Presbyterian Press.

UNION AS VIEWED IN SCOTLAND.

(From the Edinburgh Presbyterian.)

Doctrinal questions were comparatively easily settled. The great debate of the Assembly was upon a matter of administrative detail. The Churches negotiating have four Colleges among them, and that is clearly a larger number than can possibly be needed when the divisions are at an end; but each body is naturally desirous of preserving its own lights, and the difficulty is how to consummate the Union without entailing a perpetual burden on the Church of the future. It is plain that in the opinion of the Canadian Assembly, Queen's College might be closed with advantage, but that is the College of "the Kirk," and "the Kirk" is quite likely to take a different view of the matter. Here is enough to put a drag upon the wheels, if there is not uncommonly careful driving.

Besides, the discussion on this head has raised a certain side question of great delicacy and importance. It is the opinion of most liberal men in Canada that the Universities should be *National*, that is to say, that the churches should confine themselves to theological teaching, and should leave to the State, under the control of public opinion, the higher secular instruction of the country. This view they advocate, especially on two grounds, first, because they think that State maintained Universities are likely to be best; and second, because, if Protestants insist on their churches taking charge of the higher education, they cannot complain of Papists doing the same. Now it so happens that "Queen's College" is more than a Divinity School. It teaches the arts and sciences as well as theology, and a number of Canada Presbyterians entertain very serious doubts as to whether it would be wise for the United Church to carry on any such work. Nay, there has even been started a difficulty which will surprise some of our friends at home—nothing less than this, whether a Church does not go out of its course altogether in taking to do with secular education?

"THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD."

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." The "things in the world" were a little different in the Apostle John's days from those in ours. But they served the same purpose, viz: to *seem* to fill up that aching void felt by every soul that is without Christ. Such things as novels, gaiety, balls, or great dancing parties, won't satisfy the cravings of an immortal soul. Opiates will for a time soothe to slumber the man perishing of hunger or thirst, but there is a terrible awakening.

"But our young people must have some amusement." Yes, of course they must; and older people must have some amusement, too. We are no hermits, for we have as great a relish for genial enjoyments as many—perhaps more than most people, and are very far from wishing to frown down the merry face or hearty laugh. That is no healthy mind or heart which does not require and relish recreation and amusement.

But that surely does'nt make it necessary for us to borrow the pleasures that are distinctly *the world's*—from which, if we are Christians, we have declared we have come out and become separate. With such a fair creation around us, and in the enjoyment of our five senses, there is surely abundance of of pleasure to be got of a kind which will not lull the conscience asleep, or draw away the heart from God, but which will rather, on the contrary, help us upwards and onwards.

There are fathers and mothers in the world who are training up their children in the nurture and admonition of the devil, though they may not think so. It is not to such that we speak at present, but to professing Christians, who would fain see their children on the narrow way.

We grudge to give up dancing to the devil; it is in itself a healthful and beautiful exercise, and *he* has no right to anything either healthful or beautiful. But, in our state of society, every man of common sense and common observation knows that balls and such dancing parties as are now too common, are identified with the world's vanities, and injurious to both soul and body. A professing Christian who conforms to the world in such matters neutralises any testimony to Christ he may otherwise give. Other believers are grieved, and young disciples are stumbled. Those who are living only for the world will quote your example as giving a kind of sanction to their own evil ways. *"It can't be wrong, for he does it,"* the world will say, all the time, however, despising you for your inconsistency. It will think that, after all, it is safer and more manly to make no profession of religion, at all, and that though it goes a little further than you do it is no great matter.

Your children, and young friends that come about your house, expect your practice to be consistent with your profession, and the want of this will do much to neutralize the influence of a good education. In young hearts there are seeds of evil ever ready to germinate. "Dancing till three in the morning, lots of champagne, and jolly fun," the description we have heard given by young men of some of the *"parties"* to which they were invited—how likely to kindle the sparks of evil in young human hearts! Giddiness and dissipation need only a beginning, but the flame often spreads with fearful rapidity, and the end of these things is death.

Manly decision in such matters will save your children many a difficulty when they turn to the Lord, which you hope and pray they may do. "How am I to break off from my worldly amusements and companions?" is often, *we know*, the anxious question of young hearts lately brought to taste and see that the Lord is gracious. This difficulty, not met by decided action, makes many a one falter and linger. It may not destroy the soul, but it will certainly retard the growth and joy of a young Christian.

We have heard of a lady who advertised for a coachman. To the first of the applicants she said—"How now could you drive my carriage past the edge of a precipice without going over?" "I think I could go within a yard," was the reply. "I could drive within a foot," was the answer of the second. The third applicant replied more wisely. "Madam, I would consider it my duty *to keep as far from the precipice as possible.*" I see you are the kind of coachman I want," said the lady, and she engaged him accordingly.

Do not too many Christians, in our day, seem to try how near they can drive to the edge of the precipice without making shipwreck of faith and a good conscience? Such things ought not so to be. Rather give the world's distinctive pleasures a good offing. "Avoid them, pass not by them, turn from them, and pass away."

By the habits of our household, as well as by our precept and example, it is our duty to throw a fence around our children.—*A Layman, in "Edinburgh Presbyterian."*

ANECDOTE OF ANDREW FULLER.

In a private party one evening, at which the late Andrew Fuller was present, the conversation turned on the subject of preaching, when one of the party said, preaching without notes was was the hardest work in the world. Mr. Fuller said it was easy enough if they went to work in the right way. "Now," he said, "if I was to tell my hired girl to go to the store and get some sugar and blue, some coffee and starch, some cakes some soap and some almonds, some candles and spice, some nuts and some tea, some potash and butter, she would say, 'O! dear sir, I never can think of all that.' Well, look here, Betty, you know to-morrow your mistress is going to have a large wash, and she will want some blue and soap, candles and potash; the next day she will have company, and will want some tea and coffee, sugar, spice, nuts, cakes, butter, and almonds." "'Thank you, sir, now I can think of them all.' So it is in preaching with good arrangement."

AN INVOLUNTARY DESERTER.

During one of Napoleon's remarkable campaigns, a detachment of the corps, commanded by Davoust, occupied by the Isle of Rugen, which they were to evacuate. They embarked with such precipitation as to forget one of their sentinels, who was posted in a retired spot, so deeply absorbed in the perusal of a newspaper containing an account of one of the Emperor's splendid victories as to be totally unconscious of their departure. After going to and fro for many hours upon his post, he lost patience, and returned to the guard-room, which he found empty. On inquiry, he learned, with despair, what had happened, and cried; "Alas! alas! I shall be looked upon as a deserter." His lamentations excited the compassion of a worthy tradesman, who took him into his house, did all in his power to console him, taught him to make bread, for he was a baker, and, after some months, gave him his only daughter, Justine, in marriage. Five years afterward a stranger sail was seen to approach the island. The inhabitants flocked to the shore, and soon discovered in the advancing party, a number of soldiers, wearing the uniform of the French Army. "I am done for now—my bread is baked," said the dismayed husband of Justine. An idea, however, suddenly occurred to him, and revived his courage. He ran to his house, slipped into his uniform, and seizing his firelock, returned to the beach, and posted himself as sentinel, just as the French were landing. "Who goes there?" he cried, in a voice like thunder. "Who goes there, yourself?" replied one in the boat. "Who are you?" "A sentinel." "How long have you been on guard here?" "Five years," rejoined our man. Davoust laughed at the quaint reply, and gave a discharge in due form to his involuntary deserter.

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