

wards between Christ and the believer to carry messages or interpretations from one to the other. All the dealings of the Spirit with men are as independent as are those of Christ or the Father. But, lest men should raise the clamor that exalting the Holy Ghost might tend to dishonor other members of the God-head, Jesus has put Himself on record as always in perfect accord with every word of the Holy Ghost, no matter how apparently contrary to men's notions of what Christ's teachings are.

THE CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN.

The organ of the Methodist Church still keeps up its fusilade against the Canada Holiness Association, not only welcoming to its pages any writing, no matter how trashy or vituperative, for this purpose, but ever and anon opening its editorial columns for like indulgence.

We only draw attention to the fact as an illustration of the fulfilment of the words of the world's Redeemer: "The servant is not above his master." "If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more those of His household." "Verily, I say unto you, the time cometh when he that killeth you will think that he doeth God service."

Putting on martyr airs, many will exclaim! We reply, it is simply being truthful in our speech—calling a spade a spade. Fair argument we could meet with open discussion, or meet more than half-way any honest attempt to rectify our creed or practice. But when one who has never taken the trouble to attend one of the Association gatherings, even when Presidents of Conferences were members, but who, from the very first, apparently from an antipathy against the very name, uses the chief paper of the Methodist Church for continual, indiscriminate abuse, with little or no attempt at sober investigation or argument, what use can we make of such attitude other than point to it as an object-lesson, not only illustrating the statements of Christ, but as giving an idea to all who would live godly of the kind of price they must pay for the privilege.

An editor that would fill its columns with the writings of an Irvine and permit its latest correspondent to indulge in his pious cursing unrebuked, need not awaken surprise in sanctioning any form of future outrage.

We draw attention also to another fact, viz., that if similar language were used with reference to the members of the Canada Holiness Association—some of whom hold offices of responsibility by the suffrage of their brethren—concerning any other subject than that of presuming to walk in the Spirit, the editor of the *Guardian* would receive such a shower of articles from indignant brethren who would rush to the defence of outraged justice as would make him hesitate to repeat the offence. But seeing it is the question of imitating in reality the Saviour of the world in His walk with the Spirit, not only is there no such crusade against the outrage, but some, like the editor of the *Methodist Magazine*, will the rather go out of their way to prove themselves above suspicion as to their giving the slightest aid or comfort to the heretics who dare to say that the prayers of their Church for holy living are answered in their lives.

Do they not, we ask, in all this illustrate the spirit of Christ's predictions concerning the attitude of religionists towards those who presume to walk even as He walked?

Well, we are neither having a return fling at those who are so eager to perpetuate the antagonisms of the world, which are as old as the days of Cain, and which will be lively at the coming of Christ, nor yet are we simply opening a vent for outraged feelings, but we are doing our utmost to utilize these things to drive from the minds of friends of this work the least and last remaining hope that holy living can, by any ingenuity, be made popular amongst those whose highest desires concerning it are aspirations only. The sooner this pleasing fallacy is got rid of, in the absolute sense, the better for all concerned.

But will not the final acceptance of this fact tend to alienate us from our brethren in church fellowship? By no means, even as it did not in the heart of our Master, but will the rather enable us