

tained on the constitution of the universe, and other kindred and important subjects, and one of them has so much light that he sees atoms naturally attracting each other, and coming together to form the planets, orbs, and systems that compose the universe.

"Now, my lord, I am at a loss to conceive how any aggregation of atoms could implant the principle of love in the human heart. I had an old Scotch mother, who first taught me to pray in the Gaelic language, and I know how I loved her, and I feel assured (Oxford philosophy to the contrary notwithstanding) that no agglomeration of atoms could produce that high and holy principle in the human soul.

"Oh, wonderful light, proceeding from this Testament of Love, which even the blind can see or feel, with their fingers or their mouths!—so when the blind girl of Rugenwalde found that she could spell slowly the first verse of the 103rd Psalm, her manifestations of joy were so great that all the persons present wept aloud for joy. 'I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not, I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight; these things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.'

"Go on, then, my beloved Britain, to support this and kindred institutions! Go on, to *elevate* (for thou art behind) the standard of Sabbath sanctity, and guard it from desecration! Go on, to circulate the Book, and exhibit its principles in all thy conduct! Go on, to consecrate thy power, thy wealth, thy science, thy art, thy cultured intellect, to Him from whom all thy greatness proceeds; and then all the predictions of thy foes, that thou hast passed the zenith of thy greatness, and must necessarily decline, will be but the utterances of lying prophets, and, like the leaves of the Sybils, be scattered to the winds! Foremost still shalt thou be in leading the advance of God's sacramental hosts in its continued triumphs over the kingdom of darkness, nor wilt thou know any pause or faltering until the banner of the Cross is lodged on the turrets of the foe's last citadel, and wave in undisturbed triumph over a converted and saved world. Yes, foremost shalt thou be among the nations that shall bring their glory and honour into the New Jerusalem, the most munificent contributor to the splendours of the Millennium, and the largest and happiest sharer in its ineffable glory! As true patriots, then, we shall employ as our motto that which the great Nonconformist, John Owen, had graven on his seal, viz.—'An open Bible England's best hope.' I would, however, have a massive seal prepared for the President of this Society, with Owen's motto at the top, and at the bottom, in beautiful crescent form, 'A Bible read and believed the world's salvation.' An open Bible the secret spring of the glory and power of our beloved land. An open Bible the brightest star in the crown that sits gracefully on the brow of Britannia enthroned in the affections of her people. An open Bible the star which reflects all its glory on the constellation so beautifully clustered in the ancient diadem surmounted by the Cross. An open Bible, which sheds its undimmed lustre on our pathway to glory and to honour, and will continue to shine on with increasing lustre, until we are content to lay all our honours at Immanuel's feet, and crown Him, yes, for ever crown Him, Lord of all!"

The resolution of thanks to the Chairman, was moved by the Bishop of Melbourne, seconded by Mr. Henry Pownall, who is the oldest Governor of the Society, and who has attended between fifty and sixty anniversaries, and supported by the Bishop of Goulborn.

The Earl of SHAFTESBURY, who rose amid cheers, said: "I accept, with all real humility, the vote which this meeting has been good enough to pass, and I would, at the same time, say that I most heartily concur in the sentiment which fell from the lips of the Bishop of Melbourne, that almost the highest human honour which can be conferred upon anyone is that of occupying, as I do, the office of President of such a Society as this—a Society founded on such blessed principles, and destined to fulfil such mighty purposes. I have but one remark to make upon what we have heard in the speeches which have