

should give praise to God with overflowing hearts, that His Word which we have been circulating has not returned void. It is proper that we should take courage, increase our efforts, and labour with more diligence than ever. The work of the Bible Society was never more successful, important, and imperative upon the Church of Christ than it is at this present time. Our faith in the Word and facts from our actual experience alike call us to-day to take or send the Bible amongst all nations, and to pray that the Word of God may have free course and be abundantly glorified."

The Rev. TALBOT GREAVES, Vicar of Clifton, said :—" Societies, like individuals, ought to grow better the older they grow, but it is not always so. Sometimes a river is purest at its source, and the longer it flows and the broader it grows, the more turbid it becomes. But, thank God, this is not the case with this Society. The longer it flows the purer the water becomes, because we have heard in this Report, and in the Resolution I am asked to second, that the work, not merely of translation, but of revision, goes steadily forward. And so I trust that more and more the careful revision of the Holy Scriptures will commend the work of this Society to all those who love the pure word of God.

"Now, there are two circumstances which strike me as showing the immense importance of completely saturating our people at home with the Holy Scriptures. Believing, as I do, that superstition and speculation are the two hereditary enemies of the soul of man, and that the Word of God is the grand remedy for both of them, I conceive that it is our bounden duty to redouble our efforts to saturate our English people with the Scriptures. Cardinal Manning, in his remarkable address a short time since, in opening the Oratory at South Kensington, was pleased to let us a little behind the scenes. He stated that a change was coming over the whole face of England, that old animosities were dying out, that old malevolences were turning almost into benevolences, and then he went on to unveil very distinctly the future campaign. He stated that this age is an age of hatred of sacerdotalism, and therefore he seemed to indicate that it was socially, and by means of vigorous co-operation in philanthropic efforts, that the interests of his church were to be advanced; and I believe that here he thoroughly indicates to us at once our duty and our danger. You know that there have been many aristocratic converts to Romanism. When we go into society we are almost tongue-tied by this fact, for whenever we say that Romanism is Antichrist we are confronted by the objection that such views will give pain to many very excellent persons. When the Cardinal goes on to say that 'the English people, robbed and spoiled and disinherited by the sin of their forefathers, were not apostates by acts of their own, and are yearning for the truth,' I think he altogether misreads both the past and the present. Surely the overthrow of the Spanish Armada in 1588, and surely the Revolution of one hundred years later, were the acts of the English people. As the *Times* newspaper remarks, it is certainly singular that if the English people were robbed and spoiled by the sin of their forefathers, they staked their very existence upon the overthrow of one man, and sent another into exile, rather than take back the fatal inheritance which those men strove to recover for them. A certain writer has said that of the twenty-three millions of people in England most are fools. Well, that may be so, but I think they are not quite such fools as to put their necks under the yoke of Romanism--at least, if they know what they are doing. But then, I am afraid that a good many people don't know what they are doing. There is an immense amount of ignorance and indifference in regard to the doctrinal errors of the Church of Rome. Well, what is the remedy? Why, the circulation of the Word of God. Remember, Romanism has never been able to stand side by side with the Bible, and never will. It was the Bible which won the English Reformation. It is the Bible which has always proved more than a match for Romanism. Only let us have an open Bible, a Bible undimmed by human tradition, un-