

best record that is being used at the present time among English-speaking people, at least by considerably more than one-half the Sunday-school scholars of the world. It is a fact that during the twenty odd years that this system has been in use, and especially during the last few years, it has brought to bear upon those special lessons, and thus upon the Word of God, a riper scholarship and a greater attention than had been secured in previous times, or would probably have been produced under any other condition; so that we had the finest scholarship, certainly in the English-speaking world, and not only in the English-speaking world, but also in Germany, we have had the ripest and the finest scholarship in those countries brought to bear upon the elucidation of that Word of God which this International Lesson Committee puts out, like this Bible Society, without note or comment—for the International Lesson Committee itself only puts out portions of Scripture, takes no part in their exposition, but leaves that exposition to the various churches and the various organizations in which they may teach their distinctive dogmas. So that in that respect there is being brought to the hand of thousands, if not of millions, of Sunday school teachers to day the result of this scholarship at a barely nominal cost, and in very many cases given to them gratuitously. Now, I believe that through that one instrument there is being done more to mould the rising generation and that he generation that is now found in our Sunday-schools, when they come to manhood and womanhood, will have more intelligent knowledge of the Word of God, and that in the comparatively near future, than we had even in the good old times, of which we may sometimes be tempted to speak. Mr. Chairman, I believe that those of us who may live to see the hundredth anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which will take place some seven years hence, will live to see a record that will be scarcely paralleled in this world's history, and even during these few remaining years I am sanguine enough to believe there will yet be done through these seven remaining years of the history of that Society, more for the circulation of the Word of God and the increasing of its influence throughout the world than was done at least during the first fifty years of its history. I think that is not being too sanguine; I think that is not being too hopeful; I think we can look forward with confidence under the blessing and direction of God to a grand future for the parent Society, and also for this Society, in which we are so specially interested, in which I hope we will be still more interested in the future. (Applause.)

WARRING KENNEDY, ESQ., moved the next resolution as follows: "That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to Mr. H. M. Fletcher, organist, and his choir, for their valuable services." Mr. W. J. Robertson seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The congregation sang the doxology, and His Lordship Bishop Sullivan pronounced the benediction.

The meeting closed at 10 o'clock.