

The President has rightly referred to the state of the Universities in the Old Country—at least I can speak for one. The difficulty lies not in some particular mode of worship, but in the want of practical religion, and in growing infidelity.

"Now there is much which God gives to cheer us in these days of doubt. Not only is there that testimony in the heart, which those have who read it by the power of God's Holy Spirit, but the very earth is yielding her hidden treasures. God has been, as it were, giving additional causes for us to credit the Bible as His Revelation. Not only have we the Sinaitic discovery, and the Moabite stone, but the great and glorious work in Palestine and Assyria. Nor should we be unthankful for the careful work of one, of whom Canada may be proud—Withrow—who has given us so much and so truthfully of the Catacombs of Rome. How marvellous it is that in our day great tablets should be discovered at Ancient Nineveh, and that God should have enabled Sir Henry Rawlinson and others to read these. That already we should read of five kings of Israel and Judah in the tablets found, and that we should have an account of the flood so similar to that in Genesis, that we must conclude that the one was taken from the other. May we not when we gaze at these tablets, with their records stretching back 2500 years before Christ, well look up and thank God for His mercy. One who seems, as it were, to do this to help our weak faith in times like these.

"There is another proof to us of God's word, and that is in the blessing which has accompanied the efforts of such men as Varley, Moody and Sankey. Men who win men, who speak to men's hearts by that simple gospel. Here is its power and its greatness seen. Well may we thank God for this strong proof of the reality and saving efficacy of that Word.

"Some think that the divisions among Christians do an insuperable amount of harm; yet God's very word tells us that there will be divisions. You may nominally get people under a certain name, but impossible to get them here all to think exactly alike.

"There is one thing which I should like to refer to, and that is the putting of Bibles in the Railway cars. Some are opposed to it, and one lady told me she did not like it because she had a servant, and whenever she went into the kitchen the servant always had her Bible open, and she was the biggest hypocrite she had ever met. So it might be, but it is not a necessary consequence, but the reverse from prayerful reading; but I do think that when Roman Catholics are not ashamed to read their books, we Protestants should not be ashamed of the Bible. One word more, and that about the finances. I see that there is a deficiency this year. Now I am glad to see so many children here, but I think that children are sometimes hardly treated in the matter of giving. They are given 25 cents, but of this they are not even to have a cent to buy a sugar-stick. But is this principle to be carried out? No, as they grow up they have their own wants. A man has his wife and family, also his horse and creature comforts to look after, and then the Bible Society last, and this change does such harm. But if we could give our tenth or proper portion, there never could be a deficit of \$2,000, nay nor \$5 in the Bible Society, not even in the very hardest years in Canada."

The resolution was seconded by C. A. Morse, Esq., and carried.

The Rev. C. D. Foss, D.D., of New York, moved the second resolution, which was as follows:—

"That while we rejoice at the increasing activity of spiritual life, which is being manifested in so many ways throughout Christendom, we pray that it may be displayed still more abundantly, in uniting *all* Christians in the blessed work of sending forth God's HOLY WORD until it is brought within the reach of 'every kindred and tongue and people and nation.'"