

Societies." After some introductory remarks he referred to Dr. Allen's connection with Girard College, and to the fact that notwithstanding the efforts made at the inception of that institution by the apostles of "modern culture" to exclude the Bible from its teachings, that Book was now an accepted text book within its walls. The devotees of modern science asked that the Bible should be cast aside, but they gave them no other standard of religion or morals in its place—nothing but a set of dry scientific theories, which were but husks to the hungry soul. The ever-changing beauties of the seasons never raised the soul of the infidel "from nature up to nature's God;" they never aroused in him those thoughts which enable the Christian to see in all the glories of nature the hand of a Divine Father. Nor was the death-bed of the atheist calculated to produce a feeling of admiration for his creed, as it was a leap into the dark, uncheered by the bright hopes that accompanied the Christian in his passage across the river of death. He proceeded to give some statistics showing the immense progress made by the various Bible Societies of the world in distributing the Scriptures among the nations of the earth, and remarked that there now were few languages or dialect in which the Bible was not printed. If the Czar of Russia were to make Constantinople his capital to-day, he would find there a Bible Society, and a Bible House erected by the concentrated efforts of the British and American Societies, and aided by the contributions of Christians generally. He referred also to the unsuccessful attempts made at the Centennial Exhibition to keep the grounds and buildings open to the public on the Sabbath day, and said that these efforts had been made by the scepticism of the United States. He also dwelt upon the far-reaching effects of the display of Bibles at the Centennial Exhibition, remarking that already it had led to inquiries from many parts of the globe. He concluded by extending to the Upper Canada Bible Society the cordial greetings of the American body.

Rev. W. W. Ross seconded the motion, which was carried.

Hon. W. W. McMaster, seconded by Dr. Hodgins, moved, "That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the Rev. Alex. Topp, D.D. and the trustees of Knox Church, for its use on Sabbath evening last, and to the Very Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., for the instructive sermon which he preached in the interests of the Society on that occasion." Carried.

Rev. J. M. Cameron, seconded by Vice-Chancellor Blake, moved "That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the pastor and trustees of this Church for its use on the present occasion, and to the organist and choir for their valuable services in connection with this annual meeting." Carried.

The proceedings closed with the doxology and benediction.