

out a compass. In an incident alluded to by the Rev. Dr. Tyng, in his speech at the late anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, (it was in connection with the magnificent college at Philadelphia founded by Stephen Girard:)—“The founder”—I quote the words of Dr. Tyng—“left the largest legacy for public instruction that had ever been given to the country for such an object, and one grand condition of the legacy was, that no minister of religion should even so much as set foot within the walls of the school! The trustees built the school, and gathered there upwards of a thousand students, but when the trustees came as a body, to decide what should be the character of the instruction, and the books of authority, they passed an unanimous resolution, that there was at least one book on earth which must be a text book in the college, and that was—the Bible! And now strange as it may seem,” added Dr. Tyng, “the President of the American Bible Society is the President of Girard College!”

God grant, my friends, that we all in this Dominion of Canada, may become daily more and more impressed with the conviction, that *our* national life, can only be healthy, prosperous, and stable, just in proportion as it has for its foundation those principles of virtue and morality, of love to God and love to man, which the Bible inculcates; and may each and all of us, who profess to love and honour God's book, remember that, in the words of the good old martyr, Archbishop Cranmer—“Every man that cometh to the reading of the Holy Book, ought to bring with him, first and foremost, the fear of Almighty God, and then, next, a firm and stable purpose to reform his own self according thereunto, and so to continue, proceed and prosper, from time to time—shewing himself to be a sober and fruitful hearer and learner; which, if he shall do, he shall prove at length well able to teach, though not with his mouth yet with his living and good example, which is surely the most lively and effectual form and manner of all teaching.”

The Rev. John Gemley, one of the Secretaries, then read an abstract of the Annual Report.

THIRTY-SECOND REPORT OF THE UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Board of Directors have much pleasure in now presenting to you the Thirty-second Report of the Society, introductory to which they would observe that since the day the beloved disciple, St. John, beheld in Apocalyptic vision the *sealed book* “in the right hand of him that sat upon the throne,” and “wept much because no man was found worthy to open and