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POLITICS AND THE CHURCH.

One of the secular papers gives an account of a division in a church of another denomination, caused by political feeling. The question was, should they have free seats, but politics decided it.

Perhaps no rule can be laid down as to when a minister should use his influence directly in public issues, for the questions are so different in different countries and at various times.

So is it with faith. If you only hold your principles because you professed them, if you look upon them as if they were external to you, you should acquire whether you are really keeping them.

But whatever differences of opinion may exist as to the minister's relation to politics, it seems to us as Christians to hold intelligent views of the origin and purpose of civil government.

It is the nature of this faith to increase. It is getting a stronger hold of you? "He is not a Jew which is one outwardly, but he is a Jew which is one inwardly."

DEARLY the time spent at the Western Association the weather was perfect. The sunshine has been brilliant, bringing out the beauties of the country in which we have been and through which we have passed.

It is this belief that God has made of one blood all nations, that they have common interests, and that He, for His own glorious purpose, has appointed them the bounds of their habitations, that must enable the Christian so to believe in his country as to be calmly faithful to its government.

At Bridgetown, we have the senior bishop of Annapolis Co. Bro. Warren has more of the solid than the shiny, and his work, we believe, while it claims the eyes of men, is seen much more by the eyes of God.

We spent a day with Brother Price on the Upper Wilmotfield. We visited eleven families and got two new subscribers for the Messenger and Visitor, and the promise of the seventh in a short time.

"I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith." Keeping the faith was then to the Apostle contested with conflict. They are mentioned together. In Paul's case they must have been almost convertible terms.

How deeply this faith has entered into his heart. Other men may be saying, I have had a happy life, I have had success, I have done my duty. But to Paul there is the sweetest satisfaction, he has kept the

faith. The faith is to him the principal thing for man. If that has been kept life is a success for this world and the next, and Paul has kept it. So in our measure will it be with us.

Some indeed seem to have no trouble with their faith; they speak of it as if their souls are never anxious about any great truth; they cannot understand why men should contend so earnestly about certain doctrines; they see nothing in these differences. In fact they believe nothing and so are not troubled.

Is there any danger of our using Paul's words without using them with Paul's meaning? Sometimes a man says he has held Baptist principles so many years, and always has been faithful to them; he is therefore greatly scandalized if any one denies them.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to Denominational Literature. Rev. J. Murray spoke for Book Room; C. Goodspeed for our Paper. Bro. A. Simpson, Rev. J. A. McLean and Dr. Armstrong spoke kind words for the Messenger and Visitor.

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Lawrencetown, under the skirt of the south mountain. Those who have been at this home for ministers, know how pleasantly the time passed.

On Thursday morning we started across by stage to Bridgewater. The way led through New Albany and Springfield, where we found Bro. J. W. A. Bleakney, who is bishop of these two fields and that of East Dalhousie as well.

The drive over the road gives the traveler a pretty good shaking up. Some of the land is so stony, that the advice given by a wayfarer seems good,—to draw on a few more stones and sink it. Up over the high ground from the Lake River, as we make our way down to Lunenburg County, the New Germany field, where Bro. M. W. Brown has been holding the fort for over six years.

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was broken up by the absence of so many, and little was effected. Tuesday morning, it was found that the most of the delegates had returned home. The session was an interesting one, however. The Report on Sabbath Schools, prepared upon parents and pastors the duty of attending the school. Every effort should be made to gather new converts to bible-classes. Conventions are recommended, but unions schools, except where the circumstances are very peculiar, are not regarded with favor.

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sequences of temperance and public morals did not cause a deeper feeling of pain. That a few irresponsible men should mutilate an act of such importance is trying to those who desire to support our constitutional government. The friends of temperance will not cease their agitation, but will surely see such means as they can command not only in the interests of morality but on behalf of government by the people and for the people.

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laying on of hands, by Rev. W. E. Hall. The hand of fellowship, by Rev. J. P. Kempton. The charge to the candidate, by Rev. S. March. The charge to the church, by Rev. J. V. Weeks. Benediction, by Rev. S. H. Cain.

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