

# Service in Christ Church Cathedral

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6th.

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### SERMON

BY HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BOND, D.D., LL.D.

II. TIMOTHY, 2, 9.

Wherein I suffer . . . unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

The Bible is the word of God.

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The Bible is the inspired word of God, used by God to proclaim to the world the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Acts. iv., 12, as the Saviour of the world— I to proclaim further "neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

And foremost, amongst those chosen by God thus to preach the everlasting gospel unto them that dwell on the earth, is "the British and Foreign Bible Society." That Society has been wonderfully successful, by co-operation, in preaching the gospel to "every nation and kindred and tongue, and people," so that to-day, the Bible, through its translations, can speak to the various families of mankind, in the language understood by the people. The origin of the Society is as remarkable as its growth.

In March, 1804, the first meeting was held. This was the occasion. A Welsh peasant girl longed with unquenchable thirst to possess a Bible; for years she toiled with self-denial and self-sacrifice, to save enough to buy the treasure—then she walked twenty-five miles to make the purchase. There was not a copy to be had! The clergyman to whom she applied