

God, our Saviour Christ, came on earth, he said that he came not to break, nor to forbid these commandments, but with all good to increase them; and mercy and humility he taught."

"These laws of King Alfred," remarks a competent authority, "have never been repealed; on the contrary, the Sovereign of England only obtains the crown of England upon a solemn oath to maintain the laws of God, and the ancient laws of the realm, and what is the result? King Alfred came to the throne of England more than a thousand years ago, and his throne has been preserved for his children, and greatly enlarged; and counting from him in a direct line, King Alfred's lineal descendant of the thirty-first generation, now fills King Alfred's throne. This descendant is Victoria, the Queen."

Having, thus before them, the experience of the United States, and the precedents, traditions, and usages of the English constitution, let Canadians claim for God, and his Sabbath, and his Bible, and Christian marriage, the place in their constitution and usages that belongs to God in a Christian commonwealth.

REVERENCE FOR LAW.

III. As citizens of the Dominion, let us place under the fourth corner of the national fabric this stone, "HONOR THE KING." The Bible does not commit men to any form of civil government. Theocracy was, in the infancy of free nations, the government to which God gave his preference, and that form may yet be the form in the age of millennial purity and righteousness to which Christians look forward. But in the present juncture of human affairs, forms of government are open questions, and the supreme magistrate, or rather the constitution, is *King*, let the State be a kingdom, an empire, a democracy, or a republic. To honor the king then, in its essence, is to *reverence law*. It is one of the good points in despotic forms of government that they do gender regard for law. Respect for law, dread of the sword with which God has invested the civil magistrate, is a characteristic of European society, which is wanting in a large degree in American society. The tendency of democracy seems to be