

AMERICAN FEELING TOWARDS COLOURED PEOPLE.

[The subjoined is from the *New York Commercial Advertiser*. The Rev. Dr. Pennington, it seems, lately entered a railway car intended only for white people, and on refusing to come out, was forcibly ejected. For this he purposes to raise an action in a civil court. Dr. P. was in Scotland a few years ago, as a fugitive slave. He preached a great deal in the U. P. Church, and was much admired, and treated with every mark of respect. At the Synod's great Missionary Meeting in the Music Hall, Edinburgh, when he rose to speak, the Mission Secretary, referring to his position, and to the prejudice against colour in America, proposed that there should be a special recognition of him here; and the whole of the vast assembly instantly started to their feet, and gave a most enthusiastic greeting to the Ethiopian stranger.]

"If Dr. Pennington's claim is sustained, the decision will affect stages as well as railroads, and steamboats, and all other public conveyances. We risk nothing in saying that the equality which would thus be legally established would not be tolerated. The sure result would be legislation that would make the condition of the coloured race immeasurably worse than what it is. Dr. Pennington and his friends would best consult their own interest by desisting from the purpose they contemplate. A desire to meliorate their condition, to remove some of the hardships and privations, that press upon them, has long been entertained by many. This very Sixth Avenue Railroad Company has taken a commendable step in that direction, having put on several cars for their special accommodation—a consideration for their wants that has been shown by no other company, and by none of the stage proprietors. In a legal point of view this step will prove fatal to Dr. Pennington's claim, for though it is the duty of the company to provide accommodation for all passengers, they have a right, we imagine, to classify their passengers, and to indicate the car by which they shall travel. In any event we are satisfied that the colored people are unwisely counselled if they are advised to assert their right to travel promiscuously with whites."

SECRET OF CHRISTIAN UNION.

The secret of all union in the Church of Christ is not diplomacy, not management, not trying to screw down our differences, and so develop in contrast our points of coincidence, however useful or however proper that may be; but the secret of true union sensibly felt, is looking to Christ. The reason of division, discord in the Church, is distance from Christ; the secret of harmony in the Church is nearness to Christ. If we can suppose a large circumference or periphery, and in that circle a number of lines all coming from the circumference, and meeting in the centre, those radii coming from the circumference, approach each other just in proportion as they approach the centre: the nearer they are to the centre, the nearer each is to his fellow; the nearer, to use a more familiar expression, each spoke in the wheel is to its axle, the nearer each is to its fellow-spokes. It is so in the Christian Church; the nearer we come to Christ, the nearer we come to each other; and the man who lives most in Christ lives in the highest harmony, in the greatest happiness, in the nearest approximation to him who is his fellow.—*American Messenger*.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

It is with sincere regret we have learned, that the Rev. Thomas Trotter of the U. P. Church, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, died on the 20th April last, aged 73. For several years past, he was disabled by paralysis. He was decidedly a man of talent and attainment. Originally settled as a Minister of the Burgher Secession, at Johnshaven, Kincardineshire, Scotland, he came to Nova Scotia in 1818, where he has occupied all along an influential position in the Church, and been respected by all denominations as a man of learning, integrity, and worth. Besides a number of ingenious and valuable papers chiefly on controverted subjects, which he sent to Periodicals, he published, a few years ago, a volume on Geology, in which he opposes the modern popular theory. He studied Divinity at Selkirk under the venerable Dr. Lawson, and had among his fellow-students Drs. Brown of Edinburgh, Marshall of Kirkintilloch, and Thomson of Coldstream, and we believe, Dr Lee Principal of the University of Edinburgh.