

into operation such an amount of labour and learning, and it has furnished occasion for the most masterly examples of criticism and comment, grammatical investigation and logical analysis. It has also inspired the English Muse with her loftiest strains. Its beams gladdened Milton in his darkness, and cheered the song of Cowper in his sadness. It was the star which guided Columbus in the discovery of a new world. It furnished the panoply of that Puritan valour which shivered tyranny in days gone by. It is the Magna Charta of the world's regeneration and liberties. The records of false religion, from the Koran to the Book of Mormon, have owned its superiority, and surreptitiously purloined its jewels. Among the Christian classics, it loaded the treasures of Owen, charged the fulness of Hooker, barbed the point of Baxter, gave colours to the palette and sweep to the pencil of Bunyan, enriched the fragrant fancy of Taylor, sustained the loftiness of Howe, and strung the plummet of Edwards. In short, this collection of artless lives and letters has changed the face of the world, and ennobled myriads of its population.—*Eadie.*

Canadian and Domestic.

DEATH OF THE FIRST SECRETARY OF OUR SOCIETY.

It pleased God to call home to rest and reward, on Saturday last, the 6th instant, the Rev. James Harris, who was one of the first officers of the Bible Society organized in this Province. He died at his late residence, 512 Jarvis street, having reached the advanced age allotted to few of our race—"four score years." He was chosen Secretary of the "York Auxiliary Bible Society" in the year 1828—45 years ago. The Rev. Alexander Stewart was, at the same time, selected as his associate in the Secretariat. They continued as joint Secretaries until the Seventh Anniversary Meeting of the Society (now called "The City of Toronto Auxiliary Bible Society"), when they were succeeded by the Rev. Messrs. Leach and Merrifield. In the following year, 1837, Mr. Harris was re-appointed Secretary, with Thomas Champion, Esq., as his colleague, and Mr. (now Senator) McMaster as Minute Secretary. In 1839 Mr. Harris finally resigned the Secretaryship and was appointed a Vice-President of the Society, in which position he remained till his death. For several years past he had been unable, from the feebleness which advanced age brought with it, to take any active part in the business of the Society; yet his interest in its prosperity was unabated, and his occasional visits, until very recently, to the Bible Society House, were invariably hailed with satisfaction—for we delighted to do him honour. He passed away quietly and almost suddenly. Only a few of the present generation knew him. But Monday, the 8th instant, the day of his funeral,