THE MYSTERIOUS VISITOR. (From " The Round Preacher." by an Ex-Wesleyan.) THIRD COLLOQUY.

ing towards me, and on a nearer approach I discerned on what I had seen and heard. the noble features of the mysterious visitor. Having saluted me, he turned and walked by my side.

Mr. Wes'ey .- Little probably did you expect to meet with me in this solitude. I am however, no stranger to these mountain districts. I have on many a dark night accompanied you through wood and dell. Little do men know, of the great benefits which they read Nassau New Providence.) tle do men know, of the great benefits which they reap from the blessed ministry of spirits. And you my that a single false step would have plunged you into a on the passion of our Lord. brought you to your home. If your eyes could be work of the Chapel was relieved by the crowd of of a gentleman. To waste their occcasional earnings, heavens, would present to you a mighty arena of strife, while the glimmer of the tall candles served but just economy. To appear in full dress at the morning and the object of contention, you would find to be the to dispel the darkness and discover the cowled and service, and then to relapse into the more congenial Conference has of late changed its ground, with re- cher's voice, flowing like liquid music in that sweet continued to be the herding-place of men, women, spect to the Church. When it suited the purpose of Italian tongue, now rose into a thunder while descri- and children; where the young at one time heard its members, they took pains to prove that I died a bing the rage of angry Jewry against the suffering sacred words, which lost their reverence, and even Churchman, and that they, following my advice had Redeemer, now sunk into a low and murmuring panever dissented from it; but it now serves their end, thos, when picturing the Saviour's agony or Mary's were fed with all the ribaldry and scandal of the diswhen they wish to repel the charge of a departure grief. Then the procession moved onward to another trict, by the most minute and circumstantial details of from my principles, to prove that I did not continue a chapel (which was one of those surrounding the cir-Churchman to the day of my death. It is folly for cular Church of the sepulchre), the Patriarch being these common dwelling-houses. The faith of hundreds the Conference to say that they do not dissent from arrayed in his unitre and seated in a chair, and looking and thousands I believe to be sincere; but it is held the Church, indeed, they are begining to see the absurdity of such an assertion, and to take a more conleft him in his room. The laughing witty man of the adults, and destructive to the religion of the sistent stand. Inasmuch as societies are separated stood with half-shut eyes, hands folded in the attisistent stand. Inasmuch as societies are separated from the Church, they are guilty of schism, and schism tude of prayer, and expression of intense suffering, is a much greater sin than people in the present day the large day of a mitted science is a much greater sin than people in the present day the beauideal of a mitred saint of Frà Augelico or Pie- and schools, but that the youths were in training for

Latitudinarism is held to be rather a virtue than a in this Chapel half of the Pillar of Flagellation (the to show, that the rising generation of the English WATCH MAKER AND MANUFACTURING JEWELLER, crime, it was not so esteemed in ancient and better other half of course at Rome) is said to be duly pre- would sink to the same level of indolence and vice times. What a horrible bigot should one be thought in served. It was here that I perceived, borne aloft by with the native youth. The presence of a race prethe present day, if one spoke out against the evil of the procession, a large figure made of some pliable sumed to be inferior to our own, will naturally lead schism as Cyprian did, and declare with him "Nec material, and attached to a cross. Thence, amidst a our English boys to the same false pride and assumpperveniet ad Christi premia qui relinquit ecclesiam dense crowd, composed of pilgrims from the east and tion of superiority, which the free native is taught by

I cannot but be painfully conscious that I have been gress. But of the accompanying ceremonies, what acter of both races, by humbling them; to hinder, so considered the inevitable tendency of my measures, I upon a paltry doll the mysterious passion of our Lord that shabby, mean, and worthless race of upstart genmust have foreseen that they would end in producing and Master, to nail the senseless image to the cross, a separation from the Church. I reaped enough of to rear aloft, and crown with thorns, and then with need never excites them to industry, and whose pride have assured me that strife and contention, and every which kept his arms extended, lastly, to anoint and evil work, would ensue, to those who walk in the sparks of their own kindling. And has not the whole this triffing and trampling upon holy things, tearing the history of the Connexion verified its truth? What veil which Gospel writ has cast about those awful continual wars, and fightings, and separations have scenes "crucifying the Lord anew" in the very city marked its progress. It has ever been a house divi- destroyed for that very crime? ded against itself, and it cannot stand. Its foundations are constantly in danger of being uprooted, by the sudden burst of the ungovernable passions of the mass, seeking to be released from all restraint. That sion of a little power, creates an appetite for more, and hereafter to be a normal school, where the prin sects, they are their natural offspring. In societies ploying stipendiary schoolmasters for this purposevery nature of things, fall to pieces and be scattered.

Author .- I think that our Connexion, bids fair to outlast most of the other sects, from its possessing greater uniformity of discipline and faith, and a more complete system of centralization.

Mr. Wesley .- No doubt that it will endure much longer, but it cannot stand for any great length of time; and I will show you why it cannot. The preachers have lost all that primitive simplicity and devotedness which distinguished their predecessors. The present generation of preachers are for the most part ambitious, proud, worldly-minded, covetous, and slothful. by the houses in the street in which they lived; but I The people see that they are so, and they are losing will just take you to the other side of the public road, their respect for them, and are loath to pay their mo- and then we will take our leave of St. John's College ney to support them, in their idleness and pride. The Our secular works have their domain apart from the members of this society are many of them grown rich, schools,—the barn, and dairy, and stable, and rick and their riches are fast corrupting them, from the yard, and carpenter's shop; all intended to catch the simplicity of the Gospel. The discipline of the so- earliest dispositions to industry in the line to which ciety is but little enforced, when the rich are concer- they are naturally inclined. Without this variety of ned, and my rules are openly violated both by preachers objects, I am convinced that no native institution

The Conference is an arena for political strife, where Whigs and Tories, engage in bitter, and acrimonious contentious, to the destruction of all peace and amity. The Presidentship has become the object of eager ambition, and earnest strife, and to obtain it, alas! how the tricks of a Parliamentary Election. And how are the minds of many of the preachers hurt by being lorded over, by a dominant faction, composed of a few all authority and power. And what are the grounds I would ask, on which these spiritual Potentates, found their pretensions to such tyrannical sway? On what save thair imperfect knowledge of the Greek Testasorrow, the growing enormities of ministerial avarice, tyranny, and pride, and who forebode the entire, and speedy overthrow of Conferential domination. And be

the robbing of creditors, for burnt-offerings.

every article of fradulent dexterity. might, and its greatness, in having so many thousands my own eye, and are more likely, as far as can be of people under its control, in the stateliness of its forescen at present, to "determine in Theology than chapels, and public-buildings, and in the influence, in Arts." Not that our farmers are excluded from which it funcies itself to have over the councils of the competition, if it should please God to incline their nation. They have become vain in their imaginations, hearts, and show the work of His Spirit in their life and they have provoked the indignation of the Lord, and character; for I have already ordained four clerby their vanities; and that destruction, which followeth gymen, not a whit below the rest in public estimation, after pride, shall be their portion. Get thee speedily, whom I took from the duties and labours of the farm. my dear friend, from amongst them; lest thou partake But as we shall need a line of successors to Abraham in their overthrow. And mayest thou be a faithful as well at to Melchizedec, we cherish the hope, that minister of that Church whose descent is from the we may promote the cause of religion in a new country *"Neither will be attain unto the rewards of Christ, who cave the Church of Christ." no less by training up godly laymen, than by the careful selection and education of the Clergy. With this

For let him know that he must endure anything what- held forth his hand, which I attempted to grasp but it lege flock already finds the means of subsistence. ever, rather than rend the Church of God. -St. Dionysius. offered no resistance, for the body was a phantom; It was a clear and frosty evening and the moon pou- and it vanished from my sight. I stood for a time red her silvery light over the deep valley, through motionless, a sort of horror crept over me, and it was which I was walking in my way home, from my coun- with difficulty that I drew my breath. In a short try appointment, when I beheld a tall personage com-

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dear friend are unconscious of the escapes from peril was very dark, and where many monks of the Latin from those to which we had been accustomed; but which I have achieved for you. You have not forgot- convent were assembled. Large wax candles were the complicated problem of the foundation of the ten the night when coming home from your appoint- here given to every one, though some left them behind. Church in New Zealand seemed to find no other solument, you missed your way over the mountains. You After waiting here a very long time, the candles round tion than that to which we have been led by the guidlittle imagined, that for more than a mile, you were the alter were lighted, a solemn chant was struck up, ance, first of Scripture, and then of Church history walking along the edge of a dreadful psecipice, and and then a sermon was delivered by a monk, in Italian, and of practical observation. We found a native

tro Perugino. At the second halt a sermon was prea- the service of Heke and Kawiti. Author. - Though schism in this age of unrestrained ched in Spanish on the scourging of Christ, because Nor were there wanting indications, which scemed

NEW ZEALAND

(Continued from the First Page.) The last of the college buildings on this side of the power, and influence, which the Conference gives to road is a parochial day-school, conducted by Mrs. the people, to gratify their pride and ambition will Selwyn and Mrs. Purchas, with the assistance of other prove in the end, its own destruction. The posses- neighbours. It is small at present, but it is intended when the demand for its increase is met by a stern re- of teaching may be practically explained to our stufusal, a quarrel ensues, which ends in a separation. dents; that the Clergy may become their "organizing Never was a truer sentence uttered, than that of an masters," uniting, we may hope, more of the spirit, old father of the Church when he says, "Pride is the with an equal knowledge of the form of education. Parent of schism." Divisions will arise amongst Two important obstacles will always prevent our emwhere there exists no common bond of union, and no that we have neither the men, nor the means of remudivinely appointed fountain of authority, and no uni- nerating them. It is not a question with us, what is form and binding principles of faith, they must in the the best mode of constructing our system, but what plans are practicable within the limit of our resources. For this reason we dispense as much as possible with schoolmasters, parish clerks, and other subordinates of the Church, by taking their duties upon ourselves. When we have a regular succession of candidates for holy orders to fill those offices, the system will work smoothly, and the clerical body will be relieved from a

portion of its present duties. PRINTING HOUSE, &c. You will think that I am following the example of certain formal orators of old, who arranged their topics could be conducted; for what a native requires most to be taught, is a systematic industry, which can be acquired only by long habit. Perhaps, of all the trades, printing is the best adapted to the purpose of training, morally as well as mechanically, the wayward and care less disposition of an uncivilized youth. To print often do the competitors condescend to use wily stratagems, and unworthy devices, too much resembling lege side of the road; but I mention it here in connexion with the secular branches of the institution, though it has also a most important bearing upon the moral ambitious spirits, who have arrogated to themselves it will be one of the branches, the superintendent of and religious character of the people. For this reason which will be eligible to the office of a Collegiate Deacon; and I do not think that any bireling mechanic would ever be found to enter into the full spirit ment, a smattering of Divinity, a ready tongue, and an New Zealand. Our establishment has been greatly and importance of such a work in such a country as American Degree. There are many both preachers enlarged by the kind and liberal Resolution by which OAKHAM HOUSE, CHURCH'STREET and people, pious and devoted men, who view with the Church Missionary Committee made over to the college the whole of their apparatus and stock; a kindness which we shall endeavour to acknowledge by a as sured, that not many years will have passed over, to be especially interested. At present we are engaged on their behalf in a reprint of the New Version of the The Anniversaries and Public Meetings, are scenes Gospels, with the last corrections of the Translation of worldly show and dissipation. The vauntings of Syndicate. We have a large body of printers, young the Centenary Meetings, were beyond all endurance; at present, but skilful and willing; and if the same whilst many of the donations made at them, were but rate of progress be maintained for another year, our office will be fully equal to any in the country, and The speeches delivered at the meeting, convened for the purpose of opposing the Church Education of the "Clarendon" or the "Pitt." This and the Scheme, were full of calumny and abuse; whilst the hospital are considered the stations next akin to the method of getting up the petitions against it, embraced clerical office; and though they are not in themselves And now, the Conference bids the world behold its yet the scholars engaged in them are made under

Apostles and whose ascent is towards heaven. Adieu, view we have a Collegiate Deacon at the head of the dear friend, till we meet in the mysterious abode of farm, with a lay assistant under him, of practical experience in husbandry: and by their efforts, our hills As he spoke these words, an expression of incon- which seemed all bleak and barren at first, are beginceivable sweetness glowed in his countenance and he ning to be changed into green pastures, where the col-

SYSTEM OF EDUCATION.

at our expense. But it will be granted, that a new work. It is not likely that men like Mr. Cotton and myself, brought up at the most aristocratic school in England, in the midst of amusement, luxury, and We were escorted into the Latin Chapel, which us to a style and habits of life altogether different people, whose bane was desultory work interrupted by deep ravine. It was myself that conducted you along A romantic mind might have been enchanted with total idleness. With them the belief was fast gaining it with safety, and led you into the right path and the scene at that moment. The sombre carved wood- ground, that work was incompatible with the character opened as were those of the Prophet, you would see anxious faces turned towards the preacher; each face the price of their lands, on useless horses or cast-off the air thronged with good and evil spirits; and the catching light from the cluster of lamps at the alter, dress coats, seemed to be the sum of their political soul of man. But to resume the subject of our former conversation. Have you not observed, how the Chapel. Then the harmonious cadence of the prea-

west, the wild half-naked disciples of the desert, oddly his own authority over his slaves. We are in danger Mr. Wesley .- That language is not stronger than shaved enthusiasts of the caves, we paraded by degrees of having honest labour made disreputable, by the class that used by St. Angustine, when he declared, that the whole of the edifice. Five more sermons in Ger- of servile natives who cluster round the towns, too there can be no more grievous sin, than the sacrilege man, Greek, Italian, Arabic, and Spanish respectively, often in a progressive state of demoralization. This, of schism. Though I kept from open schism myself, furnished occasions for five more stoppages in our pro- then, was the difficult problem: To raise the charthe occasion of others falling into it. If I had but words but those of horror can I speak? To react far as positive institutions may avail, the growth of tlemen, who are ashamed to dig but not to beg, whose the bitter fruits of my own irregular proceedings, to mock solemnity to take it down, loosing the nails never teaches them self-respect. Such a class is a

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