

It is in the interests of both Mr. Truax and the world of humanity that our friend should have a much larger sphere of influence for good than is in the gift of his Conference.

It was needful that he should spend years in offering to his Conference this gospel, but seeing that they judge themselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, he too must turn to the Gentiles, for they will receive it, we opine, at least more generally.

It is true that he finds himself with a family thrown upon the world, to do as best he may for their support, after having given to the Conference ten or a dozen of the best years of his life—just the very years which would have been employed in preparing himself to do battle successfully in business or professional life. But what cared the religionists through all or any of the centuries for the pains and penalties they inflicted on *heretics*. Isn't it the fault of the heretics themselves? for is it not as plain as A.B.C. that if friend Truax would cease from his heresies his Conference would not turn him out to grass where no grass grows. He has made his own bed, therefore let him lie in it, say they.

Indeed, Pilate-like, they can even bring out their dish of pure water and wash their hands in innocency, for is it not evident that if they do not punish him a division in the church will be made by his teachings?

It is further true that friend Truax is the heretic. Heretic he is, because the Methodist Church has so made him, or at all events is responsible for the result. For he, poor fellow, actually believed in its sincerity when teaching him that in uttering the prayer, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," he was praying to have this petition answered in his individual case, and so be able really to do the will of God by the year as the angels do it in heaven. He therefore attached himself to his Conference, believing, innocent soul, that they were sincere and honest in all they said and did with regard to this mighty question which had so engrossed his attention as to

divert him from secular employments and devote himself wholly to sacred things.

But now that he has his prayer answered and can testify in his Conference that he does the will of God on earth as it is done in heaven they call him a heretic for believing in their honesty and fling him out upon the cold charities of the world.

We therefore must infer that if the majority of his conference are honest when they repeat the Lord's prayer, they are shamefully dishonest when they punish one for daring to say that the prayer is answered in his case. If they are not honest in its use then are they somewhat consistent in punishing friend Truax for believing in their honesty. We see only two horns to this dilemma, and neither of them is sharp enough to gore one expelled of Niagara Methodist Conference.

We have reason to believe that Paul never posed for sympathy because the Romans dragged him to his pastorate in Rome. We ourselves do not regret our being kicked by our Conference to a city charge, and so we predict that as the years go by friend Truax will gladly recognize the Master's hand in his being violently and cruelly thrust into a larger and vastly more important field of labor.

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

We are glad to be able to announce to our friends that the annual camp meeting will be held this year on the old camp grounds, "Wesley Park," commencing August 11th and continuing for one week. Tents can be secured and information obtained as to prices for tents, also concerning boarding accommodation by writing to Rev. N. Burns, 99 Howard Street, Toronto.

Before this month's EXPOSITOR will have reached its readers, we expect to welcome home again the editor, Rev. N. Burns, who has been sojourning in England during the last four months.