

before, under the presidency of the Earl of Harrowby, the Hon. Abbott Lawrence, at that time Minister of the United States at the Court of St. James's, in the delivery of an eloquent address, declared that 'England and America, the two greatest Protestant nations, banded together, might defy the world.' " Pausing for a moment, the speaker said, 'I must withdraw that word 'defy.' There is no occasion for defiance. Let us rather, as Christian nations, united in our love for the Bible, go forth to bless the world." These words, first spoken by an American Minister, then repeated by your representative at our Jubilee Anniversary, I utter once again. Generations pass away, the distinguished nobleman who filled the chair on that occasion has finished his earthly career, and another Lord Harrowby presides here to-day; another Minister represents the United States at the Court of St. James's; but the Bible is forever the same. The truth then spoken is the truth now. The Christian people of the United States believe, in the depth of their hearts, that God has committed a vast work to these two great Protestant nations. May they stand shoulder to shoulder, loving each other truly, living close to the Bible, mindful that there comes to us, ever and anon, from heathen lands, the testimony which gives eloquent emphasis to the remarkable address of Professor Monier-Williams to which we have listened this morning. You have doubtless heard of the words spoken to one of the representatives of your Church Missionary Society by a Brahmin in India: "We are finding you out. You are not as good as your Book. You have the most marvellous of all books, for it portrays the most wonderful of all characters. When you come to be as good as your Book, you can take all India for Christ in five years." May the Great Head of the Church grant us grace to be, always and everywhere, as good as our Book! My Lord, it gives me great pleasure to second this resolution."

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### BOARD MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the office of the Confederation Life Association, 15 Toronto street, on Tuesday, the 20th of April, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the Hon. Wm. McMaster in the chair.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. T. W. Jolliffe and the Rev. Dr. Reid.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The joint Building Committee reported that the new building would be ready for occupation early in May.

A report from the Agency and Colportage Committee was submitted. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual meeting. It was resolved to ask the trustees of Knox Church for the use of the building to hold the annual meeting.

The usual routine business was transacted, and the appropriations for the year voted.

The meeting, after prayer by Rev. T. C. Des Barres, adjourned, subject to the call of the Secretaries.