

yet great efforts for the spread of the Gospel. If we believe that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever should believe on him should not perish but have everlasting life," how earnestly should we labour to convey to those who are perishing, the knowledge of this salvation. Let us all then become earnest labourers in this great work, cheered on by the hope that the day is coming when the wilderness and the solitary place shall be made glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose. If we be faithful in the work, we must not be surprised to meet with opposition. The Sceptic and Rationalist are using every endeavour to bring nature and reason in antagonism with the truth of Scripture. Let us, strongly confident as we are that "the Bible has God for its Author, Salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter," by the help of God be if possible more zealous in bearing down all opposition, though we use no other weapon than the sword of the Spirit,—the Bible itself.

Let us endeavour then to act as humble instruments in God's hand to bring on the time when

"One song shall employ all nations, and all cry,  
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain for us';  
The dwellers in the vales and on the rocks  
Shout to each other; and the mountain tops  
From distant mountains catch the flying joy;  
Till nation after nation taught the strain,  
Earth rolls the rapturous Hosanna round."

W. McLENNAN, *Secretary*.

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#### REPORT OF THE VICTORIA BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

Your Committee, in presenting their Annual Report, feel that they have nothing special to bring before your notice, either in the way of additional labour, or particular success, within our bounds during the year. Still they acknowledge, that it is no small token of God's mercy, that they are all here,—here where you have appointed them; and here where God has a right to expect to find them, furthering on the most beneficial, God-glorifying, man-exalting, and the most gigantic work ever intrusted to man. They feel it is an honour to any man to have a hand in carrying it forward, no matter how rich or exalted his station in life, or how poor or humble.

They are further sensible that the work is so important, that it deserves far more energy than ever bestowed upon it; so glorious, that that itself should be

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