

and Paton. You cite Darwin, for example, and he says—"The Fulgians were in a more miserable state of barbarism than I ever expected to have seen any human being. The expression of their faces was inconceivably wild, and their tones and gesticulations far less intelligible than those of domestic animals," but, he added—"the change wrought in them by the gospel was wonderful. I certainly should have predicted that not all the missionaries in the world could have done what has been done." Again, you are asked what has been the effect on the mind of man, here is an illustration—"as well try to make the bullocks of Madagascar understand your religion as the degraded and brutalized natives," was the cry of the trader to the missionary as he landed on the island, and yet recently Bishop King wrote, "whatever else the people do not understand, at least the Bible is to them the final court of appeal in the matter of faith and morals."

Once more, the enquiry is, what has the Bible done? What is it doing for the spiritual regeneration of the world and for individual souls? The reply again is by illustration. Sir Bartle Frere testifies, "I assure you, whatever you may be told to the contrary, the teaching of Christianity among the one hundred and sixty millions of civilized and industrious Hindus and Mohammedans in India, is effecting changes moral, social and political, which for extent, and rapidity of result, are far more extraordinary than anything you or your fathers have witnessed in modern Europe." And Sir Edwin Arnold, in answer to the question, What do you owe to the Bible, answers "everything." I owe my education as a writer more to the Bible than to any other hundred books that could be named," and so the proof accumulates, until all thoughtful people are compelled to admit the truth of the saying of the Bishop of London, "the Gospel has made men: it has made men's languages; it has given them the power of speech; it has given them the power of thinking; it has cultivated and stimulated their minds more than any other force."

There is another view of the position and power of the Bible, in the redemption of the world, which we are bound emphatically to maintain,—civilization, without the