

still again it is thrust upon him when in the following verse he finds that the failure to see in transgression a fruit of wickedness is the sign of a moral blindness which alone makes his self-flattery possible, but which will be dissipated by the unmistakable manifestation of the hatefulness of his sin. What a course of instruction for a man to be put through during the singing of the Psalm! But that instruction and a good deal more is, in the wisdom of our hymnal committee, no longer to be enjoyed, establishing the position that in the selections themselves we have a striking proof of the unbecomingness of the attempt to make selections from the inspired psalm, a proof that will remain in full force, whoever may make the selections and how ever extensive they may be. Hence on this and other various grounds stated I ask the Presbytery to express its entire disapproval of any attempt to make selections from the psalter and its conviction that a profound propriety demands the retention of the whole psalter as the medium of the praise of the Church.

### Correspondence.

#### No Pruning of the Psalms.

Editor of THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR, - I see in the REVIEW of Feb. 22, a long article by "D. M. R." on the proposed hymnal. I am prepared to reply to every one of his arguments, but I do not suppose my article would appear were I to do so fully. I shall therefore notice only one or two points in his article. I firmly believe that the psalms were designed to be used by the Church "till He come," not, however, excluding hymns as a supplement, "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." I firmly believe that there is not a psalm which, in its higher—its spiritual sense—cannot be sung at one time or another quite properly in the church to-day. The Christian Church is the full-blown flower of which the Old Testament one was the bud. It is dishonouring to inspired psalmists as Moses, David and Asaph to put them among uninspired hymn writers as Wesley, Toplady and Bonar. That is how they will appear if such and such psalms are numbered as such and such hymns. If only selections from the psalms are to be used, keep them by themselves as psalms and do not sandwich them with hymns. What is the use of spending money on editions of the psalms by themselves and editions of the psalms sandwiched with hymns? If we are to have a "Ross Psalter"—I use the term with no disrespect to the Hon. Mr. Ross—why should we not have also a "Ross Bible" for use in our churches? The Episcopalians use only selections from the Bible in their churches. That settles the question; we must not be behind time. "D. M. R." disapproves of the singing of psalm cxxxvii. 7-9, in worship. These words refer to literal Babylon. Elsewhere we find a song of rejoicing on the destruction of mystical Babylon, "Alleluia! salvation and glory," etc. Of course it is not in the New Testament. But it is; turn to Revelations xix., 1-3. Yes, we find it in the last book of the Bible. There is a sermon by Mr. Cheyne on the last of the verses just mentioned, entitled, "The eternal torment of the wicked, matter of eternal song to the redeemed." Many professing Christians most strongly disapprove of ministers preaching from such texts. "Preach about the love of God. You will never scare people into heaven," they say.

WOODBRIDGE, Ont.

T. FENWICK.

FROM the Smith's Falls Record and News we got the following: "The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church was held with a good attendance, the pastor, Rev. C. H. Cooke, B.A., in the chair. A fine spirit of harmony and enthusiasm characterized the proceedings and every report given was encouraging and hopeful. The managers' report stated that, notwithstanding the hard times, the year, financially, was the best in the congregation's history. The sum of \$2,659 was paid in on the building fund, while for all purposes the amount raised was \$4,675.23. At the begin-

ning of the year a debt of \$7,000 rested on the congregation, and as the outlook, owing to the financial depression, was discouraging, the board asked the pastor to personally undertake a canvass for subscriptions to cover the whole amount. The outcome was that a considerable sum more than what was required for both principal and interest had been subscribed, and congregation and managers joined in a warmly worded vote of thanks to the pastor for the way in which he had got the debt provided for. A very interesting Sabbath school report was given by Mr. Baird, the superintendent, showing considerable progress, particularly in matters that make for highest success. Miss Hutton read the excellently prepared report of Miss Jessie Hunter for the W.F.M.S. The report spoke of interesting meetings, large attendance and good contributions. This society, according to the last printed report, holds the banner, in the matter of attendance, of all the societies in the Presbytery that are composed of members of a single congregation, though not in the matter of contributions; these, however, are large, amounting to \$140. Miss Lucy Allison read the Mission Band report. The Session's review, made special reference, among other things, to the helpfulness of the work of the young people who had, during the year, organized themselves for more efficient effort and for mutual edification. Their efforts had told in many directions, but especially on the vitality and interest and profitableness of the weekly prayer meeting. Mention was also made of the gratifying fact that the contributions to the mission and other schemes had not suffered by the canvass and payments on behalf of the debt fund, but on the contrary were a little larger than last year.

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Wm. COCHRANE, Convener.

Brantford, March 1, 1894.



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