

The Minority of Cases.

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SIR.—The second article of the compromise between the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa and Prof. Campbell reads as follows: "In the great majority of cases, the Father, when smiting in judgment, and in discipline or chastisement, acts in accordance with general laws or through secondary causes."

Of course, then, both parties agree on this proposition: "In the minority of cases, the Father, when smiting in judgment, and in discipline or chastisement, does not act in accordance with general laws or through secondary causes." In other words, He smites "immediately." Well, what are some of the cases recorded in Scripture, which belong to the minority? For example, do the death of Uzzah, when he laid his hand on the ark, the leprosy of King Uzziah, the death of 185,000 of Sennacherib's army, the deaths of Ananias and Sapphira, and the smiting of Herod with worms, belong to it?

I see that the Globe says in one place, that the two parties met each other half-way, and in another, that the Synod travelled the greater distance.

As far as I have been able to study the question, I am one of those who have not seen any reason for going into "the melting mood" on the decision.

One of Prof. Campbell's opponents seems to me to have taken the expression "God spared not His own Son," as meaning that He smote Him. It means simply that He did not withhold Him, as Abraham did not withhold Isaac, for it stands in opposition to "delivered up" in the very next clause of the verse, (Rom. viii. 32).

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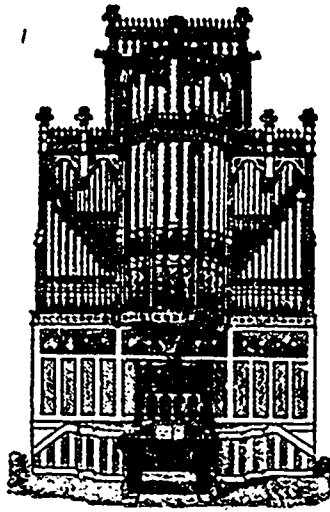
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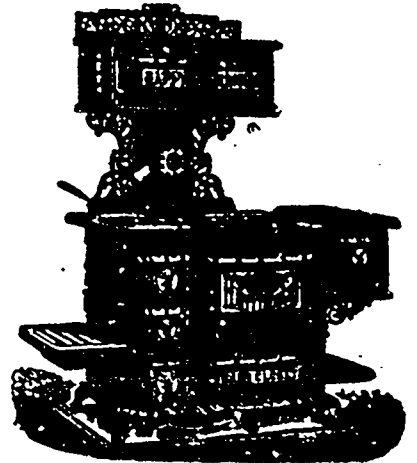
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