

us to have a new one?" Nevertheless we may feel assured that if the work is carried on in prayer and faith, that there will ere long be many in Rome of whom it can be said, as it was of the first converts there, that they "are filled with all joy and peace in believing, and abound in "hope through the power of the Holy Ghost."

And now my friends I will not trespass further on your time, but turning once more to our own land, I will conclude with expressing my earnest hope and prayer that all of us, who profess to love the Bible, may strive by God's help to maintain and show forth in our own lives and conduct and to inculcate in our own instructions to others, whether as pastors or parents—a simple trusting faith in the Word of God; that, on the principles contained in that word, our laws, our commerce, our social life, and our public life, may all be based. Then as a nation we shall stand on a foundation which is sure, and can never fail us, and may trust that in the good providence of God, a happy and prosperous future awaits our country.

The Rev. JOHN GEMLEY, one of the Secretaries, then read the

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With ardent devotion and earnest faith, we would appropriate the language of the Psalmist, and, supplicating "the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto"—say, "O send out Thy light and Thy truth." May the blessings of Thy favour, O our God, and the infallible declarations of thy word continue to cheer the hearts and enrich and fortify the minds of thy people. The world can be peaceful and happy only by the light of God's countenance. No doctrines but those which are directly from God, or in harmony with His word, can bestow upon it the blessings which are essential to the security of national peace; or give to the families and individuals of mankind that comfort which it is the exclusive province of the light and the truth to bestow.

The year we retrospect is one suggestive of these thoughts. The hand of war, bloody and cruel, has been raised by professedly Christian nations; a reproach to the name of Christ, and a sad reflection upon the efficacy of that Gospel whose founder is the loving Messiah, and whose motto and mission are, "Peace on earth."

The friends of the Bible Society have not been unmindful of their duty in such an emergency. With characteristic fidelity they have bent their energies and applied a portion of their resources to give to the