

to keep the mind in the attitude of prayer with the eyes shut. It is impossible to do so while estimating the cost of a neighbouring bonnet or new silk dress.

4. No person of any refinement will be found guilty of frivolity, giddiness, or indecent behaviour in any regularly convened assembly; much less in the House of God. If persons have no respect for God, or for their fellow-worshippers, they should at least have enough respect for themselves to abstain from indecent, or indecorous behaviour while in the Sanctuary of God. It is a dangerous experiment to "make light" of what we hear. To do so is not the part of wise men.

5. There is always enough of time after the Benediction is pronounced, to enable persons to put on their wraps or overcoats with ease and comfort; hence we should not disturb ourselves or those about us by so doing while the collection is being pronounced.

6. As soon as the Amen of the benediction is pronounced we should not rush out, as if the church was on fire; nor on the other hand stand and converse with friends until the sexton grows impatient with us. (You know that sextons, as a rule, have a horror of letting the fresh air into the church, between the morning and afternoon or evening service). There is a more excellent way. It is generally practised in Scotland and in a very few of our churches in these Maritime Provinces. It is this:—After the blessing is pronounced, the people resume their seats for one or two minutes, during which, with bowed head they return thanks to Almighty God for being permitted to enjoy the services of the Sabbath, and crave from him a parting blessing. Then they leisurely put on their wraps or top-coats and return to their homes.

I throw out these few hints hoping that they will enable us the better to fulfil the command, "Let all things be done decently and in order." "These things write I unto thee. . . . that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the House of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." I. Tim. 3: 15.

Mormonism is as defiant as ever, and if it dared would be as cruel. Brigham Young, Jr., lately gave utterance to such nonsense as this:—"I haven't a son or a daughter I would not rather see carried to their graves than to have one of them listen to Christian teaching. I would rather take my child and throw it into hell than send it to an outside school.

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Louis B. Jordan, B. D., was ordained to the work of the ministry and inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 7th. The Presbytery met in the afternoon and heard Mr. Jordan's trials which were most cordially sustained! In the evening the Presbytery met again for the ordination services. Mr. Rosborough presided, Dr. Pollok preached, Dr. Burns offered the ordination prayer, Mr. Laing addressed the minister and Mr. Wylie the people. That the union may be long, happy, and fruitful is our earnest wish.

St. Andrews was originally in connection with the Relief Synod, and old St. Andrews was built as a place of worship in connection with that body. Its first minister from the Church of Scotland was Rev. John Martin, who was appointed to the charge in 1821. The following extracts are from a report which he submitted to the Kirk Synod convened at New Glasgow in 1837.

"The field in which my ministerial labors are chiefly employed, extends to the town and peninsula of Halifax, a district of six miles in length, by three miles in width, nearly surrounded by water. Beyond the limits of this district there are a few families living at Ferguson's and Purcell's coves, on the Spryfield Road, in the Dutch Village and along the shores of Bedford Basin, who attend regularly upon my ministry.

I officiate statedly in the Lord's day in only one place of worship, denominated St. Andrew's Church, situated on the lower side of Barrington Street, and on the south side of Prince's street, where these two streets intersect each other, and very near the centre of the town of Halifax.

In addition to the morning and afternoon services, which devolve on me, an evening service has been kept up in the church for the last four years. The Rev. James McIntosh conducts that service at present with much ability and acceptance. He has commenced a course of Lectures on the Shorter Catechism which have excited great interest in the congregation, and attract in the evening of every