

in France, is now a depository of that Bible, that very Bible that he was going by his infidelity to cast out of the world? Is it not a wonderful testimony to our Book that it has spread itself abroad positively by hundreds of millions, while if you ask ninety-nine persons out of a hundred the very names of the books that Voltaire has written you will fail to get an intelligent answer from them? I say it is a wondrous piece of irony to read the statement of Voltaire that within the hundred years the Bible would be abandoned, and then to take the Bible as it stands and compare that book with the threats that he made against it.

It is well for us to see what a splendid position we occupy with this Book, to fancy that there is spread abroad throughout the world two hundred millions of copies of portions of this blessed Word. To think that there are 308 languages in which this Book is printed and distributed to-day. Why, we think of our *Pilgrim's Progress*, and some of Miss Haver-gal's works, that where you can get them in six or eight or ten languages, where you can get ten or twenty or thirty or forty thousand sold, that it is a wonderful thing. But fancy the Bible! just go over these figures again: two hundred millions distributed, two hundred millions of portions of that blessed Word, in various parts of the world, and 308 different languages in which that Book is printed, so that all indeed can say now as in the old Pentecostal days: We hear in our own tongue the wonderful works of God. Now, it makes us strong to think of the position that our Book occupies to-day, strong to think of the wondrous circulation of it, strong to think of the openings that exist, and does it not make us strong in the resolve that as the fields are white to the harvest, we shall accept the responsibility that is cast upon us, and that we shall spread further and further this volume of God. In the nineteenth Psalm there is a wonderful illustration given to us. David, the shepherd boy, is speaking of the sights that he saw when, out in the silent night, he tended his flock. First he tells us that the wondrous sun goes on its journey until nothing is hid from the light or the heat of it, and then he breaks into a comparison, and he speaks of the Law of God, and he tells us of the wondrous course of that Law, and I think that God intended that Christian people should do as His sun does in the kingdom of nature. So should we do in the kingdom of Grace; we should spread abroad this Word which is to illumine the darkened soul until there is no soul in this world far or near that is hidden from the light or the heat or the influence of it.

As we read of encouragements, let us remember our responsibility; as we read of what has been done, let us think of what we ourselves, of how little we have done. What has been pictured to us? India, China, Japan, Italy, wonderfully opened, Spain and Portugal, the bonds being removed, the "Dark Continent," almost crying for the Word. You remember Dr. Livingstone's statement of the remark made, when he went and told the message of the Cross to the poor heathen there. One said, "And have you known of this so many years, and never come and told us the story?" But it is not only in these lands. France has been touched by the wonderful McAll mission; even in Russia, in Siam, in Corea, doors have opened. Take Mexico, take the southern portions of this continent, take the accounts that are coming to us of what is being done even amongst people so degraded that it was said you might just as well preach the Gospel to the cattle upon the field as to them. Take what is done in Terra-del-Fuego, about the lowest class of people, I suppose, to be found upon the face of the earth, and what results have you. Why, my friends, it is amply demonstrated that there is no language in the world so barbarous that into it God's Word cannot be translated, and there is no