

reverend dignitaries and various officers of that corporation who gratify us by their presence and assembled dignity this evening—as indeed it must be an interesting fact also to the whole religious body of which that church is so worthy and so admired an exponent,—that in the first proposals ever made in America to print the Holy Bible it was offered to accompany it with the Book of Common Prayer. From the very origin of either, therefore, in America, they went hand in hand, while with a toleration which gives a higher grace to Bradford's efforts, it was free to all of the other faiths to have the WORD OF GOD alone. The proposals are to print the Holy Bible; but those, it is said, 'who are minded to have the Common Prayer shall have the whole bound up for 22 shillings;' 20 shillings being the price of the Bible without the Common Prayer.\*

"The character of Bradford was marked by those adventurous dispositions which have distinguished English colonists, whether on the Eastern or the Western continent.

"At a very early date after his first arrival in America—as early as 1690, he established as joint proprietor with some Hollanders named Rittenhouse, near Philadelphia, on a branch of the beautiful and romantic stream called the Wis-sahickon, the first paper mill ever established in America. From this mill came excellent paper, as I can testify, to write or print on. What I read you is written upon it. I hold you up a sheet of it (exhibiting the MS. of the address). The paper maker's work has lasted much longer, I fear—one hundred and seventy years—than the address that is written on it ever will! The water-mark, as I suppose, is a violet, indicative of the spontaneity, perhaps, with which that pretty

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\* The proposition of Bradford, as given in his printed proposals, to put the Apocrypha in his Bible and accompany the whole with the Book of Common Prayer, indicates, I think, relations with Virginia, the Carolinas, etc. In some of the Southern colonies the Church of England was the established religion. In 1688 it had no existence at all in the North, so far as I know.