

tion. It is an old thought to students, although it may be comparatively new here, that God raised at two different epochs two distinct peoples, and created two distinct languages, for the distinct purpose of confirming this record. I will not enter into the history of these, but, sir, is it not remarkable that the Hebrew language has for the meaning of every letter and word in it a material object. That language was never allowed to be perfected. And it so stands now that in the study of it you feel that you are walking through a gallery, and as you walk through the corridors you see those pictures. It is a strange fact, that the Hebrew language progressed in its development until the completion of the Old Testament, and from that time it became a dead language, and these records were petrified in a language of stone that can never be changed.

But, sir, the fulness of the time came when He who had been the promise of the world through the prophets of old, came. And then was wanted a language of the utmost delicacy of expression, and then was created the language which will be held up through generations to be born until the consummation of time, as the most beautiful of all languages—the Greek language. But after recording the words of our blessed Saviour in the New Testament, how soon did the Greek language become a dead letter! How well has the Almighty preserved His word in these two magnificent urns! How marvellous this book with its great truths and the simplicity of its language!

Sir, when we read the history of the dark ages, and see how this book has been preserved in all its beauty, until now it is packed into almost all the books on earth, how can we doubt that it is divinely inspired. I tell you, you might burn up and destroy all the Bibles in the world, and it could be replaced from the books and works of man. To destroy the Bible you would have to destroy all the books on earth.

But we are living in a day of scientific research. I thank God for the science that enables men to go down into the bowels of the earth and see mysteries of the hidden world. But there are schools of scientists in the present day that scout at this blessed word—a school which undertakes to show that everything is nature—a false science that undertakes to say that there is no reliable historical record of the supernatural things said to have been done in this book. Well sir, what a wonder it is that alongside of these blind iconoclasts there has arisen a great spirit of archaeological research. Men are discovering the hidden mysteries of the obelisks and temples in Egypt, and excavating around Nineveh and Babylon, interpreting these ancient records, and their discoveries are adding continually to the history of this book, supplying links here and there, and throwing light everywhere. And all these archaeological discoveries God reserved for this day of blasphemy. He has dug up this testimony, hidden under the earth for these hundreds of centuries, and every particle of that testimony goes to the confirmation of that book. Now I wish to speak of this great Biblical institute, the Sunday-school where children of one hundred years ago sit with their grandchildren in infancy. All sit together and drink the sparkling truths of this Biblical fountain.

Sir, God's providence takes care of this book. The Bible is the secondary incarnation of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Through all the chapters, through all the verses, through all the lines, through all the letters which make up this sacred book, Jesus is in it. It is *the* book; there is no other book in the world but this. It is the supreme book. This book reigns over other books as God reigns over the universe. This book reigns over human thought and feeling. It is a book which, though you may hide it in your pocket, embraces the whole world. There is a halo surrounding this book which, we are told in the last portion of it, is the rainbow which surrounded the throne of God, in sight like unto an emerald.

Sir, I have only to add as I close, that my heart thrilled with exceeding joy as Dr. Hunt was telling, a few moments since, of the different means of