

door of access to organized legalistic Christianity.

All this we know, and still we continue to write; not only to reach the ear of the remaining tenth, but also to make it evident to them and all the world besides that this is the attitude of the nine-tenths.

When a celebrated writer, whose duty it was to interview the late Abraham Lincoln, was warned as to the possibility of his not hearing one of his proverbial stories, he replied that that was not his concern. He did his full duty when he reported things as they happened. So it is with us. It is ours to pursue our God-given work, in a sense, careless as to what may or may not happen. If nine-tenths should lend an attentive ear, that would be the fact to observe. If less than the tenth, "having ears to hear, hear," then that will be the all important history of this work. If, in short, there be no place whatever in the churches for this gospel, and its preachers all be thrust out beyond the camp, that will simply be a part of the history of this spiritual movement. And so of all other possible outcomes of our work.

But glance for a moment at the true inwardness of this article. See how it utterly ignores facts! It is a fact that in the Methodist churches the subject of sanctification or second blessingism is left a loose, uncertain quantity. All sorts of opinions are held by preacher and member. Therefore when we attempt to give a local habitation and a name to this vagabond doctrine, we are not dealing with something which has been *settled*.

To these floating views and aspirations we are giving fixed values. For unrealities we are offering positive *facts*. And indeed, so undeniably are what we give facts that neither this writer nor any other dares enter the lists in a fair, honest investigation of their claims as such.

We are warranted then in assuming that it is their evident fear that real investigation would force them to accept them as

facts that makes them so shy of accepting our challenge. Having made up their minds that they will not believe no matter how all-convincing the proofs, they take the only other alternative and fight shy of honest, truth-loving investigation, and content themselves with partial reports, caricatures, threats, and epithet hurling. Thus it has ever been, and thus it will be at least for another generation. Would that all the members of the Association, even, realized the full meaning of this fact.

CARE OF GOD.

THERE is an Eye that never sleeps
 Beneath the wing of night;
 There is an Ear that never shuts
 When sink the beams of light.

There is an Arm that never tires
 When human strength gives way;
 There is a love that never fails
 When earthly loves decay.

That Eye is fix'd on seraph throngs;
 That Ear is fill'd with angel's songs;
 That Arm upholds the worlds on high;
 That Love is throned beyond the sky.

—*Ep. Heber.*

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

THE fifteenth annual convention of the C. H. A. will be held in the Forum Hall, corner of Yonge and Gerrard Sts., Toronto, commencing on Tuesday, the 27th of February next, and end on Thursday the 1st of March.

The Forum is a pleasantly situated Hall, on the ground floor, and can easily be found by remembering the above named streets.

The Toronto friends will be happy to meet a large number of other members and friends of the Association on this our fifteenth anniversary.

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