

and bids you look for the day when God's house shall receive its top-stone.

Go forth to your labour, and what thing can you see that has not its message? The ground is full of sympathy: the flowers have been painted with teaching. The trees, that only seem to shake their leaves in sport, are forming divine sentences; the birds tell of heaven with their love warblings in the green twilight; the sparrow is a preacher of truth; the hen clucks and broods her chickens, unconscious that to the end of the world she is part and parcel of a revelation of God to man. The sheep that bleat from the pastures, the hungry wolves that blink in the forest, the serpent that glides noiselessly in the grass, the raven that flies heavily across the field, the lily over which his shadow passes, the plough, the sickle, the wain, the barn, the flail, the threshing-floor—all of them are consecrated priests, unrobed teachers, revelators that see no visions themselves, but that bring to us thoughts of truth, contentment, hope, and love, all the ministers of God. The whole earth doth praise him and show forth his glory.—*Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.*

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REPORT OF THE REV. W. BROOKMAN, AGENT.

To the Directors of the U. C. Bible Society.

LONDON, Ont., April, 1870.

DEAR SIRS,—Again, with an expression of thankfulness to Almighty God for the mercies vouchsafed to your Agent during his labours of the past year, I present my usual Report. May His blessing continue to rest upon us all, and upon our labours. It is a great work in which we are engaged, and in these days of manifest opposition, upon the part of many, to the Word of God, it behoves the lovers of, and believers in the Truth, to be up and doing, for all the errors extant in Christendom may be traced either to the additions of some, who thereby make "*The Word of none effect through their traditions,*" or to the rationalistic views of others, who "*know not the Scriptures, nor the power of God.*" In exposing the errors of these two classes, who are increasingly represented at this time, our Lord deals with them solely on the written word, and so gives His Church a guide whereby to direct her in the warfare against error in her midst. And when we regard the labours in which we have been permitted to participate by assisting the circulation of the Word among the heathen, through the Parent Society, we find ourselves again committed solely to the influence of that Word, which through the power of the Holy Ghost upon their darkened mind, can alone dispel the darkness,—as it is written, "*the entrance of thy Word giveth light.*" Blessed indeed will he be in "*that day*" who has sown most of that living Word! "*The seed is the Word of God,*" so said the Great Sower who sent forth men to reap that which he had sown: and we shall find in "*that day,*" so looked for and longed for by ST. PAUL, that every plant which our Heavenly Father hath planted, nourished, watered, pruned, and transplanted to bloom forever in His courts of glory, sprang from "*the seed which is the Word of God.*" What cheer indeed then for its sowers!