

Bible as a sacred volume, to be read as a devotional exercise, or as the text-book of morals and piety. On this basis let him teach all he can, without interfering with the rights of the different denominations of which the school is composed; which we believe opens a larger field in this department of education than most teachers cultivate."

The Board of Directors of the Public Schools of the Fourth Section in Philadelphia recently adopted certain resolutions, in reference to the attempt on the part of the Roman Catholics against the Public School System, among which were the following:

*"Resolved,* That we will ever insist on the reading of the Bible, without note or comment, in our public schools; because, 1st, we believe it to be the Word of God; and, 2d, because we know that such is the will of the vast majority of the commonwealth.

*"Resolved,* That we look on the effort of sectionists to divide the school fund as an insidious attempt to lay the axe at the root of our noble public school system, the benefits of which are every day manifested in the training of the youth.

*"Resolved,* That we will use every means proper for Christians and citizens to employ to maintain our present school system, and to insure the continuance of the reading of God's holy word in all our schools, without respect to consequences, political or otherwise, and we respectfully call on the members of the legislature to respect the rights of the great majority."

Of the opinion on this subject in New Jersey, we may judge something from the following extract from a report by Mr. Halsey, of the Board of Examiners for the County of Middlesex, presented in the Report of the State Superintendent for the year 1850. Speaking of the importance of some work in which "the best modes of imparting moral and religious instruction in the district school, and the importance of such instruction