

That was their little kindergarten display—one book a club, and that thrown away and replaced by God's Word. (Applause.) Why, it would rejoice anyone's heart to read a letter from the colored elders of the church at Uganda: "Although we are black, we thank you much for the present you have sent us. It is of very much more use to us than a very great deal of gold." I was delighted to see that Ethiopia was stretching out her hands, for the Emperor of Abyssinia and his Queen, to whom was sent a very beautiful Bible, received it with grateful thanks, and sent a handsome present of elephant's tusks to the Society as their return for what had been done; and it is stated that these Bibles are packed up and carefully carried by them wherever they may go. Is it not astonishing to find that that black land of Madagascar has got her own Bible Society? Does not that sound like a miracle? Only the other day such a land, and now we have the Madagascar Bible Society. I tell you, dear friends, unless we are truer to our Bible here these places will leave us in the lurch. (Hear, hear.) They are beginning to love it, while we seem to be cold. Poor, dear C. H. Spurgeon said, "I can write damnation on the dust of the unread Bibles of the people of England." Warm in their affections and in their love, and giving subscriptions to this that would shame the citizens of the city of Toronto. (Applause.) I say, therefore, that it is indispensable, that it is something without which the work cannot be carried on; and when you give your subscription to the Bible Society it is not only as a Bible Society that sells you or others a Bible, but as the grand handmaid of every missionary enterprise that we have. Walk up and down our hospitals, walk up and down our jails, go to the Young Men's Christian Associations, and find there that the gift of the good Bible Society is found wherever you turn. Wherever there is good work done, there you find the mark of this Society. Now, only a word or two more, and that is just to take another view of the Bible, because, although it is a good thing to get the microscope—and I like that when a man uses it honestly—I have no stock in the carping criticism of to-day. If you were to offer me all the wealth of the world I could not give up my old-fashioned thought that this is God's Word from Genesis to Revelation. (Hear, hear, and applause.) I believed in that Word with the first thought that I had, and God knows that He will keep me true to it—(hear, hear)—every word of it. I remember, dear, good W. J. Erdman saying, "Yes, I believe not only in the Book, and not only in the chapter, and not only in the verses, not only in the words, but I believe in the letter; I believe that God said, 'He is like a tree planted by the waters;' I believe He has put that 's' there so that as one river of water dries up, God's people may have other rivers to keep them fresh and to water them with;" and I gladly take my place as a humble disciple of that splendid Bible student, W. J. Erdman, and I believe in every letter of that Word having been inspired by God. My dear friends, if you are going to follow higher criticism, take nothing but the highest criticism—take nothing lower than the criticism of Jesus Christ. You stand true when you stand on the platform with