

THEOLOGICAL DOGMAS.

It has been observed that the advocates of a new theology speak slightly of what they call "theological dogmas" and "systems of theology," but magnify the necessity of laying the utmost stress upon the ethics or morals of Christianity, just as though the doctrines of the New Testament were in some way or other out of accord with ethical teachings. The writer of the New Testament who did more than any other man to state and develop its doctrines was the apostle Paul, and his Epistles abound with the most comprehensive and stringent rules of Christian morality. It matters not to whom he wrote, or about what he wrote, every letter makes prominent the great ethical duties binding upon every professed disciple of the Lord Jesus. He says to the Philippians, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things." Every one who habitually and carefully reads the New Testament knows that the memorable epitome of moral and social duties is not an exceptional outburst of Paul's conceptions of the absolute need of the broadest observance of a high toned morality on the part of those professing Christ, but that it is rather the summing up of teachings that run through all that he wrote. If the orthodox preachers of our day neglect to apply the principles and spirit of the New Testament to the every-day life and conduct of men, the fault is not in the development of the old theology as it is found in the New Testament.—*Waxminer*.

OBITUARY.

Mr. James Lander died at River John, on the 22nd of Sept., in the 80th year of his age. He was a native of Dunse, Scotland, and was a mason by trade. During his early days in his native land, he made the acquaintance of Hugh Miller, then a fellow craftsman with himself, but afterwards the far famed Geologist, whose career he followed with great interest, and of whom he frequently spoke.

For the last 27 years of his life he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and it may be truly said of him, that he magnified his office. He was regular in his attendance at Church courts, and

manifested a great interest in the welfare of the church generally, and especially of the congregation of which he was an office bearer. He was regular at the prayer meeting, and always presided in the absence of the minister. He took a very deep interest in Sabbath schools, and was always in his place ready to do his part. It was his custom once or twice a year to visit the other Sabbath schools in the congregation, to whom he always gave words of encouragement. Few men paid more visits to the sick and dying than he did. He seemed to have a special delight in this work. He had the happy faculty of introducing the subject of religion in his ordinary conversations, and excelled in drawing his illustrations from the common objects around him. In his death we see another ripe sheaf gathered home of the great future harvest "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, they rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

If the church would have her face shine she must go up into the mount and be alone with God. If she would have her courts of worship resound with eucharistic praises she must open her eyes and see humanity lying lame at the temple gates, and heal it in the miraculous name of Jesus.—*Bishop Huntington*.

JOHN B. GOUGH said lately:—"I don't go to the theatre. I will tell you why; I think I can be a better Christian away from the theatre than I can by going to it; so I never go."

The late Alexander K. Isbister, of London, Canada, has left Manitoba University property to the cash value of over \$65000, and a fine library of educational works.

There are parents who give more interested attention and oversight to the grooming of horses than to the schooling of their children.—*Religious Herald*

Prayer, is no place for compliment, as "we thank thee, O Lord, for the words of thy distinguished servant."
—*Dr. Smith*.

The credit got by a lie lasts only till the truth comes out.