

"eternal torment," the principle of "Divine retribution" shall abide. It is a surface view of life which leads to the belief that all men are alike and will reach the same condition. Moral crises reveal the radical differences of men. Some are good, and are working upward by the principles of God; others are bad, and by lives of selfishness and moral degradation are heaping up unto themselves treasures of wrath.

The new theology "will sing of mercy and judgment." "Behold the goodness and severity of God." It will know of no salvation except that which consists in moral and spiritual character; and such salvation is no cheap and easy purchase. It costs pain and sacrifice on the part of every man who wins it. It can be bestowed only through the agony and bloody sweat of the human spirit. The way to heaven is the path of anguish. The brave and pure and true are toiling thither; but for the false and cowardly, the lazy and the vicious, so long as they are content to remain in the comfortable abode of the flesh, salvation is forever absolutely impossible. Such is God's judgment, and it is eternal. But the wrath of the Lamb is the symbol of His love. God's punishments are the token of His mercy. God is only against the man who is against himself; he is on the side of every one who is working his way up from bruteness to spiritual manhood. There is no decree which bids any man who would climb higher despair. The processes of the moral universe are making for the earnest seeker after God and the brave fighter for a pure heart. The old theology was not confident that God is for humanity; but the new will assure every soul who would be pure and good, and who is face to face with the tremendous issues of the moral life: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Presbytery.

A special meeting of the Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 2.30 o'clock, p. m. The Moderator's action in calling the meeting was sustained. A letter was laid before the meeting from Rev. Thos. Corbett resigning the pastoral charge of South Richmond congregation. The Clerk stated that he had cited the congregation to appear for its interests. A letter from the Elders and Trustees on behalf of the congregation was read in answer to the citation. They offered no objection to the acceptance of the resignation, while regretting that Mr. Corbett had seen fit to take the step he had. Mr. Corbett still adhered to his purpose of resigning Presbytery, with regret, accepted the same, to take effect at the end of December. Mr. Miller was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. The pulpit is to be declared vacant on the first Sunday in January.

A discussion then ensued as to the advisability of celebrating the 250th anniversary of the completion of the Westminster Standards. Presbytery ultimately decided not at the present time to hold a celebration, but to refer the whole matter to the next regular meeting in the hope that a series of meetings might be held commemorative of the continuity of Presbyterianism.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 9th, Rev. D. Fraser, late of Hampton, now of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, was presented with a handsome fur coat and driving gloves to match by a committee on behalf of the congregation.