

hair's-breadth from the path of justice to another, to say nothing of Christ-taught love for the brethren.

True it is that the habit of meting out scant courtesy to those who are pursued by the hue-and-cry of heresy is sanctioned by long practice, and many do not suspect that any wrong can lurk therein. But as all these matters will be searchingly reviewed in one another's presence, it behoves us to deal plainly with each other now, lest we be found wanting at last.

With yourself we have watched the *controversy* about *maturity* with interest, not so much to see how *orthodoxy* will suffer between the writers, as to "see how those Christians love each other."

We notice that Dr. Lowery says that the editor of the *Witness* is inaccurate in his statements concerning his (Dr. Lowery's) personal history, and that, in reply to his private letter, he admits that they were made on second-hand evidence; but no word of explanation appears in the *Witness*, no withdrawal of the accusations, with apology. Alas for the advocacy of holiness doctrine when backed by such conduct. There must be wrong, serious moral wrong, somewhere.

If Dr. Lowery's accusations are true, then his opponent is in the wrong, and should hasten to withdraw his incorrect allegations with suitable tokens of Christian regret. But if Dr. Lowery is untrue to facts, surely it can with ease be proved, when the opportunity would be afforded him to give his readers an illustration of the holiness he is contending for. The fact that they are professors of holiness does in no wise release them from the solemn obligation to practise publicly what they publicly preach; nay, it but increases the obligation.

FROM BURMILLER, ONT.

"DEAR *Witness*,—A standard-bearer has fallen among us. Dr. John A. Williams was always true to holiness as understood and taught by Wesley. Before we made the call for a convention to organize a Holiness Association for Canada, we consulted him, and were encouraged to hope that he would attend. Had he done so, very differ-

ent might have been the history and the present position of that movement with him at its head, for we had hoped he would have been elected to that office.

"The Association would have commanded a confidence it has never secured, and achieved a work it never now can do.

"He was a man with a clear head and a sound heart. Greatly beloved by his brethren, he walked with God, and has finished his course with joy."—*The Christian Witness*.

REMARKS.

What a strange deliverance! It seems to imply either that the party alluded to in this excerpt failed in his duty, or that the Almighty was shorn of His strength about the time of the organization of the Canada Holiness Association.

If the late General Superintendent was what Bro. Harris describes, and if his attendance at Brussels, and consequent shaping of the history of the Association, would have been connected with such far-reaching spiritual advantages, and the true antidote against unmentioned evils, then his failure to be present and accept the Presidency of the Association was either the fault of himself or of the God of holiness. If his own fault, then what becomes, of Bro. Harris' statements concerning his Christian character? If the fault is of God, what becomes of his faith in God?

Is it not passing strange that the one who not only was not asked to attend with the hope that he would be the human leader, but who himself did all that he dared do to prevent such a possibility, should have been chosen, whilst all those who had been selected in the minds of others, were rejected? Is it not all an illustration of the proverb, "Man proposes; God disposes"?

But we enter our protest against putting the late General Superintendent in such a questionable position. For we maintain that there is not the smallest argument to show that Dr. Williams missed his providential place by not attending that, now historic, first convention. Moreover, whilst fully endorsing the writer's high estimate concerning the Doctor's services to the cause of holiness, we are glad to be able to say that his attendance at the gatherings of the Association was both frequent and