

the most potent arguments behind which they take shelter is the manifest inconsistency of those who call themselves Christians. Mind, I do not say for a moment that their argument is a logical one. It is not; because while there are multitudes of inconsistent Christians, there are multitudes still greater of consistent ones. There are multitudes of men and women to be seen day after day leading lives of purity and patience and meek endurance, sometimes in dark underground cellars, and sometime in high, dark, unfurnished garrets, whose lives are an honourable reflection of the example of their Master's life, so far as a poor, fallen humanity can reflect that image through this broken and sin-stained mirror; but while that is true it is nevertheless true that inconsistencies of Christian men and women, and of Christian ministers, too, in the present day, place in the hands of unbelievers a weapon of which they are only too willing to make a too effective use. What the world needs, then; what the Bible Society needs; what the cause of God needs, is to see the proof of Christianity in the life. Facts are stronger than logic. Unbelievers can call in question sometimes our pulpit arguments, to them they are no demonstration whatever, save sometimes of our intellectual simplicity and weakness, as they say, in believing such a book as this; but there is one argument to which there is no answer, and that is, the argument of a consistent Christian life. Brethren, as you go hence, take this thought with you, and understand that this is what the world needs to-day, most of all, and I believe that if we, as Christian men, women, and ministers, were to illustrate the power of Christianity in the daily life, we would see the world converted to the knowledge of Christ in an infinitely briefer space of time than, judging by present calculations, it is likely to require in the future. Brethren, stand up each of you as living examples of the power of the divine truth, and then by and by each of us, having contributed our little mite to the cause of God on the earth, we will find that God will have gathered up all the little influences into the scope and scheme of His divine providence, and will have brought about, to our amazement sometimes, and to the rebuke of our utter unbelief, a literal fulfilment of the prophecy, "My Word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Applause.)

The resolution was seconded by the Rev. E. M. C. Botterill and carried.

After the collection had been taken up the following resolution was moved by the Rev. J. M. Cameron, seconded by Warring Kennedy, Esq., and carried unanimously:—"That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the Rev. John Hall, D.D., of New York, for the instructive sermon which he preached on behalf of this Society last evening; and to the Pastor and Trustees of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church for kindly granting to the Society the use of their church for the occasion."

It was then moved by Henry O'Brien, Esq., seconded by James Brown, Esq., and carried unanimously:—"That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the Pastor and Trustees of this church for its use on the present occasion."

The doxology having been sung, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Reid, and the meeting was brought to a close.