

at all save as it ministers to the triumph and world-wide empire of the Gospel of the grace of God, whose beginnings were so small, whose onward march no obstacles have stayed, and whose future is so full of glorious promise. For even now

"The seed,
The little seed they laugh'd at in the dark,
Has risen and cleft the soil, and grown a bulk
Of spanless girth, that lays on every side
A thousand arms."

UNVEILING OF THE STATUE OF REV. T. CHARLES, OF BALA.

The memory of the just is blessed, and in the year 1866, long after Mr. Charles had entered into rest, and much fruit had been gathered from the seed which he was instrumental in sowing, his fellow-countrymen determined to perpetuate the remembrance of his work by erecting a statue of him in the town of his adoption. This idea was realized on Thursday, the 17th day of June. The statue, which is of white marble, and represents Mr. Charles in his preaching gown, with a Bible in his out-stretched hand, as though offering it to those whom he is supposed to be addressing with much earnestness, was unveiled by Mrs. Edwards, the wife of Dr. Edwards, President of the Bala College, and grand-daughter of Mr. Charles, in the presence of a vast concourse of people.

The chair was occupied by J. Roberts, Esq., of Liverpool, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Edwards, Dr. Charles, the Rev. J. Colley, the Rev. T. Levi, the Rev. J. Peters, as well as by the Rev. Charles Jackson and the Rev. W. Dickens Lewis, as representatives of the Parent Society. The Earl of Shaftesbury having been unable to attend in consequence of the invitation to do so being delayed till within a short time of the day fixed for the ceremony, wrote the following letter, which was read to the meeting and received with much enthusiasm :—

"Dear sir,—Had early notice been given to me I should in all probability have been able to find a day for a journey into Wales, and a share in the ceremony to do honour to the memory of the Rev. Mr. Charles, of Bala. But the 17th of this month is an impossible day for me, and I can only express a deep regret that it is not in my power to be present at your gathering, and there say what I think, and feel, on the just and becoming tribute. My Welsh-speaking accomplishments were never great, though I studied the language a little. But I hope you will give my best and hearty love to the Sunday School children of the Principality, and say to them for me in their own tongue,

'Y gwir yn erbin y byd.'
The Truth against the World.

Urge them to hold fast for ever to our Blessed Lord ; and we shall have no fear.

"It is a noble sum for the children to have collected, and may God Almighty be ever with them.

"Your obedient servant,
"SHAFTESBURY."

A deputation of the British and Foreign Bible Society, headed by its noble President, presented a copy of the Holy Scriptures in Arabic, to the Sultan of Zanzibar, during his late visit to London. In the course of the interview Lord Shaftesbury said "I have only now to say to your Highness, as the Archbishop of Canterbury says to the Queen at her coronation, when he puts the Bible into her hands, "Your Majesty, this is the best book in the whole world." The Seyyid responded, "We have no doubt as to the Bible and New Testament." "In that case," rejoined his Lordship, "we humbly pray