

Ryerson or George Douglas was not competent to do so? What is meant by this proposed "head" exercising *disciplinary jurisdiction* through the whole extent of the denomination? Is there any proper, natural sense in which either a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, or the President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of Great Britain, can be said to exercise such authority and jurisdiction?

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A VISION.

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A GERMAN dreamer,* in a midnight hour,
Saw a strange vision pass before his sight—
The gods of high Olympus throned in power,
Drinking ambrosia in soft golden light.

And yet in silence, for some awful fear,
More felt than known, forbid the song and jest;
Some mighty shadow, some foreboding drear,
Troubling the throne of Jove with vague unrest.

Till suddenly their terror took this shape—
A pale, sad Jew, bearing a cross of wood,
His garments red, but not with juice of grape,
Dripping, alas! with his own sinless blood.

Pierced by a crown of thorns, onward He came;
Bleeding and faint, gasping with cruel loss;
Shook the awed silence with His whispered name,
And on the table cast His heavy cross.

And lo! the golden vessels shook and fell;
The cloud-built palaces all passed away,
As pass the morning mists from hill and dell,
When strong and splendid dawns the lord of day.

The gods sat dumb and pale, like shadows grew,
Impalpable at last and thin as air;
Their world bowed down before this bleeding Jew;
His heavy cross was mighty everywhere.

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