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"On the Rock."

"On the Rock, or, Truth Stranger than Fiction, a story of souls whose pathway began in dirkness, but bright ened to the perfect day," by D. R. Dungan; twenty second edition. "This volume adopts a method for the discussion of salvation from sin, the subjec, mode and object of baptism, which is it is hoped, adapted to popular educa tion on the religious issues of the day See our special offers '9 and 10, on page 3.

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. It is said the minority will carry the cause to the Synod or the General Assembly. Should those bodies endorse the decision of the New York Presbytery, ! will mean much for the Presbyterian Church in the United States -a virtual repudiation of the confession of Faith. Should the Presbytery's judgment be reversed, the most probable outcome will be a split in the Northern Presbyterian Church and the forcing of the issues raised by Dr. Briggs and his friends upon Presbyterians throughout the world. The Presbyterians in Canada seem to be fighting shy of those questions, but they will have to take them up soon.

Un-Christian Journalism

Some of our readers may remember that in the Nov 1st number of quested the Editor of the Northwest that the average preacher does not deploted that any of the adherents of shall be no need of colling in the world He has not so far seen fit to comply views of the Scripture, nor to stimus opposed to annexation to the United port the gospek," whether by donation with our request. But he still de- late his hearers to study the Bible for States, should in conversation, on the parties or other similar divies. Let u lights in publishing slanderous state- themselves. In fact "the Word" is platform, or in the press, gleefully refer ments concerning Mexander Camp- not preached as it ought to be, to in-tances of law essness in certair present time, y tilist wien Christians bell and the Disciples. If the Editor And further the preacher should see parts of the United States, and use them in the their feasts, instead of cating in of the Northwest Baptist is a well- to it that the Sunday school is a to stir up prejudice against the people to offe who are already over fed to est informed man, he knows that every school and not something else. to the south of us. It is our opinion themselses that the good of the named, alleged neresy held . , A. Campbell Direction too should be given to the that, while a superficial survey may the halt and the blind, the forces the is now held by leading Baptist minis. Young People's Societies in their lead a good many Canadians to desire weary and the heavy laden, and com ters. As we have shown repeatedly efforts to become acquainted with annexation, a comprehensive investiga for their hearts and sup, ly their needs, the view of the design of Baptism the Word of God. most commonly held by Disciples is It appears to us that the chief a very small company. Nevertheless provide festivities for worldings until entertained and expressed by prom- function of the minister, which is to we are in favor of cultivating friendly inent Baptists in the United States. "preach the Word," has become relations with the people of the United strength, and like blind Samson held For example, see page 3 of Nov. largely over-shadowed by so-called States. They are a great people, as pason is to make fun for the Politic 15th Evangelist. Will Mr. Grant pastoral duties, by matters of finance They have done much for civilization, times tastead of standing in the freedom give that article to his readers and and general management. We They are trying to do more. They or the gosper, witnesses for its majority and pure y and the righteousness of that shall see.

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The Bible in the Schools.

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

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." The Orangemen of Leadington must have been excited when they passed that reso-One would think they would try to get the Bible into the public schools first, and then agitate to have it introduced into the separto have the Bible as a text book in the schools, it is, of course, highly ized to teach without first passing a proper examination of its contents." For our part we do not favor the introduction of the Bible into the schools as a text book, nor do we think it wise to use it in the schools in any way. If the Bible is to be used in the public schools even for devotional purposes, then none but its simply a matter of dollars and cents professing Christians should be Our people should be taught that it authorized to teach, for it is certainly altogether incongruous that any for gold, and problematic sold at thatother than Christians should lead in a political system which, with all its public devotions

We are very desirous that the rising generation should be well in-lenjoyments of tights in a degree un structed in the Bible; and it seems equalled even by the constitution of the to us if all the agencies now exist- United States. ing that profess to have as one of their principal objects the diffusion cussion of the question should not only of the knowledge of the Scriptures, be tolerated, but encouraged. Those will do their duty, there will not be who feel strongly, because they have very much reason to complain. If strong convictions on the subject, are the pulpit, the Sunday school, and the last that should interpose of jections the Y. P. S. C. E. will apply them- to a thorough examination of the selves diligently to this work, there matter. Those who are sure they are will soon be no occasion for proposing to las it upon the public views to the most searching criticism. school teachers, who are pretty They should remember, as an able heavily burdened now. The preach- writer declares, that 'Whatever shrinks ers are primarily responsible for the for criticism excites doubt and sus great lack of Bible knowledge in a picion." the Evangelist, we courteously re- country like this. It is well known 3. In our judgment it is greatly to be the word, communicate with him who Baptist to tell us what a Baptist is so preach as to consey accurate Bruish connection, who are passionately the flesh and the dead to be it

of sound scriptural exposition, and depend upon it that the best men of all mon People If Mr Grant will take off his Bap- of live gospel preaching. In no parties among them are giving their time reagers of the reasonable to the rest tools, but by using well tist spectacles for a little while and other way can a revival of religious best thought to those momentous familiar with its position on the subject the tools we have * * Lafe, If Mr Grant will take off his Bap- of live gospel preaching. In no parties among them are giving their

no reason for demanding that the which they are trying to surmonor, and . This prograph on Church Music is public schools.

Canada's Future.

The political future of Canada is en giging the attention of the country to an unusual extent at present comparatively dull times evidently furash the occasion for the dicussion There are those who think that a change in our political relations must take place before we can be a prosper ous people, and before the territory now known as the Dominion of Canada can be expected to attract and to hold a population capable, by reason of numbers, strength and enterprise, to develop the unque tionably great and liverse resources of the values Provinces extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Take most people who do more or less thinking, and are interested in the welfare of Canada and Canadians, the editor of this piper has armed 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 ate and private schools. If we are whomsoever it may concern. Whether or not this would be the proper place, it is not intended to state those opinions proper "that no teacher be author- here. Our objects in referring to the matter at all will be set forth in the following paragraphs

 i We deprecate strongly the position of those who appear to think that whether Canada shall remain as she is forma commercial union with the United States, become annexed to the United States, or enter an Imperial Federation, would be base to barter thoughtlessly imperfections, has proven itselfadequate for the preservation of liberty, and the

2. We think the freest and fullest dis right need not besitate to submit their

Bible be used as a text book in the let us report to every succes ful effort, worthy of a careful reading they make to repress timberatess in 1. Now will any person say that a tune every victory they, an in b helf of like "Hold the Fort," and many simi equal rights and privileges to all within Pariones, is reverential, or basany of the their broad domain

> We be speak for the article on page one, taken from the Australian Percoa careful reading. It will be found to contain views repeatedly expressed in

In an article on "Lamily Religion, Is It Declining?' The Canada Proby terian among other true things says

Then the curse of denominational ism is eating the heart out of home life. by the a tiblishment of a church on every to d, so preventing any hearty body of people gathering together, thus limiting the powers of the pix or by dividing his efforts. It also by its jest ousies prevents acything like syste matic visitation of the lap ed, and makes discipline almost impossible.

"The curse of denominationalism," that is the way to put it, yea, "the curse to The New Testiment de-Let those who love the Lord Jesus Christ consider this

Dr. McLaren, of Manchester, England, in commenting on the Sundayschool lesson for Jan. 8th in the Sunday School Times, uses the following wise and discuminating inguage

"Riteach class should by 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 b end the two, either in individual life or in a wider sphere of thought or act. The seriors think the juriors revolution of and treverent, the juntors think fine presides over the plogressive move ments of this or any day, they will not build a solid foundation for the temple of the future. We want the o'd and the young to work side by side if the! work is to last and the spectuary is to be amp'e enough to embrace all shade of character and tendencies of thought If either, the gray beards of Solomon's court or the hetheads of R hoboam's get the rems in their hands they will upset the chariot. I hat mineled sound of weeping and joy from the tempe tild tells a more excedent way

If the good time coming ever comes, let us hope that they who presch the gospel where G d cal's them and appaints them their places, my be able o "live of the gospel" without being brought to such straits and shifts as some preachers are at the present time. and we may also have that men will so consecrate their gains to the Lord of the whole earth, and to jog "taught i teacheth in all good things," that there also hope that while there shall be no be iess festivity or socializity than at the tion will reduce the annexationists to and thus win them and save their s ulthey find themselves show of their tell them what he thinks of it? We should like to see a general revival have problems to solve, and we may through faith in Jesus Christ - The Com | parable that true work is to be done,

look at the teaching of the New that is worth anything be brought questions, so that they may be solved of questions be means of raising money like war, is a series of mistakes, and he Testament on the points at issue be- about Let the preacher take his in a way that will conduce to the well for religious purposes. We have mo ellis not the best Christian nor the best tween him and the Disciples, he may place as a teacher and a director of fare of the United States and of the thun once remarked that when those scheral who makes the fewest false soo find himself in line with those of the Scripture, and then of his own brethren who are a great deal more like Disciples than Bapreason to deplore the fact that the people of the United States in the their evil results, it is entirely too late. Bible is not sufficiently known, and difficulties they have to enc inter and in the day for us to be adopting them, ROBERTSON.

elements of sacredness about it that Should charactery church perimode & We read clookly ro in the Christian Union "Finorionalism, like jutel eet u fish and coccitasticism, is a hindrunce to the relicions life and a diversion of the energies into useless chan-Tunes of the style advocated ire assentially emotional, they are designed with that end in view, to arouse excitement and enthusiam, a kind of th titious ferior and interest, which is not I sing, they tend to work the feet instead of to stous; the heart; they have a lowering instead of elevating ten d ney in the sphere timental ction . and, bindly, are a distinctly retrograde tyre of music. Compare the mental effect of a congregation joining in a good old tune like O d rooth, or a good modern tune like Ma on's " Missionary Hymn," with the eff of produced by a tone like "Icsus of Nazateth Passeh By,' or " Throw Out the Life Line" Commert is needless, for the difference is evident on the face of it. True religion versus false em tion, spiritual nounces divisions as sensual and sinful, life versus outward show; the real versus the stam. Most of our churches are on the wrong tack. To encourage congregational singing they should use the church hymnal in the player-meetng and in the Sungay school. The young should be brought up to sing the hymns to the good tunes written for if em, then when they take their places with their elders in church they will not have to learn a new set of tunes, but will find o'd friends that they will welcome with joy .- Contributed to Hamil-

Our Omnibus.

Bro S Woolner has returned to his farm near Marsville. We understand seniors formly. It is possible to unite the has decided to give up the work of the 1 is shout and the weeping. Upless the ministry. We regret this decision. a spirit of reverent regard for the past Bro. W. olner has done much good and is capable of doing much more.

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

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" Enclased please find one dollar for the renewal of my subscription to the LVANGELIST, which source of Christian inte ligence and spiritual food I would not be without,' Think you, brother, very much. You find the Evangelist to be just such a paper as we want it to

We are glad to add to our exchange list the Scathern Christ in, published at Atlania, Georgia It is a weekly of f ur large pages, well printed on good poper C P W litams, formerly of the Apodelic Guile, is the Editor; among his assi tants are J. S. Laman and W. K. Pendicton. We judge this paper will do much good among the Di ciples in the South Its matter, sport and enthusiasm are worthy of high commendation

" It is not by regretting what is lire but by making the best of what we are.