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Religious Miscellany

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Lines written upon perusing the very touching meditation on sin, in the Wesleyan of April 6th, 1874.

Saturday night—'ere of the week's end, The minister sits alone but careful still.

Caught in ecstasy from the sacred page— He hears a gentle sound from heaven's lips

Ab! man of God, thy musings are changed, Thou sittest in thy study—studies still;

World God had listen to my prayer for thee I'd ask, with due submission, for thy aid.

My blessed Master saved me from repining, So tenderly He used me for His own.

Bill as he sickened seemed the doves to dwindle, Forsook their food, and loathed their pretty play.

(From the Windsor Mail.) DISCUSSION UPON UNIVERSALISM IN TEMPERANCE HALL.

As advertised in our last issue, a discussion took place on Tuesday evening last, at Temperance Hall, between the Rev. A. S. Desbrisay, Minister of the Wesleyan Church here, and the Rev. Costello Weston, Pastor of the Universalist Church in Halifax, upon the subject:—"Do the Scriptures teach that those who die unrepentant to God are hopelessly and forever lost?"

Notwithstanding the fact that it was snowing quite heavily during the earlier part of the evening and that the walking was extremely bad in consequence of the mixture of snow with mud, the audience filled the Hall, and in it were comprised representatives of all the Denominations as well as several Ministers. C. E. DeWolfe Esq., acted as chairman by request of the two disputants.

Our space will only allow us to give a summary of the remarks made. Mr. Weston said—"That by the selection of his opponent he was obliged to lead in the argument by maintaining the Negative. The question is: "Do the Christian Scriptures teach that those who die unrepentant to God are hopelessly and forever lost?"

Allowing that many not connected with Churches were yet up to the orthodox standard of Salvation, not more than 1-2 then by the most moderate calculation are reconciled to God.

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Weston again reiterated the necessity that existed in the question under discussion of presenting absolute proof to satisfy the minds of men that a God of Love would condemn men to everlasting punishment.

Mr. Weston gave his version of the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, and also his opinion as to the meaning of the word Hell in the Scriptures, stating that it meant the valley of Hinnom, the accursed valley to the South East of Jerusalem where the bodies of malefactors were thrown, and afterwards burnt to prevent a pestilence also all the refuse of the city.

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