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"On the Rock."

"On the Rock, or, Truth Stranger than Fiction, a story of souls whose pathway began in darkness, but brightened to the perfect day." by D. R. Dungan; twenty second edition.

The Briggs' Trial.

In Dec. 1st paper we published the charges laid by the prosecuting committee of the New York Presbytery against Dr. Briggs. He was acquitted on every charge by majority votes, the majorities being sometimes very small.

Un-Christian Journalism

Some of our readers may remember that in the Nov. 1st number of the EVANGELIST, we courteously requested the Editor of the Northwest Baptist to tell us what a Baptist is.

If Mr Grant will take off his Baptist spectacles for a little while and look at the teaching of the New Testament on the points at issue between him and the Disciples, he may soon find himself in line with those of his own brethren who are a great deal more like Disciples than Baptists "from away back."

The Bible in the Schools.

The Leamington Orange Lodge has passed and published a series of resolutions condemnatory of our new Premier, and of Mr. N. C. Wallace, Grand Master of the Orange Order in Ontario, for taking a subordinate position in the Dominion Cabinet.

7. That we regard God's book, the Bible, as the only book out of which to best teach all noble, manly, patriotic and virtuous principles, and we demand that it be put into its proper place as a text book in all our schools, public, separate and private, without exception, and that no teacher be authorized to teach without first passing a proper examination of its contents.

This is the most thorough going demand in regard to the use of the Bible as a text book we have ever seen; "public, separate, and private without exception."

We are very desirous that the rising generation should be well instructed in the Bible; and it seems to us if all the agencies now existing that profess to have as one of their principal objects the diffusion of the knowledge of the Scriptures, will do their duty, there will not be very much reason to complain.

It appears to us that the chief function of the minister, which is to "preach the Word," has become largely over-shadowed by so-called pastoral duties, by matters of finance and general management.

Let us then, sympathize with the people of the United States in the difficulties they have to encounter and

no reason for demanding that the Bible be used as a text book in the public schools.

Canada's Future.

The political future of Canada is engaging the attention of the country to an unusual extent at present. The comparatively dull times evidently furnish the occasion for the discussion.

Like most people who do more or less thinking, and are interested in the welfare of Canada and Canadians, the editor of this paper has arrived at certain conclusions on the subject of Canada's future, and entertains certain opinions, which, upon proper occasion, he does not object to make known to whomsoever it may concern.

1. We deprecate strongly the position of those who appear to think that whether Canada shall remain as she is, form a commercial union with the United States, become annexed to the United States, or enter an Imperial Federation, is simply a matter of dollars and cents.

2. We think the freest and fullest discussion of the question should not only be tolerated, but encouraged. Those who feel strongly, because they have strong convictions on the subject, are the last that should interpose objection to a thorough examination of the matter.

3. In our judgment it is greatly to be deplored that any of the adherents of British connection, who are passionately opposed to annexation to the United States, should in conversation, on the platform, or in the press, gleefully refer to instances of lawlessness in certain parts of the United States, and use them to stir up prejudice against the people to the south of us.

Let us then, sympathize with the people of the United States in the difficulties they have to encounter and

which they are trying to summon, and let us rejoice in every successful effort they make to repel a hostile invader in every victory they gain in behalf of equal rights and privileges to all within their broad domain.

We bespeak for the article on page one, taken from the Australian Paper, a careful reading. It will be found to contain views repeatedly expressed in the columns.

In an article on "Family Religion, Is It Declining?" The Canada Presbyterian among other true things says

Then the curse of denominationalism is cutting the heart out of home life by the establishment of a church on every door, so preventing any hearty body of people gathering together, thus limiting the powers of the pastor by dividing his efforts.

"The curse of denominationalism," that is the way to put it, yea, "the curse." The New Testament denounces divisions as sensual and sinful.

Dr. McLaren, of Manchester, England, in commenting on the Sunday school lesson for Jan. 16th in the Sunday School Times, uses the following wise and discriminating language

"But each class should try to understand the other's feelings. The friends of the old should not give a churlish welcome to the new, nor those of the new forget the old. It is hard to be a 'two,' either in individual life or in a wider sphere of thought or act.

If the good time coming ever comes, let us hope that they who preach the gospel where God calls them and appoints them their places, may be able to "live of the gospel" without being brought to such straits and shifts as some preachers are at the present time.

The readers of the EVANGELIST are familiar with its position on the subject of questionable means of raising money for religious purposes. We have more than once remarked that when those who have practised those methods, long are giving them up because they see their evil results, it is entirely too late in the day for us to be adopting them,

This paragraph on Church Music is worthy of a careful reading.

Now will any person say that a tune like "Hold the Fort," and many similar ones, is reverential, or has any of the elements of sacredness about it that should characterize church psalmody? We read elsewhere in the Christian Union "Emotionalism, like intellectuality and ecclesiasticism, is a hindrance to the religious life, and a diversion of the energies into useless channels."

Our Omnibus.

Bro S Woolner has returned to his farm near Marsville. We understand he has decided to give up the work of the ministry. We regret this decision.

We are pleased to be able to introduce as editor of a new department Bro. J. A. Arkin, of Orangeville. We trust that our Sunday school workers will heartily co-operate with him and so make the Sunday-school column very useful.

"Enclosed find two dollars, which will put me right on your books. I like the EVANGELIST very much indeed." We shall be glad to have many more of our friends put themselves right on our books.

"Enclosed please find one dollar for the renewal of my subscription to the EVANGELIST, which source of Christian intelligence and spiritual food I would not be without. Thank you, brother, very much. You find the EVANGELIST to be just such a paper as we want it to be.

We are glad to add to our exchange list the Southern Christian, published at Atlanta, Georgia. It is a weekly of four large pages, well printed on good paper.

It is not by regretting what is irreparable that true work is to be done, but by making the best of what we are. It is not by complaining that we have not the right tools, but by using well the tools we have.