

a safe distance often wonder how such diverse opinions can prevail on such subjects if the facts are the same in every case. The fault does not lie with the facts but in the peculiar bias of each individual's mind in regard to the interpretation of these facts. The principle sometimes laid down, that the conclusions of those who have preceded us, both in the domain of science and theology, must ever be regarded as infallible, has not only been opposed in large measure to the intellectual advancement of the race, but, if blindly persisted in, would tend to prove a very serious obstacle to any kind of improvement whatever.

True it is there are extremists on either side, and the great factors in the world's advancement, science and religion, should not be held in any way responsible for the foolish utterances of those ill-adjusted intellects which are constantly seeking opportunities to run a muck against any theory or individual that may chance to oppose the peculiar whim of the moment which they may desire to advocate. Truth is great and will prevail, and the differences between the two great schools will in the end be found to be more fancied than real.

The spectacle of the theologian bitterly assailing his co-worker in the cause of truth is not, to the general onlooker at least, a very edifying one. Disputes and misinterpretations will, doubtless, continue to arise, and owing to the imperfection of man's nature, and the lack of completeness of his knowledge, will furnish in the future, as in the past, abundant material for angry recrimination. Not until the final change comes to each of us will the mists be entirely dispelled, and then with clearer vision we shall see and understand all these mysteries, for then we shall see face to face.

At the conclusion of the President's address a vote of thanks was eloquently proposed by Sir James Grant, K.C.M.G., F.R.S.C. He spoke of the good work being done by the club, and particularly by the President and his colleagues in the Geological Survey. He had watched with great interest the rapid progress of scientific studies during the last 20 years, particularly in the Ottawa district and in response to the efforts of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. He suggested the appropriateness of the club erecting a monument to the late Elkanah Billings, a native of this city, who had done so much for the honour of the Dominion.