

age or language they may have been written. The unrestrained application of them to events which took place long after their publication, is a solemn ground for belief that they are genuine productions and consequently inspired."

Mr. JOSEPH ADDISON,—A man eminent among the most learned and gifted of his day,—speaking of the superior perfection of the Sacred Volume says :—"The great and glorious truths which it discovers to us are, when compared with those which we elsewhere acquire, as the Creator contrasted with his works. Had Cicero lived to see all that Christianity had brought to light, how would he, who so fondly hoped for immortality, have lavished all the force of his eloquence in those noblest of contemplations—the *Resurrection and the Judgment that will follow it!* How would his heart have glowed with pleasure when the whole compass of futurity revealed in these pages lay open to his view. How would he have entered with the force of lightning into the affections of his hearers upon those glorious truths which are contained in the Bible! themes which, when enlarged on by a Christian orator, make us break out into the same expressions as those of the two disciples who met our Saviour after he rose from the dead. *Did not our heart burn within us when he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?*"

We have not space now to furnish the testimony which other distinguished scholars have given in commendation of the Sacred Volume—of that most eminent of philosophers, Lord Bacon; of the truly great Sir Isaac Newton, who, as a mark of reverence for his divine Master, was wont to take off his hat at the mention of the name of God; of the Hon. Robert Boyle,—son of the Earl of Cork,—who was ranked with Bacon and Newton. He was an eminent experimental philosopher and linguist, and Burnet says, were it not for the respectability of the authority which testifies of his great learning, he could not have believed it. It was ever his custom to make a full stop when, in reading, he named his Creator's name: of Mr. West, author of an admirable treatise on the Resurrection;—of Lord Littleton, whose illustrious rank received splendour from his celebrated work on the conversion of St. Paul;—of MILTON, our English Homer; of COWPER, the sweet Christian poet;—of BRYANT, eminent as a philologist, a learned antiquarian, and author of a treatise on the *Authenticity of Scripture*;—and of BEATTIE, author of the celebrated *Essay on the nature and immutability of Truth*; and of an invaluable *Treatise on the Evidences of Christianity*.

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With the two following reports from our Agency-field, our readers are furnished with complete accounts to the close of the Bible Society year, ending March 31st, 1871. It was quite impossible for us to have presented all the reports of our Agents by an earlier date, unless we had crowded them into one or two numbers of the RECORDER, thereby excluding all other matter, and preventing us from supplying that variety in our pages, which we have reason to know is welcomed by our many friends throughout the country.