

which he did not visit either casually or statedly, to promote the interests of the Society; and his visits will long be remembered by grateful thousands among all classes of the community.' In Bishop Richardson's last report as agent we find that it was his appreciation of Dr. Taylor that enabled him to lay down the work with confidence. He says: "Among the considerations that have led me to retire from the field, nothing of dislike to either the work itself, or its associations is found. A conviction that the cause would be benefited by a change of agency was the principal inducement that governed; and to be succeeded by a person so well qualified and adapted to the work as is the Rev. Lachlin Taylor, strengthens my confidence in the correctness of my judgment." Dr. Taylor had unbounded faith in the Bible Society, and a very useful amount of confidence in his own power to electrify others with the same faith. As an illustration, take the following extract from his speech at the anniversary of our Society in 1858.

Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay had, in an unguarded moment, spoken of the bray of Exeter Hall. He wished Lord Macaulay had been in his (Mr. Taylor's) seat, and if he could not have thawed him out, and electrified him through and through, he would have given him up as either being more or less than a man. (Applause.) He felt strongly tempted to ascend the mount of vision, to take a glimpse of the wide world glory of our institutions, whose conquests were spreading eastward and westward, northward and southward, and whose triumphs should speedily, by the help of God, fill and bless the whole world. (Applause.) Suffice it for him to say, as we looked over this field, we saw that everywhere the glorious light of God's truth was spreading, the signs were rapidly multiplying, doors were everywhere being opened, mountainous obstacles were moving out of the way, and the omens that beckoned us were those of universal conquest. (Applause.) If he were to go on in this way, however, he should inflict a long speech upon them contrary to his intention. (Applause.) He stood there and took a look at the large audience. We might hear of the danger arising from Popery at the other end of the Province, we might hear of interested politicians making use of that fear, as political capital, but when we could get up a real, genuine, combined Protestant movement like this, he augured for Canada a position great, glorious and free—a position worthy the daughter of the magnificent parent empire, which in spite of all the influence of Popery, or any other foe, or of all foes combined, would go on spreading her borders, and strengthening those principles which had placed the proudest diadem of earth on the brow of her world-renowned Queen. (Applause.) The movement would progress, the triumph should proceed, till the record of a world brought back to God should fill up the last remaining blank, and earth's remotest tribes should bring forth the royal diadem and crown Jesus "Lord of all."

He also had great faith in this Canada of ours, and longed to see every soul in her supplied with the Word of God, and every Christian in her heartily supporting the Bible Society. In the same speech he said, referring to the Rev. Mr. Green, agent of the Montreal Bible Society, who was present:

We reciprocate fully his fraternal greetings, and pledge ourselves through him to his Society to assist the work, for we were enlisted under a common banner, baptized by the same spirit, and were resolved to push our conquests and extend our powers, until every tribe, and family, and individual in our beloved Canada; not merely Canada as it is, the Canada of now, but Canada as it will be, the Canada of the great north-west, should each possess in his own tongue the precious word of the everlasting God.

And in his first report we find the following:

I am happy to state that the cause in which we are engaged receives the sympathy and support of a large majority of the Protestants of this country; but I cannot here forbear asking, *But why not of all?* Is there a single argument founded either in reason or religion why every professed follower of the Lord Jesus Christ should not so co-operate to the utmost of his ability in carrying out the object of our noble Institution,