky. (L. M.)	30 60	
Prospect M. E. Ch., Haywood County, Tenn. (bal. L. M.)	10 50	
Carried forward	\$511 94	948 51