

But the Doctor is open to a much graver charge than that of merely mis-quoting Dr. Gray's words. Any one not cognizant of the true state of the case would naturally suppose, either that Dr. Bayard had on that evening, for the first time, heard of the objectionable books being sold from the Depository, or that, if he had previously known it, he had no other means than those he adopted of having the evil investigated and corrected. Yet, strange to say, such was far from being the case. Several weeks, if not months, before the General Anniversary Meeting, these two unhappy little books had, by most diligent search, been discovered by Dr. Botsford and another gentleman; and by him or them certain copious extracts had been made and circulated among their particular friends. The Book Committee, under its Chairman, Dr. W. Gray, had taken up and investigated the matter; the manner in which the books had been selected in England, imported into this Province, placed on the shelves of the Depository, and there ferreted out by these zealous Popery-hunters, had been ascertained; and finally, after a severe censure passed by the Committee upon the Secretary of the Society, for the irregularity he had committed in placing the books upon the Society's shelves, he was made to remove them to another set of shelves in the same shop, and Messrs. Chubb & Co. informed that those books "were not received or recognized by the Committee, but were directed to be kept separate and distinct," as will appear by the Remarks appended to the Abstract Account of the Committee, dated 31st December last, and handed in to the Auditors prior to the General Meeting.

All this was of course known to the Chairman of the Book Committee, Dr. W. Gray. It was also probably known to Dr. Bayard himself. For can it be supposed that he would recklessly bring forward a serious charge, inculpating that Committee, and by consequence its Chairman, without first communicating his intention to that Chairman? It is not common for one gentleman to attack another, in public or private, without previous warning. Common fairness and manliness demand it, in order that the party attacked may be prepared to stand on his defence. I am willing, then, to assume that such notice was given. And if so, why, it may be asked, did Dr. W. Gray conceal from his brother Committee-men the fact of such notice, that *they* too might be prepared for *their* defence? Why was a long-trying, and valuable, servant of the Society, whatever his faults, exposed to the humiliation of a public censure and dismissal, after having been already tried, condemned, and censured in the Committee, which was the proper