

rents. But with most of them it is now as it was in ancient times "*The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means, and my people love to have it so.*" How true is it, that

THE SEED OF DESPOTISM, DISUNION, AND WAR, CAN NEVER PRODUCE
LIBERTY, UNION, AND PEACE.

P.S. That union, which truth and principle has failed to effect, is likely to be accomplished by interest and gold. Both parties have been contending for the "Mission Grant" of \$3600. a year, since Lord Sydenham's time, which now amounts to nearly \$30,000, and as neither could get it while at war—the olive branch of Mammon is held out by both, and there is now a prospect of peace and reconciliation. The Lords of Hatton Garden may, therefore, soon again rule in the Canada Conference with a rod of iron, and the people need not be surprised were they to be carried again into Babylon

N.B. Since writing the above, our prediction has been fulfilled. The Canadian Methodist people *have been sold for a price to the English Conference!* "The 9 Leaders," have sold their brethren for a share of the 30,000 dollars, and a personal settlement for life! There would be none of this Slave Trade were the people to model their Church governments according to the New Testament.

A Conversation on Creeds, Articles, Confessions and Disciplines.

In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.—Matt xv 9

Q. What are religious creeds?

A. They are simply the *preserved religious opinions of dead men.*

Q. What purpose do they serve?

A. Very many. For instance, they show how dark were the minds of the best of men in past ages, and how little confidence should be reposed in their opinions. They tend to create religious indifference—to prevent personal investigation of God's Word—to induce blind adherence to mere human dogmas, and slavish submission to ecclesiastical power: they also create hypocrites both among teachers and people.

Q. But do they not promote uniformity of belief?

A. Certainly not. An Act of Parliament might as easily secure uniformity of hand-writing in a nation, as a creed uniformity of belief in a church. All might *profess*, 'tis true, to believe according to the creed, or to write according to law, but both would be unreal, with this difference, the writing on paper would be more apparent than the state of the mind. Besides, if they would have answered any good purpose the Bible would have prescribed them.

Q. Do you really believe that the Scriptures do not sanction them?—how then can you account for "THE APOSTLES' CREED," which appears in our Episcopal Prayer Book?

A. The New Testament commands, by the awful sanctions of a future world, the most sincere and careful personal examination of Divine