

men to believe that they have it in charge to proclaim a new gospel, convey the impression that the regular ministers have ceased to preach the old, old story, as fully and faithfully as they ought to do. The General Assembly adopted a report strongly condemning lay preaching as contrary to the Word of God, against the peace and harmony of the Church, and contrary to the Church government. It urges ministers not to allow them to enter their folds. Even Mr. Moody is getting into disrepute in some quarters on account of his alleged leaning to Plymouthism, and the prominence which he is giving to his premillennial views. That the same feeling prevails to some extent in the Canada Presbyterian Church is manifest from the statement made by a member on the floor of the General Assembly, who is reported to have said:—"It was to be remembered that every one who split his hair in the middle, and carried a limp Bible in his hand, was not authorized to preach the Gospel. There never was a time when there were more nondescript men preaching without authority, and it was a subject of comment that ministers were more easily imposed on by oily-tongued wanderers than any other else. Ministers should therefore be particular whom they entertained. If there is to be an ordained ministry in the Church, care should be taken to teach the people to recognize the position of the Church and minister, and guard against quacks."

WHAT MADE A LITTLE GIRL GLAD.

A Prussian nobleman who did not believe in God nor in the Bible, once overheard a little girl singing. It was a sweet strain, and a child's voice is always irresistible. As he drew near, he saw tears upon her cheeks, as if she had been weeping.

'Why are you crying as you sing?' he kindly asked her.

'Oh! I am so happy,' said the little girl.

'But why do you weep if you are so happy?'

'I love Jesus so well that I was cry-

ing for joy,' the little girl said.

'But where is Jesus?' asked the nobleman.

'In heaven.'

'How can He do anything for you? He is in heaven? He cannot give you clothes and playthings, as your parents and friends do.'

'Oh, yes, He can do something for me. He comes to my heart, and makes me happy.'

'Nonsense!' said the nobleman; 'that is nonsense!'

'Oh, no, it is not nonsense!' answered the little evangelist. 'I know it is the truth and it makes me glad.'

The nobleman turned away; but an angel had touched his heart. He sought the little girl's Saviour, and found peace and joy.—*P. R.*

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