

what they preach, because it puts into the hands of their hearers, the standard of appeal by which their utterances must be tried.

Let both preachers and hearers avail themselves of all the facilities which human learning and science have afforded for the elucidation of the Bible; for while learning and science, falsely so called, have been made the instruments of attack, yet, blessed be God, there is no one book in the whole world which has called forth such able defenders, or has been so enriched with subsidiary aids for its right interpretation, as this wonderful volume.

But above all other aids, may both ministers and people invoke the assistance of God's Holy Spirit, that the study of those blessed pages may be instrumental "in casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Much need have we still, my friends, that the words which I have just quoted, should be employed in all earnestness, even in those days of love and reverence for the Bible; for the enemies of our faith still continue to assault the truths which are, in many ways, so displeasing to the pride of unsanctified learning and wisdom.

It was but the other day, on coming up from the Seat of Government, that I met with an article in a magazine, which I had taken to read on the journey, written by an eminent English Barrister, and anything more painful to any believer in God's Word I cannot conceive.

It dealt chiefly with the evidences of Christianity, the truth of the Gospel narratives, and the personal history of our Lord. It has not been my fortune to come across very much of this kind of writing since the publication of the celebrated "Essays and Reviews," but most of the authors there wrote with some degree of reverence of the subjects they were treating of—but the cold-blooded scepticism with which this writer treated all that we, as Christians, hold most dear; the almost contemptuous reference to our dear Lord and Master, as some mere man, who might or might not have had any real existence! was to me as inexpressibly shocking as the arguments advanced to support his objections to the truth and reality of "the sweet story of old" seemed to me to be weak and fallacious. As I laid down the volume and took up my Bible, that precious volume seemed to me more precious than ever, and while turning over its sacred pages, so full of love, and hope, and mercy, I felt, I trust, more strongly than ever, the full force of the Psalmist's exclamation:—

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste—yea sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way."

The Rev. John Gemley, the Permanent Secretary, read an abstract of the following report:—

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

In the chronicled events which constitute the yearly histories of Bible Societies' operations, we are furnished with records of the most interesting character respecting the dissemination of truth, and concerning the progress of "the Gospel of Christ," by the instrumentality of His faithful labourers in every kingdom and clime upon the face of the earth. Distinguished among these histories is the Annual Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The volume in which this Report is presented, is, after all judicious curtailment of the vast intelligence furnished by its world-wide agency, becoming larger in size and more valuable in its character. Such is the interest now created by its publication, that Christian ministers and Christian laymen,