

derived as it is from the Puritan age, and while marked by some poetical prettiness exhibits a great deal of the modern tendency to doctrinal *dilution*—to use no severer term. Dr. Campbell has led the attack upon this new hymn book and its self-published admirers. Mr. Binney of the Weigh-house Chapel, defends with his accustomed talent the cause with which he is become identified, and tries to sustain the unsparing vigor with which the other urges the assault. Newspaper articles and letters filling long columns of the leading non-conformist prints, followed by pamphlets replying to pamphlets, and themselves in return replied to, have drawn the dissenting world into an arena of debate, and already broken up some long subsisting friendships. The Congregational Union itself has been unfortunately involved in the controversy, and a motion is almost certain to be made at its next meeting for dismissing Dr. Campbell from his office as editor of the print which that body recognises as their organ, while this proposal is as sure in turn to be met by a counter-motion. The result anticipated is, that the Union will be broken up, and the body split in two, constituting themselves severally into an old and new school. From all this possibly truth will gain more than it loses; but alas! in the meantime, offended charity sits down and weeps.

SISTER PARMELEE GONE.

The esteemed brother Parmelee, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., writes to us in the following afflictive strain:—

“The hand of affliction has been laid heavily upon me. Death has entered my household and taken away my wife, Mary Louisa, leaving my three children motherless. She died of consumption on the 2nd of Dec. in the 26th year of her age, after an illness of about five months; during which time she patiently endured her sufferings, calmly awaiting her dissolution which she realized was about to take place.

“But her hope was in the Redeemer and therefore did not fear the great enemy as do those who have not “been begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD that the Dialogue respecting Union was written by brother B. Franklin. We have changed a date or two, and in further copying we shall change a few terms; but the body and soul of these chapters pertaining to Christian union have our brother for their author.

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