

But some may say 'Our (Methodist) worship is public worship.' Yes, but not such as supersedes the Church Service."

"Quest. 46.—A Methodist inquires, 'Nay, but is it not our duty to separate from the Church considering both the wickedness of the clergy and the people?'"

"Answer by Wesley.—'We conceive not. 1. Because both the priests and the people were fully as wicked in the Jewish Church, and yet it was not the duty of the holy Israelites to separate from them. 2. Neither did our Lord command His disciples to separate from them. He rather commanded the contrary. 3. Hence it is clear that could not be the meaning of St. Paul's words, 'Come ye out from among them; and be ye separate.'"

(Minutes of Conversations between John Wesley and others. 16mo. London. pp. 29—31. No date, but apparently about 1780:) [It is not unworthy of note that

the preceding disappeared in the edition of 1797, published six years after Wesley's death, as reprinted in 1850!!!]

"My brother and I closed the Conference by a solemn declaration of our purpose never to separate from the Church." (Minutes of Conference, Aug. 25, 1756.)

Under date of 1787, Jan. 2, Wesley writes:—"I went on to Deptford, but it seemed I was got into a den of lions. Most of the leading men of the Society were mad for separating from the Church. I endeavoured to reason with them in vain; they had neither sense nor good manners left. At length, after meeting the whole Society, I told them, 'If you are resolved, you may have your service in Church hours; but, remember, from that time you will see my face no more.' This struck deep, and from that time I have heard no more of separating from the Church."—(*Last Journal*, p. 26.) *Manx Sun*.

PHENOMENA ON LAKE ONTARIO.—One of the strangest phenomena ever witnessed has recently occurred along the shores of Lake Ontario, in the towns of Sodus and Williamson. For three weeks previous to last Friday, the water of the Lake has been unusually warm—so warm, indeed, that very many persons resorted thither for the purpose of bathing, remaining in the water an hour or more at a time without experiencing sensations of chilliness. On Friday, however, a sudden change occurred, the temperature of the water falling nearly 20 degrees within three hours. And now comes the strangest part of the story. The fish, great and

small, as the cold increased, seemed possessed with a desire to get ashore, and came leaping and tumbling against the banks in hundreds and thousands. Large quantities were taken with spears and nets, and the shores of the lake were lined with dead fish. Whether the fish were benumbed by the increasing coldness, and instinctively sought the shore, where the water was of less depth, let the naturalist say; we will not pretend to explain. The water of Lake Ontario is now colder by several degrees than it has been for several years at this season, and naturally excites considerable comment and discussion.—*Lyone (N. Y.) Republican*.