

ed harangues which, as comparative counterfeits have been delivered subsequently. The substitution of "abstinent," or "self-controlled" would have been an improvement on being "temperate in all things," ver, 25, and that the apostle should entertain the possibility of being "disapproved," instead of being a "cast way," will be known to all who do not regard the language selected by the Almighty as the vehicle through which to convey his will and counsels to *His Church*, as a study of a supererogatory nature. When the Christadelphians have advanced a step or two beyond the threshold of knowledge, they may possibly discover that some further qualification is needed in order to "understand the Bible," and "to contend with others however learned in all these things."

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One of the vexations inseparable from the position of an editor, consists in his liability to receive statements from immensely respectable sources, which, in spite of their respectability, are apt to be erroneous; the Editor of "PULPIT CRITICISM," although too often obliged to be severe, would be exceedingly sorry to be *unfair* in his comments on the occupants of pulpits; he therefore considers it due to his friend Mr. Dyke, to state that he finds, to his regret, that he had been misinformed on the subject of the supposed purchase and sale of a site for a Baptist Church, on the part of Mr. D.; the facts of the case, as they appeared in "*The Canadian Baptist*," on the 19th of May, 1881, are subjoined, and it gives the Editor sincere satisfaction to place them on the *credit side of the account* he has opened with the Reverend Mr. Dyke. Mr. Thomas Lailley states that "the friends" living in the vicinity of Dovern Court Road, and himself, delegated to the Rev. S. A. Dyke, the duty of selecting a lot on which to erect a church. In the same article occurs the following passage which is also traceable to Mr. L. The site previously purchased for the church, which was in every way inferior to the site now occupied, was kindly assumed by Brother Dyke on the expressed unwillingness of the vendor

to cancel the agreement (to purchase it). It would appear from the foregoing, that the inveterate money-grubbing malady which pervades this continent, has led certain persons to assume that when a man has had an opportunity for plunder, he has necessarily availed himself of it; but as Mr. Dyke repudiates the accusation, and challenges proof thereof, he is entitled to the withdrawal of *the debit*, until the "immensely respectable" voucher of proof produces it. Mr. D. is also entitled to vast additions to *the credit side of his account*, one item of which consists of upwards of \$80,000 secured by him as an endowment fund for the Baptist College. During a period of eleven years, some six hundred persons have been received into fellowship with the churches over which he has presided, three hundred and twenty of whom were baptized by himself; while ministering in Parliament Street, Mr. D. founded the Lewis Street Mission, became in part responsible for the rent of the little church, and throughout the whole period of his ministry has received little more than that kind of "reward" which *virtue* is acknowledged to concede; the few who are privileged to be acquainted with the lady, will be aware that her terrestrial favors are wont to be extended in somewhat scant measure; it is but rarely we should say, that she allows butter on the bread, possibly with a view to the complexion of her favorites. "Finally," "lastly," and "in conclusion," it is but fair to add that when on the day of publication of the stricture on Mr. Dyke, that gentleman placed himself by the Editor's side, in a boat, and knowing that the article relating to himself would be likely to be severe, he *insisted* on having it (to which as a subscriber he was entitled), he displayed an amount of self-control and tact, which caused him to rise about 200 per cent. in the estimation of the Editor; one consequence of which, as regards the latter individual is, that he will not in future be content with assurances of *capability* of proof of detrimental assertions from any individual, however immensely respectable the informant may happen to be.