

The Critic's Corner.

Arrangements have been made for the undersigned to occupy a small space in each issue of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, in criticisms upon important and difficult passages of the Word of God, and he will be pleased to receive any suggestions or queries in regard to such from any of its readers; with the understanding, however, that only such questions as relate to what is practical and useful will receive attention, and that subjects of mere speculation or idle curiosity will be discarded. E. SHERRARD, Walkerton P. O., Bruce Co.

In the document on union, published in No. 12 of C. E., a reference is made to the Unitarians. What are their denominational peculiarities? Enquirer.

Their name designates their leading tenet, viz., that God exists in one Person only, thus believing in the Unity as opposed to the Trinity of the Godhead.

These views were promulgated by some eminent teachers as early as the third century. Those holding these views were known as Monarchians; their way of expressing the undivided unity of God being—the Monarchy of God.—“There are generally understood to be two classes of them—those who taught that Christ was God in such a sense that it was the Father who became man, and was born and suffered, and who were, on this account, called by their opponents Patripassians; and, secondly, those who held that Christ was in nature a mere man, but exalted above all other prophets by the superior measure of Divine wisdom with which He was endowed, and who therefore corresponded more nearly with the modern Unitarians.”—Chambers' Encyclopedia.

Since then there have been many controversies upon the personality of God, resulting in many belief and sects.

Holding, as we do, that the Divinity of Christ is the basis of the Christian Church, we cannot hold fellowship with Unitarians; it was upon the confession of Peter: “Thou art the Christ; the Son of the living God,” that the Saviour made the declaration that runs through all the ages: “Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” And though as a people we, for good reasons, do not use unscriptural words to define the relation of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are in the strictest, most reverential and unqualified sense believers in and advocates of this great truth confessed by Peter and all that is taught in the Holy Scriptures of the converting power and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit. We conclude this article by a quotation from Whately to show the folly of speculative theories upon this sacred subject: “They wanted something more tall and more philosophical than all this; and their theology was spoiled through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” Hostile as they were to each other the grand mistake in principle was common to many in all parties. And in later ages the school-men kept up the same spirit and even transmitted it to Protestants. Theology teaches (say a passage in a Protestant work) that there is in God one Essence, two Processions, three Persons, four Relations, five Nations, and the circumlocution which the Greeks call Perichoresis. “Who is this that darkens the counsel by words without knowledge?” E. S.

HE YIELDED TO PERSUASION. “For years I suffered from dyspepsia in its worst form, and after trying all means in my power to no purpose, friends persuaded me to try Burdock Blood Bitters, which I did, and after using five bottles I was completely cured.” NEIL McNEIL, Leith, Ont

Children's Work.

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[ORIGINAL]

When I am a Boy.

If, when I'm a boy, I am healthy and strong And do the best things the best way, The chances are good That before very long I shall find the employers that pay.

If, when I'm a boy With tool and with toy, I do but the best thing that I can, I'll prove just as proficient As strongly efficient As any, when I am a man.

If, when I'm a boy, I prize gold, 'mid alloy To my teacher, my mother and friend, When I am a man I will and I can Be a king with a crown in the end.

Thank you! Brother “Jim.” You are very welcome to the Children's column. I hope you will “drop into poetry” again soon for the benefit of its readers. It will make a grand little recitation for some boy in each of our bands.

Well, dear children, you will be glad to know that I have heard from Dr. Macklin at last. You will be interested in the whole of his letter which is not

very long, but I think you will all agree with me that there is more truth than poetry in some of his descriptions, and, while we shudder over such a fearful condition of things among the poor people in China, let us be aroused to more self denial and earnest endeavor on their behalf. He says—

“I was much pleased to receive your kind favor, and am pleased that you desire to adopt a child. We are commencing school, as you may learn from the papers, and the boarders will require some support. It is estimated that fifteen dollars will support one child for a year. The thirty will then support two, but if it should prove too small to support two, we shall care for one. If you are agreed I shall choose a bright boy or two for the school and give you their histories, and send photos if you desire that. My wife is away in Japan but I am working away preaching and healing the sick. I frequently see from sixty to eighty cases, the days I visit my dispensary on the street. The Chinese are very filthy and a proverb says “The poor get vermin and the rich get the itch.” They have hydrophobia, and skin diseases, bald itch, etc., are horribly common. I often see two or three lopers in one day, and this fell disease is also common and there is no precaution taken against contagion. Cholera and lovers are very prevalent from the filthy street and bad sewers or rather

drains. I think diseases are more abundant here than at home, and bad eyes, and blindness (due to filthy habits) are more numerous.”

As I was only authorized to adopt one child for the Children's Mission Band, I thought it was best not to undertake more for this year. I have sent twenty dollars to Dr. Macklin, so that he may have enough for one, and to pay for having its photograph taken. The balance I will forward to the treasurer, unless it should be thought advisable by the bands to use it for any purpose before the next annual meeting.

DEAR MRS. LEDIAN,—During the summer our meetings were not so well attended owing to the absence of many families from town. But now that holiday season is over we hope to have a larger attendance. Our average for the months of June, July and August was twelve. Our collections have been small, but I cannot say just how much we have in the treasury. In connection with our band we have a sewing circle; the proceeds derived from this source together with the birthday money are devoted to our work in the city; our collections at all meetings are given to our Provincial Mission work. With love from the “Willing Workers” of Toronto. I remain, Yours sincerely, Lizzie Kirk.

CATARRH, CATARRHAL DEAFNESS—HAY FEVER A NEW HOME TREATMENT.

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