

As our calling is not to legislate, but to preach, we would say to the young men and women of our land—marry; marry young—marry well. Ask your Divine Father's guidance in selecting your companion for life. Seek that companion, not amid scenes of folly and frivolity, but among the devout frequenters of God's house. Be content to begin life in an humble way, not as your parents can live now, but rather as they began. Live with Christ in the home, and the Divine Spirit in the heart, and we will ensure you happiness, however humble the abode or plain the fare. When God created Adam, He said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make an helpmeet for him;" and He made a woman, and brought her unto the man. From that day to this, God has not contradicted that statement, neither has He ceased to make helpmeets for men. Many are the blessings of His word on this estate; innumerable are the benedictions of His providence.

THE VICTORIA CONGREGATIONAL UNION, Australia, held its semi-annual meeting in Melbourne last April, and news of the proceedings have only just now reached us. A spirit of great unity prevailed. The business sessions occupied the afternoons and evenings, leaving the mornings unengaged. The question of lay agency has, like Ginx's Baby, been handed from committee to committee during the past 10 years, and is now committed to the tender care of the Union Executive Committee, to ascertain who in the churches are willing and competent to conduct evangelistic services. The College, Provident Fund, and

Building Society were all reported on. In connection with the latter, F. J. Shargood pledged £250 towards £1,000, if the balance was raised. Where is the Canadian Congregationalist who will do likewise? Give us his name, and we will send it to our churches, to the United States, to England, to Australia—yea, round the world.

THE DUNKARDS are in difficulty. It may not be known to all, that the Dunkards or Tunkards, are an ascetic branch of Baptists, who originated in Germany in 1708, and exist in considerable numbers in the United States. Among other usages, they greet each other with an holy kiss. During a recent conference, held at Girard, Ill., difficulties were discussed in connection with this custom. It has ever been an order of the church to wear a full beard, but never to conform to the world by any fashionable style; hence to wear a moustache without a beard would be to incur discipline. It is now ordered that the brethren trim their moustaches shorter than the lip, that the mouth might be clean to receive the kiss of brotherly love. But, worse than this, the irrepressible negro has found his way into their communion, and members of the Virginia churches demur to kissing them. The matter was got over by suffering each church to settle this matter for itself. And here we see Congregational principles prevailing—an item for a future chairman's address.

MR. JOHN C. EDGAR, who served in the Crimean War, and was one of the immortal six hundred who made the charge