

there is a new way of following Christ, he is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

This is the spirit that made John Wesley what he was, and what he is. No man was more vilified, and none more highly honored of God. Had he surrendered to brickbats and rotten eggs; had he yielded to showers of abuse from pulpit, press and stage; had he unwisely heeded the urgent appeals of his own friends, like Mr. Harvey, what would have been the results? No one can estimate the consequences.

The spirit which moved Wesley to such heroic deeds is the need of the Church to-day—a spirit that dares to be true to God, though hell rage, and earth roar, and misguided good men cry, "Be sweet! be sweet!" Men of God! be too wise to be cheated by that "worldly prudence" which Wesley calls "the offspring of hell," and be too brave to cower before earth's battalions or hell's legions. A name cast out as evil for Christ's sake, means, in the end, a crown, kingdom, and everlasting life. We hail the reproach, and humbly accept the reward.—*Christian Witness*.

#### REMARKS.

How history repeats itself. We presume if the *Christian Witness* had been published in Wesley's day, these, Wesley's words, would not have found admission into its columns, if used in a reply to some Bro. Harvey's "Danger Ahead" article. Certainly not, seeing the language is vastly more vigorous and outspoken than the comparatively mild language used by the "Canadian criticised."

But now Wesley is in his sepulchre, and it is in order to garnish his resting-place, and stone them who imitate him. And thus it will be to the end.

If I could obtain a true likeness of the face of Jesus Christ as man, I should preserve it as a very precious treasure. Nevertheless, I should always esteem the meanest Christian far beyond such a portrait. For a real Christian is a better representation of Jesus Christ than any picture.—*Anon.*

READING is good, and learning is good; but, above all, anointing is necessary—that anointing that teacheth all things.—*Bernard.*

## THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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In the recent conference of the British Y.M.C.A. at Dublin, this theme occupied the first half day of the general meeting. The "indwelling of the Spirit," was urged as an indispensable qualification and pre-requisite for service; that there can be no ultimate success or satisfaction apart from this conscious possession." In accord with this sentiment Rev. Andrew Murray, in the preface to his admirable little work, "The Spirit of Christ," has these most timely words: "I have strong fears—I desire to say it in deep humility—that in the theology of our churches, the teaching and leading of the Spirit of Truth, the anointing, which alone teacheth all things, has not the practical recognition which a Holy God demands, which our Saviour meant Him to have. If the leaders of our church thought and church-councils, if our professors of theology, and our commentators, if our ministers and students, our religious writers and workers, were all fully conscious of the fact, that in every thing that concerns the Word of God, and the Church of Christ, and the work of saving love to be done on the earth in the name of Christ, it was meant that the Holy Spirit should have the same distinct and supreme place of honor that He had in the church of the Acts of the Apostles; surely the signs of that honor given and accepted, the marks of His holy presence would be clearer, His mighty works more manifest."

We are now in the season of commencing anew the specific work of instruction in our theological colleges, and the special services of our churches in Sabbath-schools and missions. In the nature of the case, the next six months will enlist a greater number of Christian workers of all classes than have been employed, or could have been in the past six months. It may not be, therefore, an unwise thing to press the thought which is the theme of this article.

It should be a time of searching for