

petition is not inconsistent with Christianity, unless indeed it is left to operate unguided and unchecked by Christian considerations. The Socialistic system on the other hand by doing away with free competition, which certainly calls into play all the forces of man's nature, and so strengthens his character, would endanger the best life of the individual and Christianity would oppose any system of society which would not tend to develop the highest nature of man. As to the distribution of natural wealth, the government should see that each individual of society is so provided with this world's goods, as to make a true, moral life possible for without a certain measure of material well being the good in a man can find but little realization in activity. Neither extreme Socialism nor extreme individualism can be said to find their basal principles in Christianity, but the Social organization which would be most in accord with Christ's teachings, would be that in which there is least repression and most encouragement and development of the free life of a full individuality in all its citizens.

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Obituary.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Miss Mamie Etha Nickerson who passed away early Monday morning, March 1st, after a sudden and trying illness. Almost up to the time of her demise Miss Nickerson had been in the best of health and the shock was consequently most severe.

The deceased was a daughter of John E. Nickerson, of Forbes Point, Shelburne Co. N. S. and since August last had been a student of Acadia Seminary. While pursuing her Academic career Miss Nickerson had won distinction in many departments and her careful scholarship was often noted and commended. To her many friends she was exceptionally dear, and the hand of the despoiler Death has robbed her associates of a much esteemed companion. An appropriate service was held Tuesday in Alumnae Chapel after which the body was followed by the students of the Seminary, College and Academy to the station from which the remains were taken to Shelburne for interment. This is the first break to occur in the family and in the bitterness of death we are reminded of Longfellow's beautiful lines:—

Into each life some rain must fall

Some days must be dark and dreary.

To the bereaved parents and friends the Athenæum extends sincere consolations.