

Hittites or to the Moabites, or as to whether there were two kings in Babylon, or anything else, all these men are utterly wrong and the Bible is absolutely right. How good it was of God to bury all this away in safety until these attacks are made, and then to open and to display to the face of all the world, kept by his power and by his forethought that which has proved to demonstration that our Bible is what we claim it to be. (Applause.) Then, lastly, I would say, see the lands. Where is there anything of good that is in the land which is not of the Bible? Go up and down the nations of the earth—and our Roman Catholic friends will find they are making a great mistake in not letting this Bible be open to the whole people. In France a century ago over a million died as a result of casting out God's Word and endeavoring to blot out His teachings, Go up and down in that land of anarchy, and then go to our land and Great Britain and to her dependencies, and then walk up and down the United States of America; take those two great nations which, God knows, are not doing their work, and yet are in the foremost front of it; and take all the world, whether heathen or infidel, or what you like, where is there anything that can be compared with those two great English-speaking nations for honor, for truth, for probity, for kindness, for love, for mercy, for all those qualities that flow from the Cross and the law of Jesus Christ? For all those, these nations stand as one and all these others are as nothing compared. I am not surprised to read that as a Frenchman took a little copy of the Testament, he said to one of these colporteurs, "My friend, there is naught that will save my brave countrymen but this little book." Shan't we stand true to it? Shan't we love it more? Shan't we study it better? Shan't we love it more truly? Shan't we, having felt all the good that comes from it, also desire to spread it broadcast? Shan't we let it be as the rivers of salvation from one end of the world to the other? I say, friends, let us take a greater interest than we have ever done before. Let us pray for it. Let us be true to it. Let us speak about it; and as Jesus said, "Go into all the world"—and the best means of going is bringing His Word wherever that Word can be brought. Let us see that we do all that in us lies thus to prepare the vineyard of our Lord for the second coming of His dear Son. (Applause.)

The choir sang an anthem, during which the collection was taken up.

THE PRESIDENT then called upon Rev. Dr. Thomas to speak on "What the Bible Society has done and what it is doing."

REV. DR. THOMAS: My dear friends:—I want to go down to the grave with the reputation of having a little modicum of wisdom. We have had a grand meeting to-night, although it has not been as large as I would have liked to have seen it. There are reasons for that. I don't know that the reasons altogether justify the absence of a great many. These influences cannot be controlled. I don't believe I have listened to addresses in a Bible Society meeting that were more full of information, that ought to enlarge our sympathy and intensify our zeal in this good work. I conscientiously believe that for me to attempt, at twenty-five minutes to ten, a formal address on any branch of this