

Lapps and Finns, the guttural utterances of Celts, the soft dialects of the South Seas. As I look, there rises in the midst of them a fair figure, crowned with Charity, girt with Knowledge, clothed with Christian Faith. A great chest is at her feet, from which she draws forth countless volumes of great price. Without distinction of race or creed, of barbarian, Scythian, bond or free, she freely distributes them to all nations and peoples around her; and as each opens the book he has received, he finds it is a copy of the Word of God uttered many hundred years ago, but now rendered 'in the tongue wherein he was born.' And as I watch those who receive this precious boon—whether the process takes years or centuries matters not—I see a gradual and most blessed change. It is like the morning mist dispersing before the sun. The knowledge of the truth takes the place of ignorance, superstition and error. The savage warrior, glorying in bloodshed, becomes the tender-hearted brother, loving his neighbour as himself. Oppression and cruelty yield to justice and mercy. Christian civilization springs up in the barren wilderness. Human nature, with its wonderful gifts and powers, is directed to its true end. The Word of God has done its work—has leavened humanity with the leaven of the kingdom of heaven.

"Such an image represents, I believe fairly, the work of the Bible Society. Nothing can be simpler than its design, nothing more beneficent than its end. Seeing that the Word of God in Holy Scripture is needed alike for teachers and taught—seeing that it is God's great gift to man—seeing with what care God has preserved it for man's use through so many centuries—seeing what an injury is done to men when the Scriptures are hidden and unknown, and what an immense blessing was conferred on England when, at the Reformation, the Bible was unchained and given freely to the people, it seeks simply to bring the Bible within the reach, not of our own people only, but of every nation and language on the face of the whole earth."

This is the work which we commend to you to-night. If it hath glory or preciousness or blessedness in your view, work with it, pray for it, give to it.

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SINCE our last issue, the Society has lost another of its Vice-Presidents, the Rev. Canon Baldwin, of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, who died on the 31st of May. He had been in poor health for several years, and although he continued until his last illness to do much in the pastoral visitation of the sick, to whom his visits were peculiarly welcome, he had only preached occasionally during the past three years. For the same reason his attendance at the Board meetings had not of late been frequent, although he continued to take a lively interest in the Society, of which he had always been a warm friend, and of which he had been a Vice-President since 1865. He loved the Society because he loved the Book it circulates, and also because of its Catholic platform, for he was one who delighted in every manifestation of the unity of the Church of Christ. He was a constant attendant at the weekly meetings of the Evangelical Alliance, of which he was also a Vice-President, and he will be much missed when the meetings are resumed next winter.

He was born in Toronto in 1826, was educated at Upper Canada College and King's College, now University College, and spent very nearly the whole