

people, as churches, as families, as individuals, have been the possessors. Our personal indebtedness to the word of God which has been given us by His providence, and applied to our hearts and consciences by His Spirit, none who have been made partakers of the grace that purities the soul can question, and the deeper the work of that Spirit upon the mind, the more earnest worker in the master's vineyard will be that man who is so blessed of God. We have from an eminent pen—upon a passage of Scripture already quoted—the following judicious observation:—"The advantages to the Jews were chiefly because that unto them were committed, or entrusted, the oracles of God. There may be here" (he remarks) "an intimation that those who have the Bible are to be regarded as stewards, just as are those who have large earthly possessions." This is a ground of appeal to which every Christian heart should respond. Here is another. We present it in a fact. It has been remarked:—"We always recur with great delight to the testimony of a Deist, who, after publicly labouring to disprove Christianity, and to bring Scripture into contempt as a forgery, was found instructing his child from the pages of the New Testament. When taxed with the flagrant inconsistency, his only reply was, that it was necessary to teach the child morality, and that nowhere was there to be found such morality as in the Bible. We thank the Deist for the confession." We have a third and final ground of appeal. This we find embodied in the prayer of our Blessed Redeemer:—"Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth." Combine with this sanctifying power of the Word, its manifold and gracious promises. Each of the three considerations named, especially the last, urges upon all the duty and the necessity of earnest exertion in spreading abroad the name of Jesus, as contained in the Holy Scriptures, that men may learn that He loved them, lived and died for them, and has gone to prepare a place for all who will receive Him as their God and Redeemer. May our prayers and givings increase—then may we hope to share more abundantly than ever in the rich blessings of that Gospel which by the Word is preached unto us. Then may we look for a perpetual Pentecost, not similar, yet grander than that which visited the Apostles in Jerusalem: for we know that (by the agency of Bible Societies) men are reading the Word of God in 211 or more languages; and it may be hoped that ere long it will be read by all nations and peoples, in the tongues wherein they were born."

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. James Cowan referred to the valuable services rendered by the office-bearers during last year. He believed that with their indefatigable permanent Secretary, Rev. Mr. Gemley, assisted by Mr. Andrew Thompson, Hon. Secretary, the Society would continue to prosper.

Rev. Mr. Tupper seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

Rev. Mr. Gemley here stated that Rev. Dean Bommer, who was to propose the next resolution, had written stating he could not attend, as he was severely indisposed; Rev. James Graham had also written, stating that a previous engagement prevented him from being present.

Rev. Dr. Darnell moved the next resolution, which read:—

"That this meeting recognises with devout thankfulness to Almighty God, the prosperity which has attended the operations of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and those of the London Auxiliary, during the past year; and it hopes that the section of the Province which is more immediately committed to the care of the latter Society (a section highly favoured in the abundance of its resources, and by a rapidly increasing population), may, year by year, furnish material for such an encouraging report as that an abstract of which has been presented; and it earnestly prays that all may feel it a great privilege to aid in the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures."

The resolution was put, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Kay, the Rev. Mr. Wallace, the Rev. Canon Innes, and Mr. A. Thompson also addressed the meeting, which was a highly interesting one throughout.