

more than two hundred crimes for which capital punishment might be inflicted under the laws of great England. Liverpool and Bristol and such places fattened on the slave trade. Yea, the very wooden walls of England that Nelson commanded were manned through the influence of the press gang. Nor was this all. England during that century had lost her American colonies, and was mightily troubled by the Irish rebellion. More than that; in the very year in which this Bible Society was born, Napoleon had his camp at Boulogne, and looking through his glass he could see the coasts of Albion that he was preparing, with his Continental allies, to attack and to destroy. He hated that great country to which we belong; he hated it with an awful enmity, because it was the only country in Europe that had never lowered its flag before his proud army. It is a fact worthy of remembering, that in the year following the foundation of this Society, in the year 1805,

" Along the line the signal ran :  
' England expects that every man  
This day will do his duty ! '"

And so they did, for Nelson and his fleet extinguished the combined efforts of Spain and France. Those were dark and terrible days for Britain. There were threatenings and murmurings, and men's hearts failed them for fear, and for looking upon the things that were coming upon Europe. But there was one redeeming feature. In all the throes and struggles of the dying eighteenth century was brought forward the great missionary spirit—the great missionary societies were founded. There was a famine of Bibles; it was felt particularly in Wales; this caused a meeting of three hundred good people in London. You know the sequel: the remainder of the story is familiar to you; there was founded the British and Foreign Bible Society—the unique spectacle of one nation laboring and expending its money for the good of all other nations in the world. That Society has existed now for one hundred years. My Lord Bishop of Toronto, you have conferred a great benefit upon the community by setting forth in succinct form the labors and the achievements of that great Society during the hundred years. Let me mention just the heads of them most briefly: 180 millions of Bibles, in whole or in part, circulated in the world; 7½ millions of New Testaments sold at one penny apiece; 68 millions of dollars expended in this work. One day's issue of Bibles from the depots of the Bible Society number 16,000; and we are told by the curious that if they were piled one upon another they would reach to the golden cross that surmounts the great