

very probably, as can be proved, just make out the number of square miles, and be sure not to forget the number of "Church of England" parishes, and then broadly state that the rest of the inhabitants are in danger of perishing for lack of the ministrations of the "Church;" or if this reporter has charity enough left for an addenda, perhaps Popery and something else will be noted as being somewhere: but the Methodists, the people most widely spread and useful in the country, are treated with a designed, contemptuous silence. Brotherliness apostolic!

The evil I would expose and denounce exhibits itself too often in editorial offices, in corporations, councils, committees, in official appointments, in political, literary, and social institutions, and on some of the platforms of the day. Is this generous fraternization?

Then, notwithstanding this super-caution, in great and in little men, there is so much truth in Wesleyan doctrines, justice in Wesleyan law, usefulness in Wesleyan means, beauty in Wesleyan hymns and history, and force in the Wesleyan itinerancy, others are attracted. There is soul in the system, say they; but they do wish that the Hindu's notions of transmigration of souls were practicable, that the good soul of Wesleyanism being lodged in a different-looking body, it might by them be useable. O modest and anxious admirers! I enjoy your qualms and your quandaries!

Watch the progress of a controversy between a man of another Church and a man of the Wesleyan Church, and you are pretty sure to see great care and harlequin circumlocution in the Wesleyan's opponent, lest he use terms favourable to Wesleyanism, even when he could do it without sapping his own argument; and as to the natural use of the designations Methodist, Wesleyan, Wesleyan-Methodism, keep your eye upon him, and you will have to laugh at the shifts he makes to avoid these terms, and when he replies again he, it may be, will, (as I saw done some years ago in the E—— rebellion) hectoringly let the Wesleyan know he has been counting in his last article the times Wesleyan technical words were used. The triumph of pettiness and pettishness this!

There is, strange to say, in the world a Methodist suspicion of sterling Wesleyanism, the most despicable suspicion of all. It is gratifying that in every country very many Methodists are loyal Wesleyans, and merit honour: not so with every one. There are small censorious cliques of semi-Wesleyans, having queer names, in different parts of the world, who would have hateful things spoken of angelically, with whom warm-hearted Wesleyanism is