

divine, and will be no more likely to "hate" the display in the churches than it will hate the vanity and vice of King St. The doctrinal explicitness of the twenty-sixth verse, in days wherein Swedenborgianism, and other aspects of Unitarianism are increasingly rampant, should not, in the writer's judgment, be passed without comment in any public reading of the Scriptures. Our good friend, Mr. Milligan, has given us so much to do, in commenting on his derelictions, that (perhaps happily) he has left but little space in which to enlarge on his essay; it is to be feared that he will be less fortunate than his friend the student, and will fail to secure a first prize for it; not that there was any lack of ability in its elaboration, but on the contrary a deplorable waste of that quality in "piling up the agony" on such a foundation as "The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day," Prov. iv. 18. The reverend gentleman properly explained that the thought of "justified" lurks behind the word "just," he cited the cases of Enoch, and Abraham as those of justified persons, dwelt on the encouragements and instructions for such persons, on the certainty of their knowledge, and on their progress; and he drew—on his imagination—in relation to a supposed chorus of birds at early dawn. One of the best wishes the writer has for the good man, (and he has none but kindly ones,) is that he may have light and grace enough to disenthral himself from his present position, and "come out from among them, and be separate, and touch not the unclean thing." 2. Cor. vi. 17.

#### THE SALVATION ARMY.

In crossing Centre street while a corps of this body were singing in front of one of their tabernacles, the writer decided to listen to them, and was sufficiently impressed with the conviction of their sincerity, to follow them to Albert Hall. He would be glad if he could speak of them with unqualified praise, but the fatal practice of tale-telling led their "com-

mander" to make statements which exceeded the bounds of credibility—A certain occupant of a penitent-form had *forgotten* the little incident of a murder which he had committed until he found himself on the form! Who after that would disparage the value of *forms*? In order to help us to realize the filial relation of one who has become able to address the Almighty as "Abba, Father," a story was fastened on a group of old women who were said to have become excited over the supposed circumstance of a child uttering the word "Father," so soon as it was born. Whatever body it be which perpetrates such fictions as these "that good may come," is simply abetting the cause of the foe.

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE MERCER INSTITUTE.

The Government of Ontario, unlike the majority of Ecclesiastics, recognizes that reformation, and not retaliation is the object of punishment; it therefore judiciously renders substantial aid to the bands of teachers who from week to week endeavour to reach the hearts of that section of the criminal classes which bears on their several persons the legal brand of crime; the Government defrays the cost of the cabs which convey the teachers to their several destinations; the writer availed himself of one on the second inst., and was consequently enabled to pay a second visit to the Mercer; on entering the building, he was met by the Superintendent of the school, who was surrounded by a batch of feminine teachers; the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Glasgow, who has been making an extensive tour in the States, was present also, and ultimately delivered an address to the scholars; prior to proceeding to the room in which the prisoners assemble in the character of scholars, and where there are also children in a state of quasi-imprisonment, the Superintendent sought to elevate himself and his staff to a state of heart and mind in harmony with their undertaking, by singing the single verse—