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SPEECHES DELIVERED AT THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING. On rising to address the meeting, the Rev. G. M.

Armstrong said :--I stand here as a substitute for my revered father, who was to have moved the first Resolution; but owing to a severe cold under which he is now suffering, he

is prevented from doing that which I know he had set his heart upon doing this evening-once more advocating the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society. . There is one reason especially why he would have been glad of the opportunity of appearing on the present occasion, and that is to have spoken on that subject which is moving the Christian mind, namely, the late outrageous attack on the Pentateuch. I cannot say in what way he would have expressed those feelings of indignation which I know he entertains upon this subject; but I am sure he would have done so judiciously and wisely, and that his words would have carried that weight and information which his age and character would have rendered inestimably valuable to us. This, Mr. President, is a subject of deepest importance to our society, for the plague has already begun which shakes the belief of man in the Word of God, and it becomes us to watch and pray against its fatal ravages. As the Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants, so it is the only support of all missionary and philanthropic effort. Without faith in the Bible neither love for the heathen nor sympathy with our own population can long continue. Without faith in the Bible, every tie, national, social and relative, will soon be severed. It is alone the blessing of God which gives national greatness, national happiness, and national security. But if the foundation be destroyed, what can the righteous do! It is our happiness, Sir, to belong to a kingdom which in the most public manner, and on the most solemn occasion, honors the Bible above every earthly thing. It is not the sword of state, nor the golden orb of dominion; it is not the sceptre of authority, nor even the crown of gold, which constitutes the last and highest gift presented by the British nation to the Royal person on the day of coronation-no, it is that volume lay the secret of England's glory. And ment in matters of religious belief is the inalienable ders to the cause of Missions. The Missionary goes highly-favoured country which we still love to call the faith, and that marvellous array of evidences by Book which contains the charter of our hopes, and resources of the English church would feel the burwhich the Scripture is attested, the more must we be which is the only duly and reliably authenticated den of the publication of his manuscript. If the place of the earth. astonished at their depth, and strength, and coherecord of the revelation of God to man. With the

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But I do t rence. But I do tremble for that man whose inconsiderate rashness and presumption pretend to have siderate rashness and presumption pretend to hav blasphemy is written on the forehead of that theory | tion for its end."

hich alleges imperfection, errors, or sin in any books Having offered these remarks, Mr. Armstrong M'Kay said :begged to move the first Resolution; and in doing MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-In rising so he observed that under the circumstances in which to move the second Resolution, I will first give exhe addressed the meeting, he was not prepared to do pression to a thought which struck me while listenso in such a way as he could have wished, before ing to the speech of the Reverend gentleman who such an audience and upon so interesting an occasion. moved the first Resolution, and which I deem it im-In alluding to the Report, he stated that his father proper to withhold. It is that the enemies of the had listened to it in a Committee meeting for upwards Bible have changed their base of operations. The of two hours when it was read throughout, and that time was when their whole efforts were directed to as he was prepared to have moved its adoption, his the suppression of the Scriptures and the hindering of son could have no difficulty in doing so, but rather their circulation. In this department they have been considered it a high privilege. He did, however, feel unsuccessful. The Scriptures have found their way embarrassed, for having lately been called to attend into every country in Europe despite every effort to various meetings throughout the vicinity, where he prevent it, and in every country, at one period or anhad advocated the claims of the Society, his mind was other, found their students and their martyrs. Failso full of matter with reference to it that he hardly ing in this, then, the enemies of the Bible are now knew where to begin or where to end. He would, endeavoring to shake men's faith in the authority of however, take that opportunity of bearing his public | these Scriptures, and thus rendering their circulation testimony to the usefulness of Mr. Smith, the travel- as little injurious as possible to existing systems of ling Bible Society Agent, who had been referred to by superstition and of error. But we have much faith

rance, tact, and simple eloquence of Mr. Smith, ren- triumph of truth over any form of falsehood. dered him most efficient in forming new branches in My resolution divides itself into two parts, viz., connection with the Society, and in reviving others the fact set forth and the feelir zs required of us in view great pleasure that I meet you again at the anniver- to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark which were languishing. He had listened with deep of that fact. The fact is that "Almighty God has sary of this Society; and, in rising to second the re- place." interest to his statements in reference to the Society hitherto so prospered the British and Foreign Bible solution, I cannot give utterance to my feelings in in every land, in the adjoining Provinces, as also in Society, as not only to surpass the expectations of its words more appropriate than these: Grace be with our own, and he could easily detail much which he early friends, but also to call forth the gratitude of you, and with All them that love the Lord Jesus remembered of Mr. Smith's addresses, which he was Christians in all parts of the world."

this show that, notwithstanding all the society had present statistics of the Society. world was concerned, it was only entering upon its ciety, and mark therein its increasing prosperity. holds of sin and Satan. they belonged; but whoever were willing to unite far as its funds are concerned? which he could not altogether agree, and he rejoiced Turkey, and South America. should have an opportunity of doing so in that effections, 146 of which were never before lions, of the human family. Within this period, too, and all the trees of the field clap their hands. Since, and make visible and possible the overpowering joys tive way which he had no doubt they were prepared printed. Few people are aware of the labor of type. Missionary societies, with a zeal worthy of the cause then, God has been so merciful to us, and blessed us, of immortal existence, that they make manifest all to do, he would simply conclude by calling upon the setting in a language not understood by the composi- in which they are embarked, have planted their royal and caused his face to shine upon us, shall we not be dangers, and solve all spiritual mysteries, save those he trusted that no one, young or old, then present, success in this department. We may illustrate what be brought from the slavery of heathenism into the forth our never ceasing exertions for the overthrow God and Christ, and heaven and immortality, known already done so, as subscribers to the British and manuscript of the New Testament in Chinese, dis- however, we must confine our attention more par- form of paganism, infidelity, or Mahommedanism, and advocates of the Bible cause affirm that the progress Rev. G. A. McNutt said :-

MR. PRESIDENT AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDS-When I

resident, and an account of whose operations in in the truth, and more faith in the God of Truth ; covince had just been heard in the abstract of and we can maintain our composure in full view of

world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the royal to do so without promising to make any additional law; these are he lively oracles of God. Blessed is remarks; and hence I do not now rise for the purhe that readeth, and they that hear the words of this pose of making a speech, but simply to perform the the Scriptures in foreign tongues. Book, that keep and do the things contained in it. duty allotted to me in the most formal manner pos-For these are the words of eternal life, able to make sible. I would, nevertheless, take this opportunity you wise and happy in this world, nay wise unto sal- of expressing the earnest hope, that my silence on

teport. Mr. Armstrong stated that the perseve- any efforts that may be put forth to prevent the

simply draw the attention of those before him for a have no means of accurately determining: but from with the bringing down of Satan's kingdom and the still the progress of the past is a guarantee for the shall grasp it. No inferior achievement can satisfy take place, for it is the interest of humanity to know few moments to the immense importance of the Socie- the fact that they were such men as Wilberforce and building up of the kingdom of Christ, not only in success and prosperity of the future. A great part the motives and aims of the Bible-diffusing brother- the truth, to depend upon the real, the ever abiding. ty, showing how that, from a small beginning, it had Bishop Berkely, we may conclude that they expected this city, in this province, but throughout the of the world's population has, at least, been made achood. It will not be enough that the heaven-lit-lamp One who knows in whom he hath believed can well lion copies of the Scriptures, or portions of them, taken much pains to define their expectations; but At this time, when the God of salvation is coming it must be feared that many professing Christians are every colonial habitation shadowed by the mighty, the sneer of the scorner. Such an intelligent believer besides assisting Foreign Bible Societies in circulating having taken such steps as appeared to them to be out of his place to execute his righteous judgments— only very partially influenced by its principles, yet it long-waving folds of the cross of St. George; in view could be wisely bold to say to all who do not believe about thirty millions more—in all above seventy duty, they may have left results to God. But we when the kingdoms of this earth are shaken to their bas been like the leaven, diffusive and assimilating, of this enterprize, there are no impassable mountains, or who disbelieve:—The Bible is of value to me only millions—in different parts of the world. Of these cannot suppose that, when a few Christian friends utmost bounds—and when the fringe of the dark bringing the surrounding mass more and more into no bridgeless gulfs, no dividing rivers, no trackless as it is true. I confide in its truth, its absolute truth. seventy millions, he stated that nearly twenty-six met to devise means to supply the destitution of cloud of vengeance is seen in that much to be deplored conformity with itself, and to an unreserved obedience seas. Man is but one family. Live where he may, Haud ignarus malf-not ignorant of sorrow, not dependencies; twenty-three millions in Europe; six- had any articipation of what has since been realized for us to meet, as we do to-night, in the full enjoy- Thus, though the religion of Jesus is still a stam- progress, whatever his colour, his culture and his by manifold afflictions, I confide in this grand little teen millions through Bible Societies in the United in the cause of the Bible.

ment of our civil and religious privileges; that we bling block to the Jews, and to the Greeks foolishness, creed, he is of one blood; and "blood is thicker than Book. I stake my all upon its veracity—my body,"

and of his converts been made glad.

acknowledge his goodness in the past.

hammedans, Heathens and Jews. He repeated it, tions of the Bible Society, and this can be easily done able work which has in view the best interests of the through the agency of this Society to bless the infive millions among eight hundred millions. Did not by touching upon a few points in connection with the human race; a work of such moral magnificence, habitants of many a land; already the light of heaven- ward the dark immensity before him. Hereb must that the weapons of its warfare are not carnal, but ly truth has arisen upon the dark regions of pagan be seen by every eye. Sinai must thunder in every

work; which was that the Word of God might be The Society commenced operations with an expendi- It is, from year to year, a matter of continued heathenism into temples of the living God. I cannot, anthems, and Jeremiah weep his elegies in every given to every child of man, in accordance with the ture of £619 for the first year. In its tenth year its gratitude that so much is being done, both at home therefore, but rejoice that we have so much reason tongue. The throbbings of the "Swered bleeding Saviour's command, "preach the Gospel to every expenditure had increased to £84,652; in its twen- and abroad, for the spread of the Gospel; and we this evening, on the threshold of a new year, like the Heart" must sob out their agonies through every creature." The speaker referred to that principle of tieth to £89,493; in its fiftieth to £119,257; during doubt not that the combined and systematic efforts prophet Samuel and the people of Israel, to set up a tribal speech. Vast and glorious is the aim of this the Society upon which it was based, whereby it last year to £144,751; and in fifty-eight years its which are being put forth by this and kindred instiadmits the co-operation of all persons, without com- total expenditure amounted to the enormous sum of tutions will, through the divine blessing, speedily Hitherto hath the Lord helped us; so much giving path! promise or concession, in carrying out its stupendous £5,294,489. Who can look at these figures, and introduce that happy period of millennial glory, fore- reason to wreath a crown of deathless gratitude But, sir, I have demanded from the history of the object. None were asked to what creed or religion doubt that Almighty God has blessed the Society so told in ancient prophecy and secured by ancient prosimply in circulating the Scriptures, without note or Equally manifest is the prospering hand of Al- prayers, the renovating spirit shall descend as rain tution; so much reason to thank the God of the Bible which inspire its motives, and sustain its courage.

avails itself of their aid. With reference to the work- moment in Great Britain 599 Auxiliaries, 689 Branches the men of that generation congratulated one another hath put all enemies under his feet. Now the Church sal and inexorable, that without light from above, ing of the Society, he stated that it was absolutely ne- and 2763 Associations; and in the colonies we have on having lived at such a period, what greater reason of Christ, "the sacramental host of God's elect," is from Him who is enthroned aloft in an effulgence dazcessary to carry on correspondence with all those who 82 Auxiliaries, 689 Branches, and 200 Associations; have we to rejoice that our lot is cast not in the thus addressed: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and zling and inaccessible, man knows neither whence he were engaged in its operations, as also to furnish making in all 4912 organizations cooperating directly fifteenth but in the nineteenth century of the world's let them stretch forth the curtain of thine habitation: came, nor what he is, neither where springs the source from time to time to its members information for in the great and good work of Bible circulation. Be- history, adorned as it is by Bible, Missionary, Tract spare not, lengthen thy of happiness, nor where lie the means of safety, neitheir satisfaction and encouragement, and this was sides all this, the Society has aided 65 foreign So- and Sabbath School Societies, Christian Associations, stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand ther with what destinies he is freighted, nor to what done by means of its annual and monthly reports; cieties of a kindred character, and has established Orphan Asylums, Ragged Schools, Reform Societies, and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gen-bourn he travelleth. Surrounded by midnight horand for one he marvelled in reading over the miscella- foreign agencies in France, Belgium, Holland, Ger. and many other excellent institutions, which so emi- tiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." rors "the people walked in darkness." neous accounts contained therein, to see so little with many, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Russia, Italy, nently promote the moral, social, and spiritual welfare In India, in China, in Japan, in Tasmania, in Polyof the sinful children of men.

to find so much that could not fail to fill with glad- But it may be asked, what is the result of this or- The extensive circulation of the Word of God is, other places to which reference has been already and supreme authority of the Divine Word. They ness the hearts of all who love the Bible. He would ganization and expenditure? It is the manufacture however, a privilege which has especially distinguish- made this evening, there are openings for the intro- see that the irradiating splendours of revelation flame like to detail some of the interesting incidents con- and distribution by the Society directly, of upwards ed the present age. For the last sixty years—since duction of the Bible such as never before occurred in backward to the fount of human life, and empurple nected therewith which were crowding upon his of forty millions of copies of the Scriptures, and in- we may say the establishment of the parent society, the memory of man, and the light of the Gospel is the cradle of man's infancy with rosy light, that they nemory—but feeling that there were others who directly by its cooperations with other Societies, of in 1804—Christianity has been extending its healing beams on the dark flash through the black vapours that enshrouded the were waiting to address the meeting, and being par- thirty-two millions more, making in all, as you have tions with unprecedented success, so that now, it is regions of heathendom, introducing to light and misery and mystery of man's being, and wake "the ticularly anxious that the mover and seconder of the just heard from the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, 72 millions. supposed, the records of inspired truth are rendered liberty the benighted nations of the world, so that divinity that stirs within him"—that they roll their fifth Resolution (which was a most important one), It is further, the publication of the Scriptures in 163 accessible to about three fifths, or six hundred milbung to come forward in support of an institution tor; and yet, without taking this matter into constandard in every unenlightened corner of the globe, desirous above all things, if we really love the prehich God had so eminently owned and blessed; and sideration, we cannot estimate aright the Society's that the most debased of every idolatrous tribe may cepts and doctrines which the Bible contains, to put to finite minds in essence insoluble; that they make would fail in enrolling their names, if they had not we mean by referring you to the facts respecting the glorious liberty of the children of God. At present, of all anti-christian error, whether it exist in the to man, and man known to himself. Moreover, the covered in the British Museum a few years ago. The ticularly to the British and Foreign Bible Society, that the empire of Christianity, with its broad, deep of civilization can never supersede the necessity for Society entertained the proposal of publishing the which, from a small beginning, has concentrated the foundations, laid on the rock of eternal justice, and a divine revelation. Rightly do they affirm this. The manuscript, and enquiries were made, and estimates energies of the mightiest in all sections of the civilized its summit gilded with the bright beams of the Sun fundamental laws, the native tendencies, and the greatest and the the Word of God. For when all the rest have been preit was ascertained that the publication of that manuit was ascertained that the publication of the publication and say, 'Our most gracious Queen, we present you I did so, for reasons which I need not specify, with While from the nature of the characters, the Chinese for all people, has been translated into about one fell before the ark of the Lord; and the preaching of superstitions that degraded them—burst asunder the may be assumed to be the most expensive, the inci- hundred and ninety-six different languages, and borne the glorious Gospel of the blessed God introduce the fetters that enchained them—they can never outgrow dent will show that the production of English copies on the wings of the wind to the uttermost parts of full realization of prophetic announcement: when all the Bible. What revelation was when its piercing is an easy matter compared with the publication of the earth. There is, doubtless, a special providential ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto the brilliance paled the lofty altar-fires in those gorgeous design in the fact recognized by this resolution, "that Lord; when the kings of Tarshish and of the Isles, and most beautiful of man-made structures, whose The Colportage system is another pleasing feature the blessing of Almighty God has hitherto prospered of Sheba and Seba, shall bring presents and offer devotees in the most melodious, most perfect of earthly of the operations of this Society. It is often difficult this Society in so remarkable a manner;" and we are gifts; when men shall be blessed in him, and all tongues, recited the rhapsodies of Homer, and grew vation, and so happy for evermore, through faith this occasion may not be misinterpreted, for I can Bibles into some countries. Lands now open have during the past year, 2,687,071 Bibles and Testaments, shall be heard in heaven saying, "The kingdoms of power and adaptations it is to-day. What it was which is in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory for ever.

assure you that my feelings towards this Society have become so, in many instances, only after repeated or 224,015 every month, 7,367 every day, 307 every this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and when it clothed the naked Celt, softened the rude Amen.'" Can we wonder that when a foreign prince, long been of the warmest and most favorable characters, only after repeated become so, in many instances, only after repeated become so, in the solution of alluded to in the abstract of the Report which has ter, for I have long regarded it as the greatest, the now in places whither gentlemen of the cloth may achievements are so many records of the Divine faith. How delightful the prospect! Let us consider it a manize and civilize it is to-day. Revelation is that

Then let us look at the aid which this Society ren- When we consider what the Bible has done for that consummation. can we wonder that the public mind should be roused birthright of every human being, I feel bound to forth, and after years of patient toil, he makes himto indignation at the temerity of that mitred head regard it as my sacred and bounden duty, and as the self acquainted with the language of some distant lands yet unvisited with the light of Christianity and greatness; without which indeed I have no hesitation tian, to further in every way possible the interests of tures into that language. How often, without the British Isles in a state of savage barbarism, under in saying that our kingdom would soon cease to exist. an Institution, the avowed object of which is to dis-Sir, I fear not for the Bible; for I feel that the more seminate, pure and unadulterated, without human of his progress by an insuperable difficulty. Sup- left them as they found them: nor, until the intro-

siderate rashness and presumption pretend to have confidently affirm that I fear not for the Bible, for it missionary must subsist, they must sink under its Woden of their benighted ancestors, and Britain, discovered hidden weaknesses in the books of Holy rests upon a foundation sufficiently strong to resist weight. But without respect to sect whatsoever, the Great Britain—for the world admits that she is Writ, which, he allows, contain the word of the living all the attacks which Satan and his mitred emissaries Society lays hold upon any faithful and scholarlike great and powerful, sitting Queen of Empires and God -books too which were sanctioned by the Lord make against it. It must, it will triumph, for "it has translation, and says to the owner, "Give us your mistress of the seas -would have occupied a position manuscript and your help in correcting the press, and infinitely short of that high pre-eminence which she we will give you the Bible." How often, by such now justly claims, first among the nations of the earth, In moving the second Resolution, the Rev. Neil generous conduct, have the hearts of the missionary a safe asylum for the persecuted and oppressed of all

Lastly, let us look at the harmonious cooperation "The land of the brave and the home of the free." of kindred christian spirits from all evangelical deno- The Gospel, which gives pardon to the guilty, minations in this work. What sympathies have been liberty to the captive, freedom to the slave, and life to evoked! what sweet fellowship enjoyed! I think I the very dead, is the only instrument that can effect may safely say that Christians have realized as much the civilization of the world; and whenever it comes happiness in cooperating in the business of the So- in demonstration of the Spirit, it possesses the magic ciety as in any department of christian duty whatever, power to enlighten the understanding, to sanctify and that Christian men have met in this work, and the heart, and to save the soul. Yes, notwithstanding loved one another, who otherwise would not have the contempt of the sceptic, or the sneer of the infidel, it enlightens, sanctifies, and saves.

From these statements we may gather that God | The truth of our holy religion has been assailed in has blessed this institution. What then, are the ancient times by a Porphyry, a Julian, and a Spinoza; feelings with which we should review these facts? in more modern times by a Bolingbroke, a Shaftes They are manifestly feelings of devout gratitude. We bury, a Gibbon, a Hume, a Paine, and a Voltaire; scorn ingratitude in our fellow creatures, will God and, in our own day, by German Neologists, whose not frown upon it in us? And if we expect his con- rationalism culminated in the mythical theory of tinued blessing in the future, shall we not devoutly | Strauss, and whose sentiments have been reflected in the lucubrations of Newman, Theodore Parker, the · Knowing that the reverend gentleman who is to se- Essavists, and, last of all, Colenso; but, in defiance cond the Resolution, will supply any omissions which I of these attacks, in defiance of the assaults of all its have made, and ably review the whole subject, I beg adversaries, the foundation of God standeth sure, and leave, with these remarks, to move this Resolution. | the word of the Lord endureth forever. "We have The Rev. A. M'Leod Stavely spoke as follows :- not followed cunningly-devised fables," but have a MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-It is with "more sure word of prophecy, whereunto we do well

> " Should all the forms that men devise Assault my faith with treach'rous art, I'd call them vanity and lies, And bind the Gospel to my heart."

" Go forth and jointly speed the time, When Christian States, grown just and wise, Will scorn revenge and wrong; When earth's oppressed and savage tribes, Shall cease to pine and roam, All taught to prize these English words-FAITH, FREEDOM, HEAVEN, and HOME."

I rejoice, Mr. President, that we have not this even ing to lament the violent disruption of those amicable relations which ought always to link together Chrisas they are of one blood, of one language, and of one religion, holding as they do kindred customs and laws, in friendly co-operation, not against the world, but for the world, with the commerce of the seas under their control, sending their Bibles and their missionaries to the ends of the earth; and what is better, far better, the Christians of the Anglo-Saxon race in these, and shall we not say in all lands, soundheaded and sound-hearted in the cause of Christ, hastening to the help of the Lord against the mighty, scattering broadcast over the earth the incorruptible seed of divine truth, till from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same God's name shall be great -till, national judgments at an end, men shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and the nations shall learn war no more; till, in conclusion, the lightning flash of the telegraph shall convey not merely as it once did between this continent and our fatherland, but from sea to sea, from shore to shore-from America to Europe, N. from Asia to Africa, and from the Euphras ends of the earth, the angel's cucharistic song on the hallowed plains of Bethlehem, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

O catch its high import ye winds as ye blow, O bear it, ye waves, as ye roll, From regions that feel the sun's vertical glow, to the utmost extremes of the pole. Equal laws, equal rights, to the nations around, Peace and friendship their precepts impart, And wherever the footsteps of man can be found, May he bind the decree to his heart."

remarks, spake nearly as follows: --

States of America; leaving only Five million copies It will suffice for our present purpose to show that may have our hearts encouraged and our hands it is at this moment to many a people the power of water." The shining mellow, vital warmth of the my soul, my affections, my understanding, my great of the Scriptures to Erent numbers millions of Mo. very extraordinary prosperity has attended the operate strengthened, in promoting that blessed and honours. God unto salvation. Already it has gone forth truth-torch must be raised high over the head of every fears, and my everduring hopes. Its promises

done during the last fifty-eight years, as far as the Firstly, let us look at the expenditure of the So- mighty through God, to the pulling down of the strong- idolatry, and Mahommedan superstition; already it ear. The kingly shepherd must string his harp to has converted many of the abodes of ignorance and the music of every land. Isaiah must chaunt his

mise, when, in answer to our too long straitened voted men who were honoured to originate this insti- itself to essay this great performance—the truths omment, in the authorized version in the English mighty God in the multiplication of the organizations upon the mown grass, and the knowledge of the Lord for what he has already done, and to trust him for And first, I behold, underlying all its operations, a language, and in the best versions that could be pro- of the Bible Society. Fifty-eight years ago we had shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. the good time that is yet to come. We know from solemn recognition of the sad, lamentable truth that cured in foreign languages, the Society willingly but the one solitary Parent Society. We have at this If, on the discovery of the New World by Columbus, the word of prophecy that Jesus must reign till he a revelation from God is a need of humanity, univer-

nesia, in Spain, in Italy, in Madagascar, and in many of this blessed cause, a firm faith in the all sufficiency just been read, was sent to our gracious Queen, to ask noblest, the most necessary, and the most apostolical not go, the colporteur with wallet on his back and fulness in giving success to his own work; for these duty and a privilege to put forth all our energies, sublime arch whose bases rest upon the farthest of her the wondrous secret of England's might and of all the Protestant institutions; and believing, as I Bibles in his hand, carries to the peasant in his house will prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight and in every possible way, by our influence, our exverge of the earthly horizon, beyond which there is ample, and our prayers, to hasten such a glorious no human life, and its vortex reaches upwards to the throne of the Eternal God.

Yet with all this glow and glory of heavenly light, . the written word would fail to command your confidence, would fail to win the trust of mankind, were it not a divinely authenticated communication from God to man. Void of the supreme authority which inspiration confers, you would recommend the Bible as containing a certain amount of poetry, unrivalled in the grandeur and variety of its imagery, in the sub limity of its impersonations, in the truth and vividness of its descriptions, and in the fulness and tenderness of its pathos. You could affirm that it contains pastoral episodes of great beauty, full of interest as delineating ancient life and manners, but that there are large portions of it occupied by strange narrations, which Colenso softly designates "unhistorical." You could say that it holds forth many and magnificent promises, but unfortunately there is no evidence of their trustworthiness. You could recommend it as varied, by a kind of Tusculan disputations, in which wise men interchanged thoughts upon awful and mysterious themes, and in moments of rapt enthusiasm embodied their wishes in vision and prophecy. You could assert that its morality is so lofty that it ought to be divine, and its principal character so pure, so wonderful, so perfect, that it ought to be the brightness of the Father's glory and the express mage of his person;" but, sorrowful to say, the proof is awanting. It is not thus you are condemned to speak. No; exalted be the Holy Name, you can, you do say, this is God's authenticated message to universal man. Thus saith the Lord, hear ye Hun. vertheless, there are those, as we have heard tonight, false friends and open foes, who question the veracity, impugn the authority, and deride the inspiration of this Book. The hearts of God's people are failing them from fear. Let them dismiss that fear. Let no feeble Eli tremble for the Ark of the Covenant.

The book is safe. Its authority will never die. Time was when I dreaded even the feeblest assault upon the authority of the sacred writings, when the ght of the sceptic prowling around the walls and The Rev. J. R. Narraway, in moving the third towers of Divine Truth created great alarm, lest his Resolution, after making some humorous introductory critical pick-axe might find entrance through some dissolving cement, by some crumbling rock, or where, MR. PRESIDENT-Analyzing my Resolution, I per- perchance, his unfriendly eye might detect some oozing ceive that the grand and magnificent object of the mire pressed from beneath the foundation stone. Bible Society movement is strongly set forth therein. That time has passed away for ever. The Bible has That object in its full, final realization, is the placing nothing to fear from the severest scrutiny. But were Christ in sincerity. We are met this evening as Whether we look to the past, the present, or the human being that breathes on the wide earth; a copy that some portion of the sacred scriptures could ill sure would equally interest the present meeting. Not What may have been the expectations of the early Christians, and we are assembled for an object of future, there is much to cheer and gratify the mind. that may be read and sufficiently understood "to stand the test of searching but honest examination," wishing, however, to occupy too much time, he would friends of the British and Foreign Bible Society, we paramount importance, as it is intimately connected Much has been done; make wise unto salvation" every man whose hand still it would be better that the investigation should

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