

My friends, all of us here to-day believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the glorious company of the Apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, the noble army of martyrs, and we all bless and praise one God with one heart and voice for the gift of His written word. Those who wrote it and those who compiled it, those who translated it and those who expounded it: evangelists, who gave it to the world; doctors, who opened its secrets; martyrs, who bled for its honour; saints, who have lived and grown on its sweetness—they are a goodly company, and we are heirs to their inheritance, in possession of their wealthy land. St. John and St. Paul, Jerome and Ambrose, Wickliffe and Luther, Tyndale and Coverdale, Henry Martyn and William Carey—may we not add David Livingstone and Ellen Ranyard?—here is a chain of golden souls which knits the nineteenth century to the time before the Exodus; here is the noblest succession of which the Catholic Church can boast, of those who have built, kept, and cherished the oracles of God.

Our task to-day may be but an insignificant one, when compared to theirs. But sympathy is possible from all of us, and the surest way to learn the value of the Bible for our brother's salvation is first to have discovered it for our own. It has been said again and again, and it is no mere gasconade of rhetoric, that the surest safeguard for the liberty, for the intelligence, and for the godliness of a country, is the free circulation of the Bible. And so this day, from this pulpit, in this great church, and by the favour of its eminent rulers, who have done so much to make it a house of prayer for the masses of this metropolis, and from among whom one has lately gone forth to fill a foremost place in the English Church, whose vast erudition all must gratefully respect, and perhaps whose worst misfortune it is that it is almost impossible for him to fulfil the lofty expectations which English Christians have formed of his new career—I, a humble vice-president of this Society, but one of its truest friends and warmest supporters, say publicly, heartily, cheerfully to it, in the presence of its friends, "The Lord prosper thee: we wish thee good luck in the name of the Lord."

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TORONTO, 15TH JANUARY, 1880.

BOARD MEETINGS.

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, December 9th, at the usual hour, and adjourned to the same hour on the 16th, when there was a more than usually full attendance. The Hon. G. W. Allan, President, was in the chair, and the meeting opened with the usual devotional exercises.

At the request of a number of Directors who objected to the protest which was received on the 11th of November, those who had signed and presented it, agreed, in view of certain proposed alterations in the by-laws and constitution of the Society, to have the protest withdrawn from the minutes of the meeting.

A Committee was appointed to draw up a code of rules for the future government of the proceedings of the Board, and to suggest such alterations in the Constitution as may be considered desirable: the Committee to be the President, the Treasurer, the Rev. Dr. Reid, the Rev. Dr. Potts, John Mac-