

weave a little curtain to keep out the sunlight ; but they pined and withered and faded away, so that they did not live their full and well-rounded day. And how like ephemera are we ! Born in the night—loving the night, illuminated by a few stars of philosophy, which we regard as the great illumination of heaven's wisdom. We behold the rising of the sun of life upon the page of Holy Writ, and then we go to work with our theories and our hypotheses, and our guesses, and our suppositions, to weave a veil between us and the light—and so thousands are dying in all our cities to-day.

Oh, men of the Bible Society, take your God-given gifts—the forces that he has placed at your disposal—and rend in twain these veils, and let the light stream in, and then in light shall man rejoice in light, and be prepared to mingle at last with the sons of light. (Loud and continued applause.)

Rev. H. M. Parsons moved, seconded by Warring Kennedy, Esq., that the unsurpassed privileges of the Anglo-Saxon race in the long possession of the Bible in its mother tongue ; in the religious liberty it has enjoyed, and in the wide-spread commercial power God has given, impose upon it great responsibility to make most earnest efforts to give the Holy Scriptures to those who have them not.

Mr. Parsons said, the fact that we have taken and used that which God has given, and have lived upon it, lays us under obligation to serve Him, to show Him gratitude and thankfulness, to do that with His blessed word which He requires us to do—to preach His Gospel to every creature. The whole world lies waiting for the action of each, and the combined action of all Christian people in all lands. We find an uprising from the very civilization, education, and scientific knowledge that has come forth from this blessed fountain of God. We find currents arising that would lead us to suppose that we have outgrown the need of the Bible—that we have no longer any call for it. We are told by persons in high position, who undertake to lead public opinion, that the Bible is an old book—that we are now able to take care of ourselves—that what we have gained is all-sufficient. The same sentiment prevails in the United States, and measurably so also in this Dominion. Among the middle classes there have been sown the seeds of pernicious materialism and infidelity which have dethroned the idea of God. What shall we do except to multiply those Scriptures and send them forth in the power that God has given them everywhere to reach and touch and mould and transform the masses ? We hear the mutterings, the undertone, the forebodings of something about to break forth. What shall we say to them, but this, that having centuries of light, having the power of the truth that we have gathered from this book, we will not throw away our defence, we will not remove our corner-stone, we will not take out the under-pinning from the foundation. We stand upon the same ground to-night, every Christian man and woman, every patriot, every man of common sense. The word of God, and that alone, is the foundation of true liberty, of everything valuable in society (applause), much more in religion ; the only foundation for our churches is the whole of the word of God without exception—the word of God as it is and has been received. The great commercial power that has grown up is a growing fruit from the Bible knowledge and Bible life in the nations derived from Anglo-Saxon descent. Just think of the commerce of England. Think of the commerce of the United States—belting the globe. Wherever these sails have been seen, the light and knowledge of Christianity have been seen. But there is another side to that. Until within a very few years, the pains have not been taken by Christian people to look after the sailors who go down to the great waters ; but they themselves have been ministers of evil, ministers of wrong, ministers of licentiousness, to the tribes and nations on the farther side of the globe. We therefore are under obliga-