

...to the saints: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

Was Mr. Wesley a believer in Baptismal Regeneration?

At a recent meeting in London, Mr. Cordery stated that he had been asked by some person whether Mr. Wesley was a Methodist? Lucid as such a question may appear to be, it can scarcely be said to be a simple one, or at least one which does not require some explanation.

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1860

In consequence of the official relation which this paper sustains to the Conference of Eastern British America, we require that Objections, Revivals, and other matters addressed to us from any of the Churches within the bounds of the Conference, shall pass through the hands of the Secretaries of the Conference.

Our Supernumerary Fund.

A century will soon have passed since the wisdom of Wesley was called in question on the subject, the benign character of which recommended it forcibly to his tender heart. Men of kindred spirit with his own had early espoused his cause—or rather had espoused with him the cause of Christ; and, prompted by love and gratitude for their own salvation, braved side by side with their undaunted leader, the scorn, contempt and persecutions of the world.

The Neighboring Republic.

It would be an interesting and instructive study to compare the origin and downfall, together with the various causes which have led to the invariably sudden and painful overthrow of various forms of Republican Government in the history of our world.

Theological and Collegiate Education—Mount Allison Institution, &c.

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From their own scanty pittance was appropriated the first contribution to the Fund for work-ministers. The exact amount is stated in the following table, which is herewith transmitted with the principles inculcated by a Founder whose comfort and secular prospects were sacrificed to the general weal, and yet a sum which would seem to indicate that the epiphany which John Wesley wrote for himself ten years previously might have sufficed for the brotherhood— "leaving after his debts were paid, not ten pounds behind him."

Our hearts are a prudent parent. The time-honored principles by which the original body has been so successfully governed may safely be adopted by the most youthful member of the family. And far distant be the day when we shall fail to regard with reverence, and obey with filial tenderness, the counsels of men to whom such a sacred trust has been transmitted, and by whom it has been preserved with inviolable faithfulness.

We may safely leave this subject with our people. Thankfully do we record that in gratitude to those who break to us the bread of life, the Wesleyan ranks among the sins of Colonial Wesleyans. Wesleyan hands found will be this one sin of cruelty, because, as we perfectly seldom stains the fair complexion of our members of the common cause in which the hand of God was laid upon them, the means by which they may be assisted in enduring it unrepiningly, while the Master wills.

But we may be allowed to ask, in what part of Mr. Wesley's works is it stated that in baptism the guilt of original sin is washed away by the application of the merits of Christ's death? Not in the standard theology of Methodism as contained in four volumes of Wesley's sermons, and his notes upon the New Testament—but in a treatise dating as far back as 1756. Yet we do not concede that even these opinions either constituted an integral part in his divinity, or that they exerted their natural influence upon his ministrations. We assert that they did neither.

The Editor of the Colonial Presbyterian says: "The Wesleyans are showing their wisdom and their liberality by seeking to raise endowments for at least one Theological Chair; they ought not to think of less than three or four." In his earnest effort to prevent, if he may, the establishment of a College at Sackville, the writer forgets by the best part of his article—a part so much superior to the rest both in dignity of style and elevation of thought; and so similar to a passage which I remember having read in Sir Wm. Hamilton's admirable essay on the "conditions of Classical Learning," that I am inclined to think that it has been borrowed without due acknowledgment: "Theology is little better than an applied philology and criticism. The theologian has to deal with written documents, which have to be collected and interpreted, and which rest their evidence partly on the authority of the ancients, and partly on the testimony, and vindicated against antiquity by the canons of a thorough-going philosophy, furnish a man with an Education of this sort, which is a great scholar and can soon become a great Theologian. The case of Scotland and England is in point. The former imports its candidates for the ministry an extensive theological training. The latter supplies no theological training, worthy of the name. Yet England has produced many able and learned theologians; Scotland, on the other hand, has produced none." The views advanced in a series of admirable articles on "Our Ministry," which lately appeared in the Editorial columns of the Provincial Wesleyan are in harmony with this, as also the prevailing sentiment among the intelligent members of the Wesleyan body. Instead of attempting to imitate the Scottish system which "makes few able and learned Theologians" they prefer to those who have modelled the "English" which properly should include in its curriculum, instead of doing what the "Colonial Presbyterian" prescribes:—Establish three or four Theological Professors; they, for the present, will be satisfied with one, and endeavor to make such provisions as will render their candidates for the ministry sound and well-equipped scholars, satisfied that with the assistance of one Theological Professor they may become respected Theologians.

The Editor proceeds: "But it would be the weight of their part, even with all their wealth and liberality, were they to imagine that they could convert Sackville Academy into a properly equipped College, or make the teachers in the one, like Goldsmith's chest, which 'contrived a double debt to pay,' the Professors in the other. And yet something of this sort is suggested by 'Juvenis' in a late number of the Wesleyan." The Educational feat which this writer ('Juvenis') proposes to accomplish, the metamorphosis which it seems to him so easy to effect, would be worthy of the great Wizard of the North. 'Juvenis' would substantially take the same pupils, among which there are probably one or two able to read Homer or Livy, a larger number battling with Cicero and Virgil and the Greek Reader; and the rest not very advanced in the elements of an English education; he would take the teachers, burdened with all their present drudgery of elementary instruction, call them Professors, make a very small numerical increase, say, one or two more—and lo! here is a College equal to the University of New Brunswick, with its truly accomplished Professors, its early opening, its fine buildings, its present and prospective Endowments and equipments!

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