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of the outside world would come to them with oxen and garlands and conduct them with acclamations into the city. But no one ever had more enemies than Christ. Nor is there any one who has as many to-day. They said that He, the Holy One, had a devil. They called Him gluttonous and a wine bibber. Finally they put him to a horrible death. Paul prayed to be delivered from unreasonable men, and mentioned different classes of enemies who were trying to overthrow him. David's Psalms abound in prayers for deliverance from his enemies. Mr. Wesley had them by the thousand. Mr. Moody had a bitter experience on this line, and while doing his great work in Scotland on his first trip, was maligned and slandered by men in Chicago, who sent letters across the Atlantic to leading preachers and laymen, trying to turn them and the people against this man of God.

Now if such persons and characters as those just mentioned did not escape the dagger and vitriol of human hate, how can Christians of less calibre and power go free. For while they accomplish less for the Kingdom of Christ, they also inflict less harm upon the Powers of Darkness and the works of sin in this present world.

They are sure to come to all, both infernal and terrestrial, social, domestic and ecclesiastical. Their number, hatred and persistency of attack might well discourage and sadden the hearts of many hundreds who read these lines, but for the promise of God that He will deliver His people from all their enemies.

In one place to give emphasis to what He was stating, God, who could swear by no greater, swore by Himself, that He would give His people deliverance from the hand of their enemies.

The word "hand" in the Bible represents power. So the promise in this instance is deliverance from the hate, wrath, plottings and power of our enemies.

Here is not a removal of their presence from our midst; nor the taking of their bodies from earth and time by death. It is a deliverance from their hand or power, no matter how near they may be to one, and how long they may have dwelt in this world.

This is a more remarkable triumph for the faithful but persecuted man of God than the decease of his adversaries. For in this case they live, and have to behold the constant escape of their would-be victim from all their pits, traps and arrows, and from all their revengeful machinations and wrathful assaults. God represents His servant here as eating at a table spread in sight of his enemies. It is a most vivid picture of impotent human malice on one side and peace, tranquility, abundance, satisfaction and safety on the other.

God spared not His Son, for Christ came to die for us. The crowd around the Cross said, "He saved others; himself he cannot save;" and this was true. He came to be a sacrifice for the sins of others, and so had to die. But in the highest sense still He was delivered from His enemies; and the day is coming when He will be seen in the skies uplifted above every one of them. For every knee shall bow that day, and every tongue confess His glory, sovereignty and divinity.

When Jacob got right with God, Esau could do nothing against him. He actually offered to escort him safely over the plains. God did not kill Esau, but delivered Jacob from his hand in this marvellous way.

David had many enemies. He saw numbers of them go down into the grave, while others lived on to see the favor and honor God

put upon him. But to neither one of these two bands of adversaries did God ever deliver His servant. He died in Jerusalem where he had lived, in his own palace, and in his own bed. He also passed away at a good old age, full of days and full of honor.

Mr. Wesley escaped a thousand mobbings and ten thousand attacks of tongue and pen. Perhaps there has never been a man who was in his lifetime as much villified, abused and slandered as the founder of the Methodist Church. And yet he outlived most of his detractors; and those who survived he outlived again in the best, purest and highest sense of the word. God delivered the great preacher and writer of "Christian Perfection" from the hand of all his enemies. The name of the abused follower of Christ is honored and revered around the world; while the names of his enemies have rotted in oblivion.

In like manner the good name and the work of D. L. Moody still abide on the earth, and will for centuries to come, while the names of the men in Chicago who tried to wound and injure him in his Gospel work have already gone through the realm of public contempt down to the pit of oblivion.

No true follower of Christ has anything to fear from the hate, revenge and wrath of man. Forty men swore with a solemn oath that they would never eat again until they killed Paul. But God had sworn with an oath to Abraham a long time before that His servants should not be delivered into the hands of their enemies. So what could these men do? It is well known to the Bible readers that they did not get the coveted opportunity to kill Paul. Through the interposing power of God, the apostle was many miles away and safe in another city, before the hateful and hating forty had time to draw a sword or hurl a spear or javelin.

We have often wondered if the baffled forty observed their oath and refused to eat another meal? Poor fellows, how they must have suffered even if they held out for a couple of days or possibly a week. Meantime Paul ate at a table spread according to Bible promise in the presence of his adversaries.

Let no tried and persecuted child of God be troubled. The Word has gone forth, and it is the Word of God, that if we be true to Him we shall be delivered and that in a perfect way from the hand or power of all our enemies.—*Christian Witness.*

## THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Editor of The King's Highway,  
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Editor,—The attitude and utterances of The King's Highway leaves no question as to your sympathy and spirit of co-operation with the work of the Bible Society in its splendid mission of giving the Christian Scriptures to the world. I feel sure that you will graciously accord me space for a few words with regard to our work, as we enter upon the last months of the year, during which the service for the Society not already completed must be fulfilled, unless serious loss is to come to this Christian interest.

While we have much reason to be profoundly grateful for the earnest aid of so many, it is true that indications sometimes appear which would seem to reveal the absence of appreciation of the vital ministry the Bible Society is rendering. The failure of a church during a whole year to refer to the service of the Society is emphatic evidence in this direction, as is also a similar failure on special occasions, when

perchance every other phase of the missionary problem is considered. There are yet too many churches and individuals who, while supporting missions, as they employ the term, yet feel no responsibility whatever for the success of the Bible Society. The purpose of this communication, as that of Bible Society addresses, is to draw attention to the fact that every Protestant missionary organization frankly and gratefully acknowledges its inability to carry on its work, as it is now doing, without the aid of the Bible Society in furnishing Bibles in many tongues. The British and Foreign Bible Society, of which the Canadian Bible Society is an auxiliary, is the greatest agency in the world for putting the "Sword of the Spirit" into the hands of the Christian warrior. It has translated the Scriptures into more than 450 languages and last year alone issued nearly 8,000,000 copies of the Bible, or portions. The value of such a service it is impossible to estimate, but it ought to be recognized clearly and generally. Nor is it possible to compute the importance to our Canadian civilization of the 110 translations of the Word which the Canadian Society is placing in the hands of the immigrants as they land upon our shores. Particular significance attaches to the Diglot version—the English and another tongue on the same page, side by side—by the use of which the knowledge of our own language is facilitated, as well as divine truth imparted.

The needs of the Society were never so great as to-day, nor its claims so urgent, in view of the marvellous doors of opportunity among the nations, which are thrown wide open, as was never before the case in all history. The development of the Society's service in a manner worthy of the providential opportunities, or unworthily—and this will depend upon the financial response to the Society's appeal—will mean tragedy or sublime benediction among many peoples, whose future is being determined so significantly by these days of pregnant influence through which we are passing. Will not every pastor, and other officer of our branches, render all possible assistance so that the income which we may reasonably expect will be in the hands of the auxiliary treasurers before the end of 1913. The clergy can render great help by preaching on the Society's work some time during this month, or in the early part of October.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, very heartily, for so much of your valuable space,

Yours very sincerely,

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for Maritime Provinces and Nfld.  
St. John, N. B., 10th Sept., 1913.

"The saloon is a nuisance. The evil can no more be confined to the building in which it exists than the odor of a slaughter house to the block in which it is located. I know and you know that they are in league with every other form of evil in society. As a rule, if you let the liquor dealer have his way, he will have a disorderly house upstairs, he will have a gambling den in his back room and his place will be the centre of every sort of evil. The saloon is the bureau of information for every sort of crime. It is the first place that a policeman looks for crime, and the last place he would go to look for virtue."—*Hon. Wm. J. Bryan.*

"Time is that on which eternity depends; in time ye are to get a preparation for the kingdom of God; if you get not this in time, your ruin is inevitable; therefore buy up the time."