

anity extending through the whole nine years' course, two and three hours each week, including the study of the Bible itself in German, Greek, and Hebrew, and extending to its history, biography, poetry, prophecy, epistles, and doctrines, the life of Christ, and the missionary journeys of Paul, the growth of the church, not only as recorded in the Book of Acts, but through the first four centuries of its career, as well as the history of the Reformation, and of modern missions. Is the most learned nation of the world wholly wrong in its judgment? What narrowness could be more signal than to exclude such a book from the horizon of the student. Judged by the severest intellectual tests, the Puritan was not far from right, and the agnostic is wholly wrong.

The case each year grows stronger because of the steadily growing prominence of God's Word. The light cannot be hidden under a bushel. It shines from the mountain top. A single society scatters it broadcast in two hundred and sixty-seven tongues and dialects. The press teems as never before with learned commentaries. Eastern explorations gather round and mutely point us to it. New revisions, English, German, and Chinese, awaken new discussions and world-wide attention. There are lessons for the international study of God's Word. A national school has been formed for the study of the Hebrew. And so long as the Greek tongue is the original depository of the New Testament, we need not fear that the noblest of languages will be forgotten. The onset of Strauss on the life of Jesus evoked a host of mailed defenders like Neander, Lange, Ellicott, Farrar, Geikie, Edersheim, and Weiss. And, meanwhile, our gospels have stood not only like some gallant iron-clad of war, where for every new missile shot has been furnished a thicker and more impenetrable plate of steel, but like some Gibraltar, hurling down its own explosives on the wooden decks below.

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BOARD MEETINGS.

The stated monthly meeting of the Board was held on the 19th October, at 7.30 p.m., D. Higgins, Esq., in the chair. The meeting was opened by the Rev. J. F. Sweeney reading a portion of the Scriptures, after which the Rev. P. McF. McLeod led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The secretaries submitted a report on Rules recommended to Branches, and Instructions to Agents; it was resolved that the secretaries be a committee, and that the Rules and Instructions be referred to it for consideration.

A report from the Agency and Colportage Committee was submitted and adopted.

An application for four dozen Bibles for the University Y. M. C. A. was granted.

The Permanent Secretary reported the receipt of \$1,219, amount of a bequest by the late John Holden, Esq., of Prescott, to the British and Foreign Bible Society.