

his early teachers to go forth and teach all nations, and assures all who engage in the great and good work, that he will be with them always, even unto the end of the world.

The Rev. MR. RICHEY in addressing the Chair on the fifth Resolution.—Permit me to say that I have listened with equal interest to the several addresses which have been delivered. Judging of their influence upon this large and respectable assembly by the responsive emotions with which they have thrilled my own breast, I would venture to predict that the *Branch* which you have this evening ingrafted on the majestic vine of the Parent Institution, will not exhibit an appearance of sterility, but bloom and bend with the fruits of christian benevolence. As I happen to occupy the back-ground in the arrangements of the evening, it would perhaps be more in keeping with the rest of the scene were I to remain in the shade. But, however congenial this would be to my own feelings, I am not sure that it would so well accord with the expectations of those who have furnished me with a Resolution, or with my deep obligations to that volume, whose praise, when all the stores of rhetoric are exhausted, to celebrate it, must still remain untold.

“ Most wondrous book ! bright candle of the Lord !
 Star of eternity ! the only star
 By which the bark of man can navigate
 The sea of life, and gain the coast of bliss.”

From whatever point of observation we contemplate this volume, its supreme excellence immediately displays itself; while every distinct evolution of that excellence presents a powerful inducement to disseminate it, thereby imparting a sanction, and a lustre, to the hallowed enterprise in which we are engaged.

The first view we naturally take of this volume is indicated by its distinctive appellation. It is the *Bible*—the *Book*, so called by way not only of distinction, but of eminence, because the only book which contains the authorised and inspired record of the counsels of redeeming wisdom, and redeeming love. By some indeed its lofty pretensions are impugned; and they regard it as a test of mental superiority to reject Revelation entirely. There have been sceptics to whom the meed of genius and of cultivated talent is not to be denied : but we are not prepared to admit that infidels have monopolised all the intellectual opulence of the world. Were we disposed to glory in men, it were no difficult matter to present a list of names on the side of christianity, which form as splendid a galaxy in the heaven of mind as the annals of scepticism can boast. But we came not here to agitate this question. The object of our meeting involves a solemn recognition of the divine authority of the christian scriptures. If, then, the Bible is in reality what it pretends to be—a *Revelation from*

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