

To indicate how the leading adherents of the modern altar improve in the grace of charity, the reader may be referred to a few lines in the organ of Wesleyanism at Toronto. Mr. Woolsey, or some one for him, writes a reply to my first Letter and posts it to the *Guardian*. The editor appears to have had his scruples about publishing it, lest a very disagreeable religious position might be made still more unpleasant. Hence he dips his official pen into pious editorial ink, and writes—

“TO CORRESPONDENTS. T. Woolsey.—We do not think that any good purpose would be accomplished by publishing the reply. It would only give Mr. Oliphant and his semi-infidel cavils more notoriety than either deserves.”

Working for once by the *Guardian's* rule, but without copying his spirit, we shall let the above pass free of critical tax as undeserving of notice, now that we have seen the scope of the charity thereof.

There is however a letter published in the Wesleyan organ, signed by Mr. Woolsey (but said to be written by some one else) which merits a share of attention. It is dated at Picton, and its principal contents will be found in the following sentences :

“During the past month, in the midst of a most signal out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, in this Circuit, we have had varied invitations to come down from the work to which we had put our hands, each presenting their particular claims; but the most pressing one has appeared in an assumed religious garb, in an eight-paged tract, containing a letter by one Mr. Oliphant, of Cobourg notoriety, in which there are unfounded allegations against the character of brother McFadden, and the most uncalculated aspersions upon the means used by him for the conversion of the ungodly around us. To that letter I had prepared a reply, in the form of an address to our own Society in this circuit, and had actually placed it in the hands of the printer, but learning from my esteemed superintendent, that he did not think that either his character, or that of Methodism, required any defence against such men as Mr. D. Oliphant, the Solon of the Greenites, I suppressed it. As, however, the assailant signified he should circulate his letter in other places where brother McFadden had laboured, and as such has found its way into adjoining circuits, I wish to inform your very numerous readers that the production in question has been reprobated by all classes of society, so that the friends of the brother whose character has been assailed, may rest satisfied that instead of such lowering him in public estimation, it has rather tended, if possible, to raise him in the views and affections of those who have known him during his active and lengthened ministerial career. The work still goes on successfully in spite of all opposition, although we have proved with Dr. Clarke that, where the Lord revives his work, the devil revives his also.”