

against learned and reverent interpreters of the Bible. I simply wish them to be kept in their right places as elder brethren, and not to be set up as idols, ruling generations of whose progress and advantages they could have had no personal knowledge.

There is a deep sense in which every man must be his own theologian. Human expressions of theology must change because language itself changes, and every tide of time's great sea brings in riches from the land that is beyond which must be added to the abounding treasures of the church. No one man knows all the truth; no sect has all the truth; that is as certain as that no vision can absorb all the sunshine and no roof can accommodate all the sky. It does seem to me, then, a thing worth doing to send men into all the villages of England who will help the people to read the Bible and lead the people to see that nature and revelation are expressions of the same God, and that both are open to reverent and patient inquiry without human penalty and without ecclesiastical degradation.

We may not, indeed, be always able to send learned men into the villages of England; but I will tell you whom we can send—we can send men who will say to the peasantry of England, "Let us read the Bible in our mother tongue together; let us read the 23rd Psalm; let us listen to the Sermon on the Mount; let us commit to memory the parable of the prodigal son; let us watch and wonder and pray at the cross of the Son of Man." Can such words be read in a right spirit without Jesus himself drawing near and setting the heart aglow with a love kindred to his own, and making the darkening eventide brighter than the summer dawn? This is what we aim to do: to get the men to read the Bible, to read it in houses of the people, to read it at the bedsides of the people, to read it as the book of the people, and to make the people feel that, come what may, the word of the Lord endureth forever and is an open vision to the broken heart and the contrite spirit.

OBITUARY.

At the annual meeting of the Hastings Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society, held on November 8th, 1886, the following resolution was moved by H. Morison, Esq., and seconded by Rev. D. A. Thomson, and unanimously adopted:

For as much as it has pleased Almighty God in his Providence, to remove from our midst, by death, the Rev. John McCleary, for ten years incumbent of St. George's Episcopal Church, Hastings, during that period one of the Vice-Presidents of this Society, that this annual meeting resolves to place on record its deep regret at the loss sustained by the removal of one whom we highly esteemed for his christian character as well as his fidelity and zeal as an officer of this Society, and expresses its deep and sincere sympathy with Mrs. McCleary and family; also orders that a copy of this resolution be sent to her.

J. H. SCRIVER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

"THE SCRIPTURE CANNOT BE BROKEN."

JOHN X. : 35.

No equal has the Word of God
To meet all human need;
Who leans on other staff or rod
Shall find a broken reed.

In words like these, when sight is dim,
What comfort may there be: