

commonwealth, so glorious a monument of restored and redeemed humanity.

I will now concentrate in three illustrations what the Bible can do in fitting men for noble deeds. In India a night attack is made by the enemy. It must be met by prompt action. The word of command was, "turn out Havelock's men—they are always ready." These were pre-eminently men of one book—the Bible. Lord John Lawrence, of whom it might be said, "he saved under God by his wisdom and courage, India, to the Empire" was a man of one book—the Bible. Sir Edward Parry who had seen men tried in those regions of darkness and death—the Arctic—when the highest qualities of human nature are tested to the uttermost, said in effect "if I had again to face those dangers and those fears—I would choose the men of one book, the Bible. And yet I have heard men talk of mind and intellect cramped and fettered by the influence of the Bible. Why, the influence and energy and freedom and courage born of Divine truth have stirred men to push their enterprise to the furthest recesses of the Globe, have moved them, in the cause of Christ, to explore the wide-spreadings of the earth. Fettering and cramping man is to leave him tied and bound by the fetters of his own natural mind, fetters which divine truth alone can rend asunder. Fettering and cramping man is to abandon him to his own instinctive and narrow superstition, which can be thrown off by the energy and power of the word of God alone. Men and brethren, you and your children have in this Dominion of Canada a noble heritage second to none in the world. Your sons and your daughters are daily taking possession of their inheritance. The grain-fields, almost warrant the word "illimitable," your grazing prairies spread away until they reach the frozen north, the products of your mines and forests invite the pioneer to grasp untold wealth. You have a goodly heritage, and it is fast being peopled. See to it, beloved, that they do not lack the Bible. You have a country that ought to be, and will be, with the Divine Blessing, the peer of any country on the face of the earth. Be sure that it is pierced everywhere, from ocean to ocean and to your furthest bounds, with the bright light of the glorious gospel, and as far