

tion because of the very seeds of ruin that have been sown among barbarous people by those who bear the name of Christendom, while so recreant to its character and its life. This work is so grand and glorious that no one can avoid the impression that God has given a peculiar mission to us of this age. It is to complete the evangelization of the globe. The responsibility that rests upon us was never so great as at present. There were probably about three million Bibles in the world before the foundation of the British and Foreign Bible Society. There have since been circulated by it, and kindred societies, some 120 millions, and yet the population is increasing with such rapidity that there are more without the Bible on the globe than ever before. We find in our towns on the other side, every ten years, in going around, a lack of Bibles. We shall find ourselves dispossessed unless we push the Bible into every house, into every family, into the hands of every person. A religious paper states that in the State of Massachusetts, where religion once flourished, and where the type of New England piety was like that of Scotland, in one of the hill towns of that State where there was a Christian Church, and where every single family attended that Christian Church, where every single family in that town possessed the Scriptures, and was found to be moral, and most of them Christians, to-day there is not a Christian family there; there is not a Protestant Church there; there is a Roman Catholic and a Roman Catholic population, and the appraisal of the town property shows a difference between land at \$200 an acre as it was; and \$50 an acre as it is. This tells a story. In those hill towns the population is being supplanted by a people who do not believe in the Bible unless it is pad-locked by the Church, and no one is allowed freely to interpret what God says to him. (Applause.) Let us do with our might what our hands find to do, to circulate the Scriptures until every nation and every being shall have the word of God.

After taking up the collection, and singing the hymn "O Word of God, Incarnate,"

It was moved by Dr. Hodgins, and seconded by James Brown, Esq, and carried.

"That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the Trustees of the Queen Street Methodist Church, for its use on Sabbath evening last, and to the Rev. George Cochran, for the instructive sermon which he preached in the interests of the Society on that occasion."

It was moved by the Hon. W. McMaster, seconded by the Rev. S. J. Hunter.

"That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the Pastor and Trustees of this Church for its use on the present occasion, and to the Choir for their valuable services in connection with this Annual Meeting."

The doxology having been sung, the benediction was pronounced by the Very Rev. Dean Grasett, and the proceedings terminated.