

object. It has been our happiness to spend several years of ministerial life on the banks of the beautiful river which winds its way two hundred miles and more through the rich lands of the neighboring Province, and we know that when the drought of summer has parched the highlands, and rendered the supply of food for man and for beast, uncertain, the farmer casts a hopeful glance upon those rich intervals over which a short time before the waters of the spring freshet rolled grandly along. Still more decidedly do we object to the idea intended to be conveyed by the illustration "that religious excitement sweeping over the soul of man, leaves it harder than ever." We commend to our readers the timely remark which follows: "The world, which is very quick-eyed, learns and weighs christianity, not so much from the pulpit and the press, as from the character of its professors." Let this truth be carefully borne in mind, at the present season, so often devoted to frolicking and dancing, for carelessness on the part of church-members will "give occasion to the world to curl its lips in derision, and to point the finger of scorn at religion and its professors."

The assertion that "excitement gives but a very *partial* and *one-sided* view of the truth as it is in Jesus," we have never heard before. We have always been accustomed to pulpits whence rang out full and clear the doctrine that godly sorrow for sin, and a firm determination by Divine aid to go and sin no more, must precede pardon for past sin. It is a fact worthy of note that in general a consistent conduct, and a godly conversation are more frequently urged upon members in those churches where a certain amount of religious excitement finds favor, than in those where it does not.

To the next paragraph we have already devoted a few lines of this review. We therefore only pause to ask, Does the preacher really mean to teach his readers that religion is like a plant *indigenous* to the soil, and is not an *exotic*?

Words are sometimes used to conceal, not reveal our meaning. There seems to be an effort so to use them in the sentence, "Sin easily forgiven is easily committed." It is possible that this obscure sentence is intended to mean that sin quickly forgiven, or forgiven at any pre-