

himself very intimately, "Whoever made this Book made me: whoever made me made this Book!" The Book and the heart of the man responded each to the other, gave the same testimony. Take the case of a poor Hottentot dying in his Kraal of a loathsome disease. What testimony did he bear to the missionary who came to tell him the old, old story of the Cross? "Sir," he said, "the story of the Cross is my Bible, my hymn-book, my prayer-book. When I cannot sing over it I weep over it, and when I cannot weep over it I sing over it." Take the language of a poor Eskimo Indian in our own country, responding to his missionary telling him the same old, old story, and what were his experience and testimony? "Sir, when you come in to read to me that story of the Cross my heart is cold and hard like a block of ice, but when you have gone away it is all melted into water." So true is it, my Christian friends, that the spirit in the human breast sooner or later answers to the spirit in the Book, because the spirit in the Book speaks of pardon and grief, of joy and sorrow, of guilt and peace, of immortality and heaven. The spirit answers back to the Book just as a little child wandering in the forest on the wildest, tempestuous night would answer to the distant familiar voice that calls it home. Surely, if so, the conclusion is forced upon us that they were both divinely inbreathed; that so surely as the soul within the breast is a creation of God so surely is all Scripture given by inspiration of God. (Applause.)

The choir sang an anthem, "He shall come down like Showers," under the leadership of Mr. H. M. Fletcher.

J. J. MacLAREN, Esq., Q.C., was the next speaker. He said: Mr. Chairman, Christian friends,—I esteem it a very high honor that I am privileged to take a part in this which I see to be the 57th annual meeting of this Upper Canada Bible Society; and I consider it a great privilege, not only on account of the very important work that has been done by this Society, one which I believe is now the largest of the auxiliaries of the parent Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and one that has under its control and jurisdiction a very large part of the territory and population of this Dominion, but also having within its bounds considerably more than half the Protestant population of the Dominion, which may be considered our constituency proper. I learn from the report, and the history of the Society that is there given, something more than I was aware of—the very important work that has been done by this Society during the years of its existence. Like most of you, I have been perhaps more familiar with the work of the parent Society, and when one considers the magnitude of that, one cannot but be impressed with the enormous work that has been done directly by that Society, and still more with the work in which it has been enabled by the good providence of God to do in an indirect way. When I have seen by the report, which I have taken up since coming into the room, that the issues of the whole Bible, or important portions of it, by the parent Society now exceed one hundred and fifty millions of copies, one cannot from the mere mention of those figures form any idea of the magnitude of that work; and it is of very great interest to observe from the report of the parent Society that the interest in that work is manifested especially by the free contributions that are given to it by its subscribers in the old land as well as those in foreign and colonial parts that contribute to it, that the income from free contributions during the last year was considerably in excess of the previous year,